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ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (CHAPTER 276)

ROAD TRAFFIC (DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR PRIVILEGES) (EXEMPTION) ORDER 2006

ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 142 of the Road Traffic Act, the Minister for Transport hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Road Traffic (Diplomatic and Consular Privileges) (Exemption) Order 2006 and shall, with the exception of paragraph 3(3), (4) and (5), be deemed to have come into operation on 1st May 2005.

(2) Paragraph 3(3), (4) and (5) shall come into operation on 28th August 2006.

Definitions

2. In this Order, unless the context otherwise requires —

“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;

“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 recognises as being entitled to enjoy the exemption under paragraph 3(1);

“diplomatic agent” means —

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

“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.

Exemption from levy, tax and fees in respect of motor vehicle

3.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (3) to (6), where a person referred to in sub-paragraph (2) is not a citizen or permanent resident of Singapore, he shall be exempt from paying the following in respect of only one motor vehicle which is registered or to be registered in his name:

- (a) any levy payable under section 10A(2) of the Act;
- (b) any tax payable under section 11 of the Act;
- (c) any fee payable under rule 6, 7, 31 or 36(4), (5) or (6) of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) Rules (R 5);
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- (d) any tax payable under section 11AA of the Act;
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- (e) any tax payable under rule 6(1) of the Road Traffic (Carbon Emissions Tax) Rules 2012 (G.N. No. S 653/2012).
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(2) The persons referred to in sub-paragraph (1) are —

- (a) a diplomatic agent;

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- (b) a member of the administrative and technical staff of a diplomatic mission;
 - (c) a consular officer;
 - (d) a consular employee;
 - (e) where a diplomatic agent or consular officer has only one lawful spouse, the spouse of the diplomatic agent or consular officer; and
 - (f) where a diplomatic agent or consular officer has more than one lawful spouse, the designated spouse of the diplomatic agent or consular officer.

(3) An administrative fee of \$140 shall be payable upon the registration of any motor vehicle referred to in sub-paragraph (1).

(4) Where a motor vehicle referred to in sub-paragraph (1) is registered in the name of a diplomatic agent, a member of the administrative and technical staff of a diplomatic mission, a consular officer or a consular employee, the motor vehicle shall be scrapped or exported —

- (a) upon reaching 10 years of age; or
- (b) upon the diplomatic agent, member of the administrative and technical staff of a diplomatic mission, consular officer or consular employee, as the case may be, ceasing to hold that office in Singapore,

whichever is the earlier, unless an authorised officer of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has given approval —

- (i) for the motor vehicle to be scrapped or exported on a later date specified by the authorised officer;
- (ii) for the registration of the motor vehicle to be transferred to another person; or
- (iii) for the registration of the motor vehicle to be retained in the name of the person, in whose name the motor vehicle is registered, for personal use.

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(5) Where a motor vehicle referred to in sub-paragraph (1) is registered in the name of a spouse of a diplomatic agent or consular officer, the motor vehicle shall be scrapped or exported —

- (a) upon reaching 10 years of age;
- (b) upon the diplomatic agent or consular officer, as the case may be, ceasing to hold that office in Singapore; or
- (c) upon the dissolution of the marriage between the spouse and the diplomatic agent or consular officer, as the case may be,

whichever is the earliest, unless an authorised officer of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has given approval —

- (i) for the motor vehicle to be scrapped or exported on a later date specified by the authorised officer;
- (ii) for the registration of the motor vehicle to be transferred to another person; or
- (iii) for the registration of the motor vehicle to be retained in the name of the person, in whose name the motor vehicle is registered, for personal use.

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(5A) Where an authorised officer of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has given his approval under sub-paragraph (4)(ii) or (5)(ii) for the registration of a motor vehicle to be transferred to another person, the person in whose name the motor vehicle is registered shall continue to be exempted from section 10A of the Act in respect of that motor vehicle —

- (a) for a period of 10 months from the date on which the exemption under sub-paragraph (1) ceased to apply to him; or
- (b) for such longer period as the Registrar may, on the application of that person, approve.

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(5B) Where an authorised officer of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has given his approval under sub-paragraph (4)(iii) or (5)(iii) for the registration of a motor vehicle to be retained in the name of any person for personal use, that person shall continue to be exempted from section 10A of the Act in respect of that motor vehicle —

- (a) for a period of 3 months from the date on which the exemption under sub-paragraph (1) ceased to apply to him; or
- (b) for such longer period as the Registrar may, on the application of that person, approve.

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(6) Where a person referred to in sub-paragraph (2) has enjoyed the exemption under sub-paragraph (1) in respect of any motor vehicle, he shall not enjoy that exemption in respect of any other motor vehicle acquired by him within 3 years from the date on which he acquired the first-mentioned motor vehicle except with the approval of an authorised officer of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Made this 25th day of August 2006.

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