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ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (CHAPTER 276)

ROAD TRAFFIC (MOTOR VEHICLES, REGISTRATION AND LICENSING) (AMENDMENT NO. 3) RULES 2019

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 34 and 140 of the Road Traffic Act, the Minister for Transport makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules are the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2019 and come into operation on 27 May 2019.

Amendment of rule 17

2. Rule 17 of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) Rules (R 5) is amended by inserting, immediately after paragraph (1), the following paragraph:

“(1A) If the identification mark is exhibited on a flat rectangular plate under paragraph (1)(b), the flat rectangular plate must at all times be securely fastened to the motor vehicle.”.

New rule 19A

3. The Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) Rules are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 19, the following rule:

“Tampering with identification mark display

19A.—(1) A person must not alter, or cause or permit the altering of, any part of the flat rectangular plate or flat unbroken rectangular surface forming part of a motor vehicle, on which the identification mark carried by the motor vehicle is exhibited, so as to —

- (a) cause the characters of the identification mark to be less easily distinguishable;
- (b) cause the characters of the identification mark to become or act as retroreflective characters; or
- (c) prevent or impair the making of a true and clear photographic or recorded image of the identification mark through the medium of camera, film or any other device, whether with or without the utilisation of a flash.

(2) A person must not drive or use, or cause or permit the driving or using of a motor vehicle knowing that, or reckless as to whether, any part of the flat rectangular plate or flat unbroken rectangular surface forming part of the motor vehicle, on which the identification mark carried by the motor vehicle is exhibited, has been tampered with in the manner described in paragraph (1).

(3) For the purpose of this rule and without limiting paragraph (1), any part of the flat rectangular plate or flat unbroken rectangular surface forming part of a motor vehicle, on which the identification mark carried by the motor vehicle is exhibited, is altered if it —

- (a) has been treated in any way;
- (b) has been applied with any material; or
- (c) is covered by any tinted, coloured, marked, clear or illuminated object.”.

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