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ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (CHAPTER 276)

ROAD TRAFFIC (MOTOR VEHICLES, REGISTRATION AND LICENSING) (AMENDMENT NO. 6) RULES 2012

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

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules may be cited as the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) (Amendment No. 6) Rules 2012 and shall come into operation on 1st September 2012.

Amendment of rule 3D

2. Rule 3D(5) of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) Rules (R 5) (referred to in these Rules as the principal Rules) is amended by deleting "\$300" in sub-paragraph (ii) and substituting the words "\$353.10 (inclusive of GST)".

New rule 3E

3. The principal Rules are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 3D, the following rule:

"Vehicle approval code

3E.—(1) Upon granting any batch type-approval, typeapproval or modified type-approval under rule 3D, the Registrar shall issue a vehicle approval code in respect of the approved new vehicle, batch of new vehicles or model of new vehicle, as the case may be, to the person applying for such approval under rule 3D.

(2) The vehicle approval code issued under paragraph (1) shall be used for the purpose of registering the new vehicle, batch of new vehicles or model of new vehicle under the Act.

(3) A person who has been issued with a vehicle approval code may apply to transfer the code to any person at any time in such manner as may be specified by the Registrar.

(4) The fee payable on the transfer of a vehicle approval code is \$32.10 (inclusive of GST).

(5) The Registrar may waive the fee referred to in paragraph (4).

(6) In this rule, "vehicle approval code" means an alphanumeric code issued by the Registrar upon the approval of the application under rule 3D.".

Deletion and substitution of rule 12B

4. Rule 12B of the principal Rules is deleted and the following rule substituted therefor:

"Modification of registered vehicles

12B.—(1) Where the registered owner of a vehicle makes or intends to make a minor modification to the vehicle which results or would result in a deviation from the particulars of the vehicle entered in the register, he shall notify the Registrar by furnishing the Registrar with particulars of the modification or proposed modification, together with a fee of \$23.54 (inclusive of GST).

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), where the registered owner of a vehicle intends to make a major modification to the vehicle which would result in a deviation from the particulars of the vehicle entered in the register, he shall, before making the modification, apply to the Registrar for approval of the proposed modification.

(3) The application referred to in paragraph (2) shall be accompanied by a fee of \$58.85 (inclusive of GST).

(4) Where the major modification consists solely of the installation or use of a pre-approved vehicle accessory, the registered owner of the vehicle who makes or intends to make the major modification shall, instead of applying to the Registrar for approval of the proposed modification, notify the Registrar by furnishing the Registrar with particulars of the modification or proposed modification, together with a fee of \$23.54 (inclusive of GST).

(5) The manufacturer or authorised dealer of any vehicle accessory may apply to the Registrar for approval of that vehicle accessory as a pre-approved vehicle accessory to be installed in or used for any particular motor vehicle, model of motor vehicle or batch of motor vehicles.

(6) An application under paragraph (5) shall be accompanied by —

- (a) such information and documents as the Registrar may require in respect of that vehicle accessory; and
- (b) a non-refundable fee of \$214 (inclusive of GST).

(7) Where the fee referred to in paragraph (1), (3), (4) or (6) is paid by cheque or electronic fund transfer and such payment transaction is unsuccessful for any reason, an additional fee of \$21.40 (inclusive of GST) shall be payable for each unsuccessful payment transaction.

(8) The Registrar may waive the fee referred to in paragraph (1), (3), (4), (6) or (7).

(9) In this rule -

"exhaust system" has the same meaning as in rule 106 of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Construction and Use) Rules (R 9);

"major modification" means any modification which —

- (a) involves any modification or alteration of the exhaust system of a vehicle;
- (b) would result in a vehicle of a description set out in the Second Schedule becoming a vehicle of another description set out in that Schedule; or
- (c) may affect the safe operation of the vehicle;

"minor modification" means any modification which —

- (*a*) does not involve any modification or alteration of the exhaust system of a vehicle;
- (b) would not result in a change in the description of the vehicle as set out in the Second Schedule; and
- (c) would not affect the safe operation of a vehicle;

- "pre-approved vehicle accessory" means any vehicle accessory which has been approved by the Registrar pursuant to an application under paragraph (5);
- "register" means the register of vehicles maintained by the Registrar under rule 12;
- "vehicle accessory" means any aftermarket system, component, part, add-on, equipment, appliance or accessory for the performance enhancement, repair or maintenance of a motor-vehicle.".

Deletion and substitution of rule 18

5. Rule 18 of the principal Rules is deleted and the following rule substituted therefor:

"Position of identification mark

18.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the identification mark shall be exhibited at the front and at the back of the motor vehicle not more than one metre from the ground in a vertical position so that every letter or figure of the identification mark is vertical and easily distinguishable —

- (a) in the case of letters and figures placed at the front of the motor vehicle, from the front of the motor vehicle; and
- (b) in the case of letters and figures placed at the back of the motor vehicle, from behind the motor vehicle.

(2) In the case of a motor cycle, the identification mark exhibited on a plate fixed on the front of the vehicle shall —

- (a) be exhibited not more than 1.5 metres from the ground (when the motor cycle is unladen) in a vertical position so that every letter or figure of the identification mark is vertical and easily distinguishable from the front of the motor cycle; or
- (b) if it is a plate having duplicate faces conforming with Diagram 5 of the Fourth Schedule, be fixed so that from whichever side the motor cycle is viewed the letters and figures on one or other face of the plate are easily distinguishable although they may not be distinguishable from the front of the vehicle.".

Amendment of First Schedule

6. The First Schedule to the principal Rules is amended by deleting Parts IA, IB and IC and substituting the following Parts:

"PART IA

Rule 3D(4)(b)

FEES TO BE PAID FOR APPLICATION FOR BATCH TYPE-APPROVAL IN RESPECT OF UNREGISTERED VEHICLES

Description of vehicle	Fee payable (inclusive of GST)
Vehicle or batch of vehicles which falls under the category of —	
(a) motor cycles, scooters, mopeds and motor cycles with side-cars	\$82.39
(b) goods vehicles and goods-cum-passenger vehicles	\$235.40
(c) buses	\$235.40
(d) motor cars and any other vehicles (other than trailers)	\$235.40
(e) trailers	Nil.

PART IB

Rule 3D(4)(c)

FEES TO BE PAID FOR APPLICATION FOR TYPE-APPROVAL IN RESPECT OF UNREGISTERED VEHICLES

Description of vehicle	Fee payable (inclusive of GST)
Model of a vehicle which falls under the category of —	
(a) motor cycles, scooters, mopeds and motor cycles with side-cars	\$117.70
(b) goods vehicles and goods-cum-passenger vehicles	\$353.10
(c) buses	\$353.10
(d) motor cars and any other vehicles (other than trailers)	\$353.10
(e) trailers	Nil.

PART IC

Rule 3D(4)(d)

FEES TO BE PAID FOR APPLICATION FOR MODIFIED TYPE-APPROVAL IN RESPECT OF UNREGISTERED VEHICLES

Description of vehicle	Fee payable (inclusive of GST)
 (1) Vehicle of a model which has been type-approved and the model of the vehicle is subsequently modified by its manufacturer outside Singapore, being a vehicle which falls under the category of — 	(inclusive of 031)
(a) motor cycles, scooters, mopeds and motor cycles with side-cars	\$35.31
(b) goods vehicles and goods-cum-passenger vehicles	\$117.70
(c) buses	\$117.70
(d) motor cars and any other vehicles (other than trailers)	\$117.70
(e) trailers	Nil.
(2) Vehicle of a model which has been type-approved and the model of the vehicle is subsequently modified in Singapore or any part of the vehicle is manufactured in Singapore, being a vehicle which falls under the category of —	
(a) motor cycles, scooters, mopeds and motor cycles with side-cars	Nil
(b) goods vehicles and goods-cum-passenger vehicles	\$32.10
(c) buses	\$58.85
(d) motor cars and any other vehicles (other than trailers)	\$58.85
(e) trailers	\$32.10.".

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