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**ROAD TRAFFIC ACT
(CHAPTER 276)**

**ROAD TRAFFIC
(MOTOR VEHICLES, REGISTRATION AND LICENSING)
(AMENDMENT) 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) Rules 2012 and shall come into operation on 18th February 2012.

Amendment of rule 25

2. Rule 25 of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) Rules (R 5) (referred to in these Rules as the principal Rules) is amended —

(a) by deleting paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(1) Where the owner of a registered vehicle transfers possession of the vehicle with the intention of transferring the registration of the vehicle to the name of another person (referred to in this rule as the transferee), the owner of the registered vehicle or the transferee shall, not later than 7 days from the transfer of possession, make an application to the Registrar for the registration of the vehicle to be transferred to the name of the transferee.

(2) Any application for a transfer of the registration of a vehicle shall be in such form and manner as the Registrar may require and shall be accompanied by —

- (a) the prescribed fee in Part IV of the First Schedule;
- (b) the fee payable under rule 31(1), subject to the minimum fee referred to in that rule; and

(c) the fee payable under rule 31(4), in respect of a motor vehicle referred to in that rule.

(3) Where no application is made to the Registrar to transfer the registration of a vehicle to the name of the transferee within the time delimited by paragraph (1), the owner of the vehicle and the transferee shall each be guilty of an offence.

(3A) The Registrar may require the owner of a registered vehicle or a transferee to furnish such additional information relating to the vehicle or the transfer as the Registrar may specify.”;

(b) by deleting paragraph (6) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(6) Where —

(a) the Registrar does not extend the period of registration of the vehicle under paragraph (5)(a), (b) or (c), as the case may be;

(b) any period of extension granted by the Registrar under any of those paragraphs has expired; and

(c) the firm or company has not before the expiration of that period of extension transferred the registration of the vehicle to another person,

then, at the expiration of that period of extension, the firm or company shall transfer the registration of the vehicle to its name and pay —

(i) the prescribed fee in Part IV of the First Schedule;

(ii) the fee payable under rule 31(1), subject to the minimum fee referred to in that rule; and

(iii) the fee payable under rule 31(4), in respect of a motor vehicle referred to in that rule.”; and

(c) by deleting the rule heading and substituting the following rule heading:

“Transfer of vehicle registration”.

Amendment of rule 26

3. Rule 26 of the principal Rules is amended —

(a) by deleting paragraph (1) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(1) Where —

(a) a firm or a company has repossessed a registered vehicle which is under a hire-purchase agreement or any other financing arrangement for the purpose of selling the vehicle or letting the vehicle to another hirer under another agreement or arrangement; or

(b) an insurer registered under the Insurance Act (Cap. 142) has taken over a registered vehicle from an insured under a policy of insurance for the purpose of settlement of an insurance claim,

the Registrar may, upon —

(i) the application made by the firm or company or insurer in such form or manner as the Registrar may require; and

(ii) receiving payment of a fee of \$10,

temporarily transfer the registration of the vehicle to the name of such firm or company or insurer for a period not exceeding 3 months, subject to such conditions as the Registrar may think fit to impose.”;

(b) by inserting, immediately after the words “or company” wherever they appear in paragraphs (2) and (2A), the words “or insurer”;

(c) by deleting paragraph (3) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(3) Where —

(a) the Registrar does not extend the period of registration of the vehicle under paragraph (2)(a), (b) or (c), as the case may be;

(b) any period of extension granted by the Registrar under any of those paragraphs has expired; and

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- (c) the firm or company or insurer has not before the expiration of that period of extension transferred the registration of the vehicle to another person, then, at the expiration of that period of extension, the firm or company or insurer shall transfer the registration of the vehicle to its name and pay —
- (i) the prescribed fee in Part IV of the First Schedule;
 - (ii) the fee payable under rule 31(1), subject to the minimum fee referred to in that rule; and
 - (iii) the fee payable under rule 31(4), in respect of a motor vehicle referred to in that rule.”; and
- (d) by deleting the rule heading and substituting the following rule heading:
- “Temporary transfer of vehicle to finance firm or company or insurer, etc.”.**

Amendment of rule 27

4. Rule 27 of the principal Rules is amended by deleting paragraph (2) and substituting the following paragraph:

- “(2) Paragraph (1) shall not prohibit the transfer to an individual of a motor car which is registered in the name of —
- (a) a firm or a company which has repossessed the motor car under a hire-purchase agreement or any other financing arrangement for the purpose of selling that motor car or letting it to another hirer under another agreement or arrangement;
 - (b) a firm or a company which deals in secondhand motor vehicles and has bought the motor car for the purpose of resale; and
 - (c) an insurer registered under the Insurance Act which has taken over a registered vehicle from an insured under a policy of insurance for the purpose of settlement of an insurance claim.”.

Amendment of rule 29

5. Rule 29 of the principal Rules is amended —

(a) by deleting paragraphs (1), (1A) and (2) and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(1) The Registrar may transfer the registration of a motor vehicle to the name of another person if that person makes an application for the transfer of registration of the motor vehicle to his name.

(2) The application referred to in paragraph (1) must be accompanied by —

(a) proof that the registered owner of the vehicle is dead;

(b) proof that the applicant is reasonably entitled thereto, through the production of the probate of will or letters of administration granted to any person for the estate of the deceased registered owner of the vehicle or a certified true copy thereof; and

(c) the payment of —

(i) the fee specified in Part IV of the First Schedule;

(ii) the fee payable under rule 31(1), subject to the minimum fee referred to in that rule; and

(iii) the fee payable under rule 31(4), in respect of a motor vehicle referred to in that rule.

(3) The transfer of registration shall be subject to such conditions as the Registrar thinks necessary to impose.”; and

(b) by deleting paragraph (5) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(5) Notwithstanding paragraph (2), the Registrar may, in his discretion and subject to such conditions as he thinks fit, waive the fee payable under rule 31(1), or the fee payable under rule 31(4) in respect of a motor vehicle referred to in that rule, or both.”.

Deletion and substitution of rule 30

6. Rule 30 of the principal Rules is deleted and the following rule substituted therefor:

“Transfer fee

30.—(1) The fee payable on the transfer of registration of a vehicle shall be that specified in Part IV of the First Schedule.

(2) The Registrar may, in his discretion, waive in whole or in part the fee referred to in paragraph (1).”.

Amendment of rule 31

7. Rule 31 of the principal Rules is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “value of a motor vehicle shall be payable on every transfer of the motor vehicle” in paragraph (1) and substituting the words “value of a vehicle shall be payable on every transfer of registration of the vehicle which occurred before 18th February 2012”;
- (b) by deleting the words “value of a motor vehicle” in paragraph (3) and substituting the words “value of the vehicle for the purpose of paragraph (1)”;
- (c) by deleting the words “where a motor vehicle” in paragraph (4) and substituting the words “where the registration of a motor vehicle”;
- (d) by inserting, immediately after the words “at least one transfer” in paragraph (4), the words “of registration”;
- (e) by inserting, immediately after the words “at the time of the transfer” in paragraph (4)(b), the words “of registration”; and
- (f) by deleting the rule heading and substituting the following rule heading:

“Sums payable upon transfer of vehicle registration”.

Amendment of First Schedule

8. The First Schedule to the principal Rules is amended by deleting Part IV and substituting the following Part:

“PART IV

Rules 25(2) and (6), 26(3),
29(2) and 30(1)

FEE TO BE PAID ON TRANSFER OF
REGISTRATION OF A VEHICLE

Fee to be paid on the transfer of registration of any vehicle \$11.”.

*[G.N. Nos. S 812/2004; S 813/2004; S 226/2005; S 248/2005; S 398/2005; S 540/2005;
S 90/2006; S 125/2006; S 476/2006; S 505/2006; S 38/2007; S 116/2007;
S 202/2007; S 365/2007; S 467/2007; S 608/2007; S 610/2007; S 739/2007;
S 105/2008; S 289/2008; S 311/2008; S 429/2008; S 502/2008; S 519/2008;
S 151/2009; S 205/2009; S 225/2009; S 279/2009; S 318/2009; S 330/2009;
S 510/2009; S 511/2009; S 34/2010; S 356/2010; S 519/2010; S 336/2011;
S 640/2011]*

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