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ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (CHAPTER 276)

ROAD TRAFFIC (EXEMPTION OF HEAVY VEHICLES) ORDER 2015

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 142 of the Road Traffic Act, the Minister for Transport makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Road Traffic (Exemption of Heavy Vehicles) Order 2015 and comes into operation on 6 November 2015.

Definitions

- 2. In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires
 - "bus services contractor" means any person who has a contract with the Authority to provide 10 or more regular route services specified in the contract;

"community bus service" means a bus service —

(*a*) consisting of the carriage of passengers by a bus for or in connection with the activities of a religious, educational, health, welfare, philanthropic, sporting or charitable organisation; and (b) provided for a fare, or for consideration which is limited to the costs or part of the costs incurred in making the journey;

"courtesy bus service" means a bus service which is —

- (*a*) provided for the purpose of promoting the sale or supply of any product or service sold or supplied by a business organisation in the course of business in Singapore; and
- (b) provided for a fare, or for consideration which is limited to the costs or part of the costs incurred in making the journey;
- "heavy vehicle" has the same meaning as in the Parking Places Act (Cap. 214);
- "regular route service" means a bus service that is conducted according to pre-determined routes and timetables with 2 or more bus stopping points within Singapore, but does not include —
 - (a) a tourist bus service;
 - (b) a community bus service; or
 - (c) a courtesy bus service;

"tourist bus service" means a bus service where —

- (*a*) tourism is a major and regular feature or focus of the service;
- (b) the passenger profile including, in particular, whether users of the service, are mainly sightseers or pursuing mainly tourism activities;
- (c) all passengers' journeys stop at or divert to points of cultural, historic, scenic, scientific or sporting interest in Singapore; and
- (*d*) the passengers are taken on to or back to hotels or other tourist accommodation or a tourism travel connection.

Exemption

3.—(1) Section 10B of the Act and rule 28 of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) Rules (R 5) do not apply to —

- (a) any heavy vehicle belonging to the Government;
- (b) any heavy vehicle falling within a category of vehicles specified in section 14(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) or (f) of the Act;
- (c) any omnibus which is registered in the name of
 - (i) SBS Transit Ltd.;
 - (ii) Singapore-Johore Express Pte. Ltd.; or
 - (iii) SMRT Buses Ltd.;
- (*d*) any omnibus which is registered in the name of any bus services contractor, and which is or is to be used for any regular route service; or
- (e) any heavy vehicle registered in the name of any statutory board.

(2) Section 19(3)(f) of the Act does not apply to any omnibus referred to in sub-paragraph (1)(c) or (d) or any heavy vehicle referred to in sub-paragraph (1)(e).

Revocation

4. The Road Traffic (Exemption of Heavy Vehicles) Order (O 9) is revoked.

Made on 5 November 2015.

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