In exercise of the powers conferred upon me by section 2 of the London Cab Act 1968, and having consulted with such bodies appearing to me to represent the owners and drivers of cabs as I consider appropriate, I hereby order as follows:—

1. This Order may be cited as the London Cab Order 1972 and shall come into operation on 7th August 1972.

2. The Interpretation Act 1889 shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. In relation to hirings in respect of journeys which begin at Heathrow Airport, London, for the reference to the distance of six miles in section 7 and paragraph (2) of section 17 of the London Hackney Carriage Act 1853 (being the length of a journey which the driver of a cab is by law obliged to undertake) there shall be substituted a reference to the distance of twenty miles.

R. Maudling
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State
Home Office

Whitehall
12th July, 1972
EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Order increases from six miles to twenty miles the length of the journey which the driver of a cab who plies for hire at Heathrow Airport, London, is by law obliged without reasonable excuse to undertake within the Metropolitan Police District and the City of London if so required by the hirer.