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ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (CHAPTER 276)

ROAD TRAFFIC (CONTROL OF WIDTH AND LENGTH OF MOTOR VEHICLES) RULES 2010

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In exercise of the powers conferred by section 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 (Control of Width and Length of Motor Vehicles) Rules 2010 and shall come into operation on 1st November 2010.

Definitions

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

- (a) in relation to a motor vehicle, means the person driving or in charge of the motor vehicle; and

(b) in relation to a trailer, means the person driving or in charge of the motor vehicle to or by which the trailer is attached or drawn;

“owner”, in relation to a motor vehicle or trailer, means —

(a) each person who is the owner, joint owner or part owner of the motor vehicle or trailer; or

(b) a person who has the use or control of the motor vehicle or trailer under a credit agreement, hiring agreement, hire-purchase agreement or leasing arrangement,

but does not include the driver of a motor vehicle or trailer when the driver has been provided as part of a hiring agreement for the motor vehicle or trailer.

Load not to exceed certain width and length requirements

3. Subject to rules 4 and 5, the owner and the driver of a motor vehicle or trailer shall each ensure that while the motor vehicle or trailer is being used on a road, no part of the motor vehicle or trailer together with any load or any covering placed over the load on the motor vehicle or trailer projects laterally beyond the body or wheels of the motor vehicle or trailer or any authorised fitting permanently attached to the motor vehicle or trailer, unless —

(a) the rear overhang of the load is less than 40% of the length of the motor vehicle or trailer or 1.8 metres, whichever is the lesser; and

(b) the overall width of the motor vehicle or trailer, or of the motor vehicle or trailer together with the width of any lateral projection of its load, is 2.6 metres or less.

Authority may allow load exceeding requirements specified in rule 3 in certain cases

4. The Authority may, subject to such conditions as it thinks fit to impose, allow a load or any covering placed over a load on any motor vehicle or trailer used on a road to exceed the requirements specified in rule 3 for the purpose of —

(a) preserving life and property in case of fire;

- (b) aiding or rescuing persons in danger; or
- (c) conducting any simulation exercise approved by the Authority.

Permit for use of motor vehicles or trailers exceeding width and length requirements

5.—(1) No person shall use or cause to be used on a road —

- (a) a motor vehicle or trailer which has a load, or any covering placed over a load, which exceeds the requirements specified in rule 3(a); or
- (b) a motor vehicle or trailer the overall width of which exceeds 2.6 metres,

unless the use of such motor vehicle or trailer on a road is authorised by and in accordance with a trip permit or a term permit granted by the Authority.

(2) An application for a trip permit or a term permit must —

- (a) be made in the appropriate form not less than 3 working days before the motor vehicle or trailer is used on any road;
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- (b) be accompanied by an indemnity in the appropriate form indemnifying the Authority against any damage to the road and all other claims and liabilities in respect of any death, injury, damage or loss which may be suffered by any person by reason of the use of the motor vehicle or trailer on the road; and
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- (c) be accompanied by a non-refundable fee of \$12 in the case of a trip permit, or \$20 in the case of a term permit.
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(3) The Authority may grant a trip permit or a term permit in such form or manner as it thinks fit (including in electronic form).

(4) In granting a trip permit or a term permit, the Authority may impose conditions relating to —

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- (a) the lateral projection of any load carried by the motor vehicle or trailer;
 - (b) the overall height of the motor vehicle or trailer;
 - (c) the need for police or other escort to be provided for the transport of the load;
 - (d) the hours and route of travel of the motor vehicle or trailer; and
 - (e) any other safety measures to be taken.

(5) In addition to any condition which the Authority may impose under paragraph (4), a term permit shall be subject to the condition that there shall be no change in the ownership of the motor vehicle or trailer in respect of which such term permit is granted during the period of validity of the term permit, and the term permit shall automatically lapse upon the breach of such condition.

(6) In this rule —

“appropriate form” means the relevant form set out on the Authority’s Internet website at <http://www.lta.gov.sg>;

“term permit” means a permit which authorises the use on a road of a motor vehicle or trailer specified in paragraph (1)(a) or (b) for unlimited trips —

(a) on the routes; and

(b) during the period of 3 months commencing from the date,

as specified in the permit;

“trip permit” means a permit which authorises the use on a road of a motor vehicle or trailer specified in paragraph (1)(a) or (b) for a single trip on the route and the date as specified in the permit.

Offences

6. Any person who —

- (a) contravenes rule 3 or 5(1); or

(b) fails to comply with any condition imposed by the Authority under rule 5(4),
shall be guilty of an offence.

7. [*Deleted by S 202/2012 wef 01/06/2012*]

Made this 29th day of October 2010.

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