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ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (CHAPTER 276)

ROAD TRAFFIC (MOTOR VEHICLES, REGISTRATION AND LICENSING) (AMENDMENT) RULES 2012

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 34 and 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 (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) (Amendment) Rules 2012 and shall come into operation on 18th February 2012.

Amendment of rule 25

2. Rule 25 of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) Rules (R 5) (referred to in these Rules as the principal Rules) is amended —

(a) by deleting paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) and substituting the following paragraphs:

"(1) Where the owner of a registered vehicle transfers possession of the vehicle with the intention of transferring the registration of the vehicle to the name of another person (referred to in this rule as the transferee), the owner of the registered vehicle or the transferee shall, not later than 7 days from the transfer of possession, make an application to the Registrar for the registration of the vehicle to be transferred to the name of the transferee.

(2) Any application for a transfer of the registration of a vehicle shall be in such form and manner as the Registrar may require and shall be accompanied by —

- (a) the prescribed fee in Part IV of the First Schedule;
- (b) the fee payable under rule 31(1), subject to the minimum fee referred to in that rule; and

(c) the fee payable under rule 31(4), in respect of a motor vehicle referred to in that rule.

(3) Where no application is made to the Registrar to transfer the registration of a vehicle to the name of the transferee within the time delimited by paragraph (1), the owner of the vehicle and the transferee shall each be guilty of an offence.

(3A) The Registrar may require the owner of a registered vehicle or a transferee to furnish such additional information relating to the vehicle or the transfer as the Registrar may specify.";

- (b) by deleting paragraph (6) and substituting the following paragraph:
 - "(6) Where
 - (a) the Registrar does not extend the period of registration of the vehicle under paragraph (5)(a),
 (b) or (c), as the case may be;
 - (b) any period of extension granted by the Registrar under any of those paragraphs has expired; and
 - (c) the firm or company has not before the expiration of that period of extension transferred the registration of the vehicle to another person,

then, at the expiration of that period of extension, the firm or company shall transfer the registration of the vehicle to its name and pay —

- (i) the prescribed fee in Part IV of the First Schedule;
- (ii) the fee payable under rule 31(1), subject to the minimum fee referred to in that rule; and
- (iii) the fee payable under rule 31(4), in respect of a motor vehicle referred to in that rule."; and
- (c) by deleting the rule heading and substituting the following rule heading:

"Transfer of vehicle registration".

Amendment of rule 26

- 3. Rule 26 of the principal Rules is amended
 - (a) by deleting paragraph (1) and substituting the following paragraph:
 - "(1) Where
 - (a) a firm or a company has repossessed a registered vehicle which is under a hire-purchase agreement or any other financing arrangement for the purpose of selling the vehicle or letting the vehicle to another hirer under another agreement or arrangement; or
 - (b) an insurer registered under the Insurance Act (Cap. 142) has taken over a registered vehicle from an insured under a policy of insurance for the purpose of settlement of an insurance claim,

- (i) the application made by the firm or company or insurer in such form or manner as the Registrar may require; and
- (ii) receiving payment of a fee of \$10,

temporarily transfer the registration of the vehicle to the name of such firm or company or insurer for a period not exceeding 3 months, subject to such conditions as the Registrar may think fit to impose.";

- (b) by inserting, immediately after the words "or company" wherever they appear in paragraphs (2) and (2A), the words "or insurer";
- (c) by deleting paragraph (3) and substituting the following paragraph:
 - "(3) Where
 - (a) the Registrar does not extend the period of registration of the vehicle under paragraph (2)(a),
 (b) or (c), as the case may be;
 - (b) any period of extension granted by the Registrar under any of those paragraphs has expired; and