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Protocol Directorate of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office presents its compliments to all diplomatic missions and international organisations and has the honour to refer to the expansion of Transport for London's (TFL) Ultra Low Emission Zone (ULEZ), which came into effect on 29 August 2023.

TFL has confirmed that vehicles registered with diplomatic plates are exempt from the daily charge for driving in the London Ultra Low Emission Zone, and that no penalty charge notices will be issued by TFL. However, vehicles that are not registered as diplomatic and bearing 'D' or 'X' plates, and which do not meet the minimum emission standards, will not be exempt from the daily ULEZ charge.

Further information about the minimum emission standards can be found on the following website: https://tfl.gov.uk/modes/driving/ultra-low-emission-zone/ways-to-meet-the-standard. Regardless of diplomatic exemption, Protocol Directorate requests that diplomatic missions and international organisations comply with the emissions standards of the ULEZ given the importance of protecting the health of people living in London.

Protocol Directorate of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all diplomatic missions and international organisations the assurances of its highest consideration.

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