

ROAD TRAFFIC ACT
(CHAPTER 276, SECTION 142)

ROAD TRAFFIC (QUOTA SYSTEM — EXEMPTION) ORDER

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[2nd April 1990]

Citation

1. This Order may be cited as the Road Traffic (Quota System — Exemption) Order.

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;

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“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;

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“consular employee” means a person employed in the administrative or technical service of a consular post;

“consular officer” means a person entrusted in that capacity with the exercise of consular functions, and includes the head of a consular post;

“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;

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“designated spouse”, in relation to a diplomatic agent or consular officer with more than one lawful spouse, means the lawful spouse of the diplomatic agent or consular officer whom the Ministry of Foreign Affairs designates for the purposes of paragraph 3(j);

“diplomatic agent” means —

(a) the head of a diplomatic mission; or

(b) a member of the staff of a diplomatic mission having diplomatic rank;

“exempted vehicle” means a vehicle exempted under paragraph 3;

“member of the administrative and technical staff”, in relation to a diplomatic mission, means a member of the staff of the diplomatic mission employed in the administrative and technical service of the diplomatic mission;

“mobile engineering plant” has the same meaning as in rule 2 of the Road Traffic (Regulation of Speed) Rules (R 13);

“motor tractor” has the same meaning as in rule 2 of the Road Traffic (Regulation of Speed) Rules;

“registered owner” means the person registered under the Act as the owner of an exempted vehicle;

“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;

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“restricted vintage vehicle” has the same meaning as in rule 2(1) of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) Rules (R 5);

“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;

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“track laying vehicle” has the same meaning as in rule 2 of the Road Traffic (Regulation of Speed) Rules.

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Vehicles exempted from permit authorising their registration

3. Subject to paragraphs 4 and 5, the following vehicles shall be exempt from the requirement in section 10A(1) of the Act for a permit authorising their registration:

- (a) an omnibus registered in the name of SBS Transit Ltd., SMRT Buses Ltd. or Singapore-Johore Express Pte. Ltd.;
- (aa) an omnibus which is registered in the name of the Authority or any bus services contractor, and which is or is to be used for any regular route service;

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- (b) a school bus;
- (c) a trailer;
- (d) an ambulance;
- (e) a motor vehicle used for fire fighting purposes;
- (f) a motor vehicle owned by the Government for the use of —
 - (i) the Singapore Police Force for the purposes of maintaining law and order; or
 - (ii) the Singapore Civil Defence Force for the purposes of civil defence;
- (g) a motor vehicle owned by the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore for the purposes of mobile command and control operations;
- (h) a motor vehicle owned by the Land Transport Authority of Singapore for any of the following purposes:
 - (i) mobile command and control operations;
 - (ii) enforcing the provisions of the Act;
- (i) a motor vehicle owned by the National Environment Agency for the purposes of monitoring nuclear radiation;
- (j) a motor vehicle approved by the Minister to be registered in the name of —
 - (i) a diplomatic mission;
 - (ii) a diplomatic agent;
 - (iii) a member of the administrative and technical staff of a diplomatic mission;
 - (iv) a consular officer;

- (v) a consular employee;
- (vi) where a diplomatic agent or consular officer has only one lawful spouse, the spouse of the diplomatic agent or consular officer; or
- (vii) where a diplomatic agent or consular officer has more than one lawful spouse, the designated spouse of the diplomatic agent or consular officer;
- (k) a motor vehicle approved by the Minister to be registered in the name of —
 - (i) an international organisation or a visiting military force; or
 - (ii) a staff member of an international organisation or a visiting military force;
- (l) a motor vehicle approved by the Minister to be registered in the name of a voluntary welfare organisation;
- (m) a motor vehicle approved by the Minister to be registered in the name of a disabled person;
- (n) a restricted vintage vehicle;
- (o) a motor vehicle bearing the index mark “RU” that is approved by the Minister for use within such areas as may be specified in the approval;
- (p) a motor vehicle registered or re-registered as a PU registered vehicle under rule 3B of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) Rules;
- (q) a mobile engineering plant;
- (r) a motor tractor;
- (s) a track laying vehicle;
- (t) a mobile crane; and
- (u) a concrete pump.

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Cessation of exemption

4. Any exemption under paragraph 3 shall cease on the date —
- (a) that the Registrar cancels the registration of the exempted vehicle under section 27(1) of the Act;
 - (b) that any condition to which the exemption is subject under paragraph 5 ceases to be satisfied;
 - (c) in the case of an exempted vehicle that is a public service vehicle, that the Registrar revokes the public service vehicle licence issued to that exempted vehicle under section 108 of the Act; or
 - (d) in the case of an exempted vehicle that is exempted under paragraph 3(k)(ii), that the registered owner of the exempted vehicle ceases to be a staff member of the international organisation or visiting military force.

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Exemption conditions

5.—(1) An exemption under paragraph 3(a) is subject to the condition that the exempted vehicle shall only be used for the operation of bus services which the registered owner of the exempted vehicle is licensed to operate under section 12 of the Public Transport Council Act (Cap. 259B).

(2) An exemption under paragraph 3(j), (k), (m) or (o) is subject to the condition that, unless otherwise approved by the Minister, the exempted vehicle must be kept and used by the registered owner of the exempted vehicle, and no other.

(3) An exemption under paragraph 3(p) is subject to the condition that the exempted vehicle shall only be kept and used on Pulau Ubin.

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S 364/94]

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY
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This Legislative History is provided for the convenience of users of the Road Traffic (Quota System — Exemption) Order. It is not part of this Order.

1. G. N. No. S 142/1990 — Road Traffic (Quota System — Exemption) Order 1990

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2. G. N. No. S 191/1990 — Road Traffic (Quota System — Exemption) (Amendment) Order 1990

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3. G. N. No. S 147/1991 — Road Traffic (Quota System — Exemption) (Amendment) Order 1991

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4. 1990 Revised Edition — Road Traffic (Quota System — Exemption) Order

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5. G. N. No. S 151/1992 — Road Traffic (Quota System — Exemption) (Amendment) Order 1992

Date of commencement : 1 April 1992

6. G. N. No. S 364/1994 — Road Traffic (Quota System — Exemption) (Amendment) Order 1994

Date of commencement : 24 September 1994

7. 1999 Revised Edition — Road Traffic (Quota System — Exemption) Order

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8. G. N. No. S 9/2001 — Road Traffic (Quota System — Exemption) (Amendment) Order 2001

Date of commencement : 3 January 2001

9. G. N. No. S 95/2007 — Road Traffic (Quota System — Exemption) (Amendment) Order 2007

Date of commencement : 2 March 2007

**10. G.N. No. S 367/2012 — Road Traffic (Quota System — Exemption)
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**11. G.N. No. S 649/2015 — Road Traffic (Quota System â Exemption)
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