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## **No. S 1044**

### **ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1961**

#### **ROAD TRAFFIC (MOTOR VEHICLES, CONSTRUCTION AND USE) (AMENDMENT) RULES 2022**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 6 of the Road Traffic Act 1961, the Land Transport Authority of Singapore makes the following Rules:

#### **Citation and commencement**

1. These Rules are the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Construction and Use) (Amendment) Rules 2022 and come into operation on 1 January 2023.

#### **Amendment of rule 2**

2. In rule 2(1) of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Construction and Use) Rules (R 9) (called in these Rules the principal Rules), after the definition of “authorised”, insert —

““authorised officer” has the meaning given by section 6(4) of the Act;”.

#### **Amendment of rule 3A**

3. In rule 3A of the principal Rules, delete paragraph (3).

#### **Amendment of rule 50**

4. In rule 50 of the principal Rules, after paragraph (3), insert —

“(4) Unless the Registrar permits otherwise, every goods vehicle which has an open deck for the carriage of goods and is to be used to carry any person on the floor of the vehicle must be fitted with rain covers in accordance with the requirements under paragraph (5) —

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- (a) with effect from the date of registration in respect of every vehicle registered on or after 1 January 2023;
  - (b) with effect from 1 July 2023 in respect of a vehicle that has a maximum laden weight not exceeding 3,500 kilogrammes and is registered before 1 January 2023; or
  - (c) with effect from 1 January 2024 in respect of a vehicle that has a maximum laden weight exceeding 3,500 kilogrammes and is registered before 1 January 2023.
- (5) The following requirements apply for the purposes of paragraph (4):
- (a) the rain covers must be able to cover all open vertical sides of the goods vehicle to provide adequate shelter during inclement weather for the persons seated on the floor of the vehicle;
  - (b) the rain covers must be fabricated from water-resistant materials as the Registrar or an authorised officer may require;
  - (c) the rain covers must be securely attached to the vehicle's overhead structure;
  - (d) at least one of the rain covers must be transparent such that when all the rain covers are in use, at least one whole vertical side of the vehicle is transparent.
- (6) In this rule —
- “open vertical side”, in relation to a goods vehicle, means any vertical side of the vehicle that is not covered by —
- (a) permanent fixed siding made of waterproof material, as may be approved by the Registrar or an authorised officer; or
  - (b) a rear power tailgate, which reaches at least half the vertical distance from the floor of the vehicle to the overhead structure;

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“vertical side of the vehicle” means the area between the outer edge of the overhead structure of the goods vehicle and the floor of the vehicle.”.

### **Miscellaneous amendments**

#### **5. In the principal Rules —**

(a) in the following provisions, replace “officer authorised by him in that behalf” with “authorised officer”:

Rule 50(2)(a) and (3)

Rule 51(2)(a) and (3); and

(b) in rule 50(3), replace “the officer” with “the authorised officer”.

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