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ROAD TRAFFIC ACT
(CHAPTER 276)

ROAD TRAFFIC (MOTOR VEHICLES, SEAT BELTS)
(EXEMPTION) 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 (Motor Vehicles, Seat Belts) (Exemption) Order 2015 and comes into operation on 6 November 2015.

Exemption

2.—(1) Rule 3(1) of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Seat Belts) Rules (R 15) does not apply to any of the following:

(a) any omnibus which —

- (i) is registered in the name of SBS Transit Ltd. or SMRT Buses Ltd.; and
- (ii) is or is to be used for the operation of any bus service which SBS Transit Ltd. or SMRT Buses Ltd. (as the case may be) is licensed to operate under section 12 of the Public Transport Council Act (Cap. 259B);

(b) any omnibus which —

- (i) is registered in the name of the Authority or any bus services contractor; and
- (ii) is or is to be used for any regular route service.

(2) In this paragraph —

“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;

“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.

Revocation

3. The Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Seat Belts) (Exemption) Order 2009 (G.N. No. S 361/2009) is revoked.

Made on 5 November 2015.

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