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ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (CHAPTER 276)

ROAD TRAFFIC (MOTOR VEHICLES, CONSTRUCTION AND USE) (AMENDMENT) RULES 2015

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 6 of the Road Traffic Act, the Land Transport Authority of Singapore hereby makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Construction and Use) (Amendment) Rules 2015 and come into operation on 1 April 2015.

Amendment of rule 2

2. Rule 2(1) of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Construction and Use) Rules (R 9) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “hazard warning signal device”, the following definition:

““heavy goods vehicle” means a goods vehicle with a maximum laden weight exceeding 12,000 kilograms;”;

(b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “indivisible load”, the following definition:

““Japanese Article 44” means Article 44 of Safety Regulations for Road Vehicles of Japan;”;

(c) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “transmission system”, the following definition:

““UN Regulation 46” means Addendum 45: Regulation No. 46 of the United Nations

Economic Commission for Europe’s Agreement Concerning the Adoption of Uniform Technical Prescriptions for Wheeled Vehicles, Equipment and Parts which can be Fitted and/or be Used on Wheeled Vehicles and the Conditions for Reciprocal Recognition of Approvals Granted on the Basis of these Prescriptions (formerly known as the Agreement Concerning the Adoption of Uniform Conditions of Approval and Reciprocal Recognition of Approval for Motor Vehicle Equipment and Parts, done at Geneva on 20 March 1958);”.

Deletion and substitution of rule 20 and new rule 20A

3. Rule 20 of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Construction and Use) Rules is deleted and the following rules substituted therefor:

“Mirrors

20.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), every motor vehicle, other than a motor cycle with or without a side-car attached, registered on or after 1 April 2015, must be equipped with —

- (a) at least one mirror fitted externally on each side of the motor vehicle, to assist the driver of the motor vehicle to become aware of traffic on both sides rearwards; and
- (b) at least one mirror fitted internally to assist the driver of the motor vehicle to become aware of traffic at the rear of the motor vehicle.

(2) Paragraph (1)(b) does not apply where, by reason of the construction of a motor vehicle, a mirror fitted internally would not assist the driver of the motor vehicle to become aware of traffic at the rear of the motor vehicle.

(3) Every motor cycle, with or without a side-car attached, registered on or after 1 April 2015, must be equipped with at least one mirror that is so constructed and fitted to the handle bar of the motor cycle as to assist the rider to become aware of traffic at the rear of the motor cycle.

(4) A mirror fitted to a motor vehicle under paragraph (1) or to a motor cycle under paragraph (3) must —

- (a) be securely attached to the motor vehicle or motor cycle to ensure that the mirror remains steady under normal driving or riding conditions;
- (b) be mounted on the motor vehicle or motor cycle in a position that ensures that the mirror is sufficiently isolated from vibrations; and
- (c) be adjustable and able to maintain its adjusted position.

Device to observe blind spots for heavy goods vehicles

20A.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), every heavy goods vehicle registered on or after 1 April 2015 must be equipped with a device to observe blind spots, that is constructed and fitted in compliance with —

- (a) the requirements relating to devices for indirect vision for heavy goods vehicles in Directive 2003/97/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 10 November 2003;
- (b) the requirements relating to devices for indirect vision for heavy goods vehicles in the version of UN Regulation 46 that is in force on the day the heavy goods vehicle is manufactured; or
- (c) the requirements relating to rear-view mirrors for heavy goods vehicles in the version of Japanese Article 44 that is in force on the day the heavy goods vehicle is manufactured.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to a heavy goods vehicle for which, by reason of the heavy goods vehicle's construction, the fitting of the device referred to in paragraph (1) will not assist the driver of the heavy goods vehicle to observe blind spots.”

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