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ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (CHAPTER 276)

ROAD TRAFFIC (CAR POOLS) (EXEMPTION) ORDER 2015

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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. This Order may be cited as the Road Traffic (Car Pools) (Exemption) Order 2015 and comes into operation on 2 March 2015.

Definitions

2. In this Order —

“motor car” has the same meaning as in section 4(1)(e) of the Act;

“private motor car” means a motor car registered in the name of an individual and used by the individual or a member of the individual’s family or any person by the individual’s authority without consideration for social or domestic purposes or for the individual’s business, but does not include any motor car that is —

- (a) used for the carriage of goods other than samples; or
- (b) used for instructional purposes for reward;

“public stand” means any public stand provided for public service vehicles under Part V of the Act and includes a bus terminus and taxi stand.

Exemption for car pools

3.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2), the provisions specified in the Schedule do not apply to a person who uses a private motor car for the carriage of a passenger for hire or reward in the case where —

- (a) the person does not solicit for the passenger on a road or at a parking place or a public stand;
- (b) the carriage of the passenger is incidental to the person’s use of the private motor car;
- (c) the person informs the passenger, before the start of the carriage, of the person’s destination;
- (d) the person agrees with the passenger, before the start of the carriage, on the date of, pick-up and drop-off points of, and the payment (whether in cash or in kind) for, the carriage;
- (e) the amount or the value of any benefit in kind that the person collects from the passenger as payment does not exceed the cost and expenses incurred for the carriage of the passenger;
- (f) if there is more than one passenger, the aggregate of the amount or the value of any benefit in kind that the person collects from each of the passengers as payment does not exceed the cost and expenses incurred for the carriage of all the passengers; and
- (g) there is nothing in or on the private motor car displaying or referring to the fares for hiring the private motor car.

(2) The exemption in sub-paragraph (1) only applies in respect of the first 2 car pool trips that a person makes each day on any private motor car.

(3) Part V of the Act does not apply to the owner of a private motor car who permits a person to use the private motor car for the carriage of a passenger for hire or reward where the person is exempted under sub-paragraph (1) in respect of such use.

(4) Section 101 of the Act does not apply to a person who causes a private motor car to be used for the carriage of a passenger for hire or reward where the person who uses the private motor car for such purpose is exempted under sub-paragraph (1) in respect of such use.

(5) For the purposes of determining the number of car pool trips made by a person in a day under sub-paragraph (2), a car pool trip starts at the beginning of the carriage of the first passenger for hire or reward in the course of the person's journey to the person's destination (as informed to the passenger under sub-paragraph (1)(c)) using a private motor car, and ends when the private motor car reaches that destination.

Amendment of Road Traffic (Exemptions) (Consolidation) Order

4. The Schedule to the Road Traffic (Exemptions) (Consolidation) Order (O 2) is amended by deleting the item relating to G.N. No. S 28/74.

THE SCHEDULE

Paragraph 3(1)

1. Part V of the Act.
2. Part III of the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Vocational Licences and Conduct of Drivers, Conductors, Trishaw Riders and Passengers) Rules (R 8).
3. Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) Rules (R 14).

Made on 24 February 2015.

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