

ROAD TRAFFIC ACT  
(CHAPTER 276, SECTIONS 6 AND 140)

ROAD TRAFFIC (MOTOR VEHICLES, SPEED WARNING  
DEVICE) RULES

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**Citation**

1. These Rules may be cited as the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Speed Warning Device) Rules.

**Definitions**

2. In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires —

“activation speed” means the speed of a vehicle above which the lamps and buzzer of any speed warning device of the vehicle shall flash and buzz respectively;

“authorised workshop” means a workshop authorised by the Registrar of Vehicles under rule 8 to carry out the installation, calibration and repair of the speed warning device of a vehicle;

“speed warning device” is a device consisting of any lamp, buzzer, speed sensor, transmission cable and electrical connection which together form a device that gives a visual

and audio warning to the driver of the vehicle in which the device is installed that the speed of the vehicle exceeds the statutory speed limit for the vehicle as prescribed in the Road Traffic (Regulation of Speed) Rules [R 13].

### **Application**

3.—(1) Every vehicle to which these Rules apply shall be fitted with a speed warning device of a type approved by the Registrar.

(2) These Rules shall apply to —

- (a) any goods vehicle having a maximum laden weight of not more than 3.0 metric tons which is registered using a certificate of entitlement issued before 1st April 1998; or
- (b) any goods vehicle having a maximum laden weight of not more than 3.5 metric tons which is registered using a certificate of entitlement issued on or after 1st April 1998.

*[S 195/98 wef 01/04/1998]*

(3) These Rules shall not apply to a trian or motor cycle with a sidecar attached thereto.

### **General powers of Registrar or authorised officer**

3A.—(1) The Registrar or an authorised officer may, by notice, require the owner of a vehicle to furnish evidence that the vehicle complies with all or any of the provisions of these Rules.

(2) The Registrar or an authorised officer may, in any particular case, upon the application of any person, waive the operation of any provisions in these Rules in relation to that person or a vehicle that is the subject of that application, subject to such conditions as the Registrar or the authorised officer may impose.

(3) In this rule, “authorised officer” has the same meaning as in section 6(4) of the Act.

*[S 470/2017 wef 24/08/2017]*

### **Speed warning device**

4.—(1) A speed warning device installed in a motor vehicle under these Rules —

- (a) shall consist of —
  - (i) a lamp in front of the driver in a position clearly visible to him; and
  - (ii) a buzzer in front of him; and
- (b) may, subject to paragraphs (2), (3) and (4) and such other terms and conditions as the Registrar may impose, include an additional amber lamp mounted on the roof of the vehicle in a position approved by the Registrar.

*[S 210/2001 wef 16/04/2001]*

(2) The speed warning device shall be of a design approved by the Registrar.

(3) The speed warning device shall be so constructed that —

- (a) when the vehicle in which the device is installed exceeds the statutory speed limit for the vehicle as prescribed in the Road Traffic (Regulation of Speed) Rules [R 13] —
  - (i) the lamp mounted in front of the driver and the lamp mounted on the roof of the vehicle, if any, each shows a flashing light; and

*[S 210/2001 wef 16/04/2001]*

- (ii) the buzzer produces a warning sound; and
- (b) when the vehicle is stationary, with its engine running, the lamp mounted in front of the driver and the lamp mounted on the roof, if any, are lit.

*[S 210/2001 wef 16/04/2001]*

(4) The lamp mounted on the roof of the vehicle shall when it is lit be clearly visible at all times of the day to other persons using the road within a distance of 50 metres of the vehicle.

(5) All exposed electrical connections of the speed warning device shall be made of coaxial cable or of an approved design.

(6) The speed warning device shall be capable of being sealed against any unauthorised adjustment of the activation speed of the vehicle.

### **Works by authorised workshop**

5. Any installation, calibration or repair of a speed warning device installed in a vehicle under these Rules shall be carried out by an authorised workshop.

### **Registrar to authorise workshops**

6.—(1) The Registrar of Vehicles may authorise a workshop to —

- (a) install a speed warning device in a vehicle under these Rules;
- (b) repair and calibrate such speed warning device; and
- (c) seal the speed warning device against any unauthorised adjustment of the activation speed of the vehicle or any other tampering with the device.

(2) Any such authorisation shall be valid for a period of 6 months or one year and may be renewed at the discretion of the Registrar.

(3) Any such authorisation may be terminated by the Registrar by notice to the authorised workshop if he is of the opinion that the authorised workshop has not performed its work satisfactorily, and any authorisation to which the notice relates shall cease to have effect on the date specified in the notice.

### **Testing equipment**

7. If so requested by the Registrar, an authorised workshop shall allow him to use such equipment for testing a speed warning device as may be specified by him.

### **Offences**

8.—(1) Any person who —

- (a) adjusts or tampers with a speed warning device or any cable or wire connected with its operation in any manner that prevents the device from operating as specified in rule 4(3);
- (b) breaks any seal on a speed warning device, except as authorised by the Registrar; or

- (c) drives a vehicle installed with a speed warning device under these Rules when the device is faulty or when any of the seals on the device is broken, except where the vehicle is being driven for the sole purpose of having it sent to an authorised workshop for it to be checked, repaired or resealed,

shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$500.

(2) The owner of a vehicle installed with a speed warning device under these Rules shall ensure that —

- (a) the speed warning device or any cable or wire connected with its operation is not adjusted or tampered with in any manner that prevents the device from operating as specified in rule 4(3);
- (b) any seal on the speed warning device is not broken and, where such seal is broken, he shall as soon as is practicable send the vehicle to an authorised workshop for the device to be checked and re-sealed; and
- (c) at all times the speed warning device is accurate and in a proper working condition.

(3) Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with paragraph (2) shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$500.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY  
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This Legislative History is provided for the convenience of users of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Speed Warning Device) Rules. It is not part of these Rules.

**1. G. N. No. S 118/1981 — Motor Vehicles (Speed Warning Device) Rules 1981**

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**3. G. N. No. S 109/1983 — Motor Vehicles (Speed Warning Device) (Amendment) Rules 1983**

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**4. 1990 Revised Edition — Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Speed Warning Device) Rules**

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**5. G. N. No. S 195/1998 — Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Speed Warning Device) (Amendment) Rules 1998**

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**6. G. N. No. S 210/2001 — Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Speed Warning Device) (Amendment) Rules 2001**

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