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**ROAD TRAFFIC ACT
(CHAPTER 276)**

**ROAD TRAFFIC (PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES)
(VOCATIONAL LICENCES AND CONDUCT OF DRIVERS,
CONDUCTORS, TRISHAW RIDERS AND PASSENGERS)
(AMENDMENT NO. 2) RULES 2017**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 111 of the Road Traffic Act, the Land Transport Authority of Singapore makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules are the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Vocational Licences and Conduct of Drivers, Conductors, Trishaw Riders and Passengers) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2017 and come into operation on 1 July 2017.

Amendment of rule 16

2. Rule 16 of the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Vocational Licences and Conduct of Drivers, Conductors, Trishaw Riders and Passengers) Rules (R 8) (called in these Rules the principal Rules) is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the words “other than” in paragraph (1), the words “a chauffeured private hire car or”; and
- (b) by deleting paragraph (3) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(3) A licensee must, at all times when the licensee is acting as a chauffeured private hire car driver or a taxi driver, display such identification document as the Registrar may specify.”.

Amendment of rule 21**3. Rule 21 of the principal Rules is amended —**

- (a) by inserting, immediately after the words “such vehicle” in paragraph (n), the words “(other than a chauffeured private hire car)”; and
- (b) by renumbering the rule as paragraph (1) of that rule, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following paragraph:

“(2) Paragraph (1)(c), (f), (g) and (i) does not apply to a licensee when the licensee is acting as a chauffeured private hire car driver.”.

Amendment of rule 22**4. Rule 22 of the principal Rules is amended —**

- (a) by inserting the word “and” at the end of paragraph (d);
- (b) by deleting the semi-colon at the end of paragraph (e) and substituting a full-stop;
- (c) by deleting paragraphs (f), (g), (h) and (i); and
- (d) by renumbering the rule as paragraph (1) of that rule, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following paragraph:

“(2) Paragraph (1)(b) and (e) does not apply to a licensee when the licensee is acting as a chauffeured private hire car driver.”.

Amendment of rule 22A

5. Rule 22A(3) of the principal Rules is amended by deleting the definition of “specified vehicle” and substituting the following definition:

““specified vehicle” means a chauffeured private hire car, an excursion bus, an omnibus, a private hire bus or a school bus.”.

New rules 22B, 22C and 22D

6. The principal Rules are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 22A, the following rules:

“Conduct of chauffeured private hire car drivers and taxi drivers

22B. A licensee, when acting as a chauffeured private hire car driver or a taxi driver, must not do any of the following:

- (a) stop the private hire car or taxi within 9 metres of a bus-stop —
 - (i) measured from the outer edge of the yellow demarcated box of a bus-stop; or
 - (ii) measured from the tip of a bus bay,
except when the private hire car or taxi breaks down owing to a defect in the private hire car or taxi, or its tyres;
- (b) without reasonable excuse —
 - (i) terminate a hiring of the private hire car or taxi;
or
 - (ii) require any passenger who is being conveyed for the purpose of gain to leave the private hire car or taxi before the passenger is conveyed to the passenger’s destination;
- (c) during the hiring of the private hire car or taxi, permit any person or article to be carried in or upon the private hire car or taxi without the consent of the hirer;
- (d) verbally insult, intimidate or harass a passenger in any manner (including sexually).

Driving without chauffeured private hire car marking, etc.

22C.—(1) A licensee, when acting as a chauffeured private hire car driver, must not drive a licensed chauffeured private hire car knowing, or having reasonable cause to believe, that —

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- (a) no authorised decalcomania for the licensed chauffeured private hire car is affixed to the car;
 - (b) any authorised decalcomania for the licensed chauffeured private hire car affixed to the car is not affixed in accordance with rule 38B of the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) Rules (R 14);
 - (c) any authorised decalcomania affixed to the car —
 - (i) is defaced, covered or obscured; or
 - (ii) has been altered by a person who is not authorised under the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) Rules to alter that decalcomania;
 - (d) the marking or any figures or particulars on any authorised decalcomania affixed to the car are illegible; or
 - (e) the colour of any authorised decalcomania affixed to the car is discoloured by fading or otherwise.

(2) In this rule, an authorised decalcomania, for a chauffeured private hire car, means a decalcomania which is —

- (a) required to be affixed on the chauffeured private hire car under rule 38A(1) of the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) Rules; and
- (b) affixed on that car in accordance with rule 38B of those Rules.

Taking up or setting down passengers of chauffeured private hire cars

22D. A chauffeured private hire car driver must not, for the purpose of taking up or setting down passengers, stop the chauffeured private hire car —

- (a) on a road specified in Part I of the Second Schedule (except in a driveway of a building along the road) from 7.30 a.m. to 8 p.m. (both times inclusive) of any day which is not a Sunday or public holiday; and

- (b) on a road specified in Part II of the Second Schedule (except in a driveway of a building along the road) from 7.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. (both times inclusive) and from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. (both times inclusive) of any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday.”.

Amendment of rule 23

7. Rule 23(1) of the principal Rules is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “of a taxi”;
- (b) by deleting sub-paragraphs (b), (i), (j), (k) and (s);
- (c) by deleting the words “a copy of the current edition of the Singapore Street Directory” in sub-paragraph (h) and substituting the words “an up-to-date map, directory or other form of navigational device (either in paper or electronic format)”;
- (d) by inserting the word “and” at the end of sub-paragraph (q);
and
- (e) by deleting the word “; and” at the end of sub-paragraph (r) and substituting a full-stop.

Amendment of rule 28

8. Rule 28 of the principal Rules is amended by deleting the words “of a taxi”.

New rule 29

9. The principal Rules are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 28, the following rule:

“Conduct of omnibus drivers

29. A licensee, when acting as an omnibus driver, must —

- (a) not stop the omnibus at any place for the purpose of picking up or setting down passengers other than at a bus terminus or a bus-stop provided or appointed for such purpose;

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- (b) not speak to the conductor or any other person when the omnibus is in motion unless there is a reasonable cause to do so;
- (c) not refuel the omnibus whilst the omnibus has any passenger in it who is being conveyed for the purpose of gain; and
- (d) stop the omnibus at the next bus-stop whenever signalled to do so by a passenger in the omnibus or by any person at the bus-stop unless there is a reasonable cause to do otherwise.”.

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