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**RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEMS ACT  
(CHAPTER 263A)**

**RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEMS (AMENDMENT)  
REGULATIONS 1999**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 42 of the Rapid Transit Systems Act, the Land Transport Authority of Singapore, with the approval of the Minister for Communications and Information Technology, hereby makes the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Rapid Transit Systems (Amendment) Regulations 1999 and shall come into operation on 21st October 1999.

**Amendment of regulation 50**

2. Regulation 50(1) of the Rapid Transit Systems Regulations (Rg 1) (referred to in these Regulations as the principal Regulations) is amended by deleting sub-paragraph (b) and substituting the following sub-paragraph:

“(b) all other goods or articles shall be retained by the Authority or its licensee for a period of 3 months after they have come into its possession and, if at the end of that period they remain unclaimed, the Authority or its licensee may dispose of them by sale or otherwise as it sees fit.”.

**New regulation 50A**

3. The principal Regulations are amended by inserting, immediately after regulation 50, the following regulation:

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**“Abandoned bicycles**

**50A.—**(1) Where any bicycle —

- (a) is parked within any part of the railway premises or on any station approach road or entrance or area being under the control of the Authority or its licensee other than in an area designated for the parking of bicycles; or
- (b) appears to have been abandoned on any part of the railway premises or on any station approach road or entrance or area being under the control of the Authority or its licensee,

the Authority or its licensee may, after having given not less than 3 days’ notice in writing to the owner of the bicycle of its intention to do so, use such reasonable means to remove the bicycle from the place at which it is found to such other place at which it may be conveniently and safely detained.

(2) The notice referred to in paragraph (1) may be affixed to any conspicuous part of the bicycle.

(3) Where the Authority or its licensee is of the opinion that any bicycle parked or abandoned on any part of the railway premises or on any station approach road or entrance or area being under the control of the Authority or its licensee is causing obstruction or inconvenience to other persons on the railway premises, the Authority or its licensee may use such reasonable means to immediately remove the bicycle from the place at which it was found to such other place at which it may be conveniently and safely detained.

(4) Upon removing any bicycle under paragraph (1) or (3), the Authority or its licensee shall cause a notice to be posted on the notice boards within the railway premises informing the owner of the bicycle —

- (a) of its removal and detention;
- (b) of the manner in which he may secure the release thereof; and

(c) that, if the bicycle remains unclaimed for a period of one month from the date of the notice, it shall be disposed of by the Authority or its licensee.

(5) No bicycle which has been removed and detained by the Authority or its licensee in accordance with this regulation shall be released to the owner of the bicycle except —

(a) by or under the direction of an authorised person; and

(b) upon the owner of the bicycle having paid all expenses incurred by the Authority or its licensee in removing and detaining the bicycle.

(6) Any person who, without the authority of an authorised person —

(a) removes or tampers with any notice affixed to a bicycle under paragraph (2); or

(b) removes or attempts to remove any bicycle from the place at which it is being detained under this regulation,

shall be guilty of an offence.

(7) Where any bicycle which has been removed and detained by the Authority or its licensee under paragraph (1) or (3) is not claimed by its owner within one month of the date of the notice referred to in paragraph (4), the Authority or its licensee may dispose of the bicycle in such manner as it thinks fit.

(8) If, within a period of 6 months of any sale of any bicycle by the Authority or its licensee under paragraph (7), the former owner of, or the person formerly entitled to, the beneficial ownership of the bicycle can establish his ownership to the satisfaction of the Authority or its licensee, he shall be paid, subject to his providing the Authority or its licensee with an indemnity in such form as the Authority or its licensee may reasonably require, the proceeds of sale, if any, less all expenses of and incidental to such sale as may be incurred by the Authority or its licensee.”.

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**Amendment of regulation 53**

4. Regulation 53 of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting the words “and 49” and substituting the words “, 49 and 50A”.

**Amendment of Schedule**

5. The Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended —

- (a) by deleting “500” in the 2nd item relating to the offence of smoking and substituting “1,000”; and
- (b) by inserting, immediately after the last item, the following item:

<i>Regulation</i>	<i>Summary of offence</i>	<i>Maximum penalty</i>
“50A	Removing or tampering with any notice affixed to a bicycle by the Authority or its licensee or removing or attempting to remove any bicycle from the place at which it is being detained by the Authority or its licensee	500.”.

Made this 21st day of October 1999.

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*Singapore.*

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