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ROAD TRAFFIC ACT
(CHAPTER 276)

ROAD TRAFFIC
(INTERNATIONAL CIRCULATION)
(AMENDMENT NO. 2) RULES 2017

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 25 and 34 of the Road Traffic Act, the Minister for Transport makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules are the Road Traffic (International Circulation) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2017 and come into operation on 20 July 2017.

Amendment of rule 2

2. Rule 2(1) of the Road Traffic (International Circulation) Rules (R 7) (called in these Rules the principal Rules) is amended by inserting, immediately after the definition of “1949 Convention”, the following definition:

“ “foreign vehicle” means a vehicle that —

- (a) is not registered under the Act; and
- (b) is brought into Singapore from any place outside Singapore;”.

Deletion of rules 10 and 11

3. Rules 10 and 11 of the principal Rules are deleted.

Amendment of rule 15

4. Rule 15 of the principal Rules is amended by deleting the words “rule 10(b)” and substituting the words “rule 22K(1)(a)(ii)”.

Amendment of rule 17

5. Rule 17(2) of the principal Rules is amended by deleting the words “rule 10” in sub-paragraph (c) and substituting the words “rule 22K(1)(a)”.

Deletion and substitution of rule 21

6. Rule 21 of the principal Rules is deleted and the following rule substituted therefor:

“Registrar or authorised officer may refuse to grant or may cancel vehicle entry permit

21. The Registrar or an authorised officer may refuse to grant a vehicle entry permit in respect of a motor vehicle, or may cancel a vehicle entry permit already granted in respect of a motor vehicle, if —

- (a) the Registrar or authorised officer is satisfied that the motor vehicle fails to meet the identification mark requirements in Part IVB;
- (b) the motor vehicle fails to meet the noise emission standards for the time being in force;
- (c) the motor vehicle emits smoke or visible vapour; or
- (d) the Registrar or authorised officer has reason to believe that the motor vehicle has been or is intended to be used for any unlawful purpose or in an unlawful manner.”.

Amendment of rule 22F

7. Rule 22F of the principal Rules is amended —

- (a) by deleting the word “revoke” in paragraph (1) and substituting the word “cancel”;
- (b) by inserting, immediately after sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph (1), the following sub-paragraph:
 - “(aa) he is satisfied that the motor vehicle fails to meet the identification mark requirements in Part IVB;”; and

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- (c) by deleting the word “revocation” in the rule heading and substituting the word “cancellation”.

New Part IVB

8. The principal Rules are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 22I, the following Part:

“PART IVB

IDENTIFICATION MARKS FOR FOREIGN VEHICLES

Application of this Part

22J. This Part applies to all foreign vehicles brought into Singapore.

Identification mark of foreign vehicle

22K.—(1) The identification mark of a foreign vehicle is —

(a) in the case of a motor vehicle in respect of which an international circulation permit is issued —

(i) the identification mark for international circulation allotted in respect of the motor vehicle in the country of origin; or

(ii) the identification mark as determined by the Registrar, if the country of origin has not allotted an identification mark; or

(b) in the case of any other motor vehicle, the index mark and registration number assigned to the motor vehicle in the country of origin.

(2) In this rule, “country of origin”, in relation to a motor vehicle, means the country under which laws the motor vehicle is registered.

Requirements relating to identification mark of foreign vehicle

22L.—(1) Any person who keeps or uses in Singapore a foreign vehicle must ensure that rules 17(1)(b), 18, 19, 20 and 21 of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) Rules (R 5) are complied with in relation to the identification mark carried and exhibited by the vehicle.

(2) Any person who contravenes paragraph (1) shall be guilty of an offence.

(3) A person who keeps or uses in Singapore a foreign vehicle carrying or exhibiting an identification mark that —

(a) is covered or obscured; or

(b) is not easily distinguishable, whether by night or by day,

shall be guilty of an offence.

(4) In proceedings for an offence under paragraph (3), it is a defence for the accused to prove, on a balance of probabilities, that the accused had taken all steps reasonably practicable to prevent the identification mark from being covered or obscured, or becoming or remaining not easily distinguishable.”

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