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**PUBLIC TRANSPORT COUNCIL ACT  
(CHAPTER 259B)**

**PUBLIC TRANSPORT COUNCIL  
(STREET-HAIL COMMON PRICING SCHEMES)  
REGULATIONS 2020**

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 28 of the Public Transport Council Act, the Public Transport Council, with the approval of the Minister for Transport, makes the following Regulations:

PART 1

PRELIMINARY

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations are the Public Transport Council (Street-hail Common Pricing Schemes) Regulations 2020 and come into operation on 30 October 2020.

**Definitions**

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —
- “distance rate” and “waiting time” have the same respective meanings as in the Order;
  - “general meeting” means a general meeting of street-hail industry participants for the purpose of considering varying one or more variable fare components by a common pricing scheme;
  - “Order” means the Public Transport Council (Street-hail Fare Pricing Policy) Order 2020 (G.N. No. S 918/2020);
  - “registered taxi” means a motor vehicle registered as a taxi under the Road Traffic Act (Cap. 276);
  - “Taxi Transport Association” means the society of that name registered under the Societies Act (Cap. 311);
  - “variable fare component” means a fare component of any street-hail fare specified in regulation 3(2).

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PART 2

PRESCRIBED STREET-HAIL INDUSTRY PARTICIPANTS

**Prescribed street-hail industry participants**

3.—(1) For the purposes of the definition of “street-hail common pricing scheme” in section 2 of the Act, the prescribed street-hail industry participants for a street-hail common pricing scheme to vary any variable fare component are the street-hail industry participants who, when the street-hail common pricing scheme is lodged with the Council under section 23C(2)(b) of the Act, charge street-hail fares with the variable fare component concerned.

- (2) The variable fare components are —
- (a) the maximum distance specified in paragraph 6(b) of the Order before Tariff 1 applies;
  - (b) the distance in the distance rate specified in paragraph 6(c)(i) of the Order;
  - (c) the distance in the distance rate specified in paragraph 6(d)(i) of the Order;
  - (d) the length of waiting time specified in paragraph 6(c)(ii) of the Order;
  - (e) the length of waiting time specified in paragraph 6(d)(ii) of the Order;
  - (f) any peak period specified in paragraph 9(a) or (b) of the Order;
  - (g) the peak period surcharge specified in paragraph 10 of the Order;
  - (h) the late night hiring period specified in paragraph 11 of the Order;
  - (i) the late night hiring surcharge specified in paragraph 12 of the Order;
  - (j) the boundaries of the Central Business District specified in the Schedule to the Order;
  - (k) the period specified in paragraph 16(1)(b) of the Order; and

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- (l) the City Area surcharge specified in paragraph 16(2) of the Order.

### **Effective street-hail common pricing scheme**

4.—(1) To be effective for the purposes of section 23C(5)(c) of the Act, a street-hail common pricing scheme to vary a variable fare component must be an agreement in writing —

- (a) made between the street-hail industry participants —
- (i) who are each under regulation 3(1), a prescribed street-hail industry participant for the variable fare component; and
  - (ii) collectively operate at least 80% of the total number of registered taxis which are operated by all of the prescribed street-hail industry participants for that variable fare component; and
- (b) executed within the permitted time but in no case more than 28 days before the date the street-hail common pricing scheme is lodged with the Council under section 23C(2)(b) of the Act.

(2) The permitted time in paragraph (1) is a period —

- (a) starting from the date the first prescribed street-hail industry participant for a variable fare component signs the agreement that is the street-hail common pricing scheme to vary the variable fare component; and
- (b) ending not more than 28 days after the date the first prescribed street-hail industry participant for the variable fare component signs the agreement that is the street-hail common pricing scheme to vary that variable fare component.

### **Counting persons who operate a taxi**

5. For the purposes of reckoning the number of taxis that a street-hail industry participant operates —

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- (a) a street-hail industry participant who is an individual holding a valid licence under Part V of the Road Traffic Act authorising the individual to drive, for hire or reward, a taxi not owned by a street-hail service licensee is to be treated as operating that single taxi; and
  - (b) a street-hail industry participant which is a taxi service operator is to be treated as operating the total number of taxis that the taxi service operator owns and causes or permits individuals to drive the taxis are for hire for journeys within, or partly within, Singapore.

### PART 3

#### COLLECTIVE NEGOTIATIONS

##### **Bargaining representative**

6.—(1) For any variable fare component, the Taxi Transport Association is recognised by the Council for the purpose of section 23C of the Act to be a bargaining representative to negotiate a street-hail common pricing scheme on behalf of members of that Association who are prescribed street-hail industry participants for that variable fare component under regulation 3(1).

(2) The Taxi Transport Association may —

- (a) be present at any general meeting of street-hail industry participants for the purpose of considering varying any variable fare component by a street-hail common pricing scheme; and
- (b) make, offer or receive any proposal in relation to a street-hail common pricing scheme for any variable fare component on behalf of, or purport to act on behalf, of members of that Association who are prescribed street-hail industry participants for that variable fare component under regulation 3(1).

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**Executing a street-hail common pricing scheme**

- 7.—(1) A street-hail common pricing scheme must be signed —
- (a) for a street-hail industry participant who is an individual (whether or not a member of the Taxi Transport Association), by the individual or the individual’s duly appointed attorney; and
  - (b) for a street-hail industry participant which is a company, by any director of the company authorised to do so by resolution of the company.

(2) For the purposes of these Regulations, a street-hail common pricing scheme is regarded as executed notwithstanding that it is executed on separate copies of the agreement and at different times.

**No rescission of agreement to street-hail common pricing scheme**

8. A street-hail industry participant cannot rescind the street-hail industry participant’s agreement to be a party to a street-hail common pricing scheme.

**PART 4****LODGMET OF STREET-HAIL FARES  
AND COMMON PRICING SCHEMES****Period to determine prices of street-hail fares not fixed by Order**

9. For the purposes of section 23C(1) of the Act, 28 days after the Order is made for a street-hail service is the period within which every street-hail industry participant must —

- (a) determine the prices of street-hail fares not set by the Order for that taxi service; and
- (b) lodge with the Council those prices determined.

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**Time to lodge price or street-hail common pricing scheme**

**10.**—(1) For the purposes of section 23C(1)(b) of the Act, a street-hail industry participant providing a street-hail service must, after determining the price of street-hail fares for the street-hail service which the Order does not set, lodge the price of street-hail fares for the street-hail service with the Council at least 28 days before the date that the street-hail service is to be offered or provided to the public at the price determined.

(2) For the purposes of section 23C(2)(b) of the Act, a street-hail common pricing scheme must be lodged with the Council at least 28 days before the date that any street-hail service is to be offered or provided to the public at the prices determined or varied under that scheme.

**Documents to accompany lodgment of street-hail common pricing scheme**

**11.** For the purposes of section 23C(2)(b) of the Act, the information that must accompany a street-hail common pricing scheme lodged with the Council are —

- (a) a copy of the street-hail common pricing scheme;
- (b) a copy of the notes of every general meeting convened for the purpose of considering the street-hail common pricing scheme;
- (c) a copy of the resolution of the company authorising a signatory which is a director of a company; and
- (d) any other documents and information that the Council requires in any particular case.

**Revocation**

**12.** The Public Transport Council (Common Pricing Schemes) Regulations 2016 (G.N. No. S 31/2016) are revoked.

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