

# **Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Seat Belts) (Amendment) Rules 2009**

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## **ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (CHAPTER 276)**

### **ROAD TRAFFIC (MOTOR VEHICLES, SEAT BELTS) (AMENDMENT) RULES 2009**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 6 of the Road Traffic Act, the Land Transport Authority of Singapore hereby makes the following Rules:

#### **Citation and commencement**

**1.** These Rules may be cited as the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Seat Belts) (Amendment) Rules 2009 and shall come into operation on 1st April 2009.

#### **Amendment of rule 2**

**2.** Rule 2 of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Seat Belts) Rules (R 15) (referred to in these Rules as the principal Rules) is amended —

- (a) by inserting, immediately before the definition of “body-restraining seat belt”, the following definition:

“ “Agreement” means the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe Agreement Concerning the Adoption of Uniform Technical Prescriptions for Wheeled Vehicles, Equipment and Parts which can be Fitted and/or be Used on Wheeled Vehicles and the Conditions for Reciprocal Recognition of Approvals Granted on the Basis of these Prescriptions, formerly known as the Agreement Concerning the Adoption of Uniform Conditions of Approval and Reciprocal Recognition of Approval for Motor Vehicle Equipment and Parts, done at Geneva on 20th March 1958;”;

- (b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “seat with integral seat belt anchorages”, the following definition:

“ “small bus” means a bus which has —

- (a) a maximum laden weight of not more than 3,500 kilogrammes; and
  - (b) a seating capacity for not more than 15 persons (excluding the driver);”;
- (c) by deleting the full-stop at the end of the definition of “station wagon” and substituting a semi-colon, and by inserting immediately thereafter the following definitions:

“ “van” means a goods vehicle which has a permanently enclosed body or a cab integrated into its body;

“wheelchair restraint system” means a system which is designed to keep a wheelchair restrained within a space provided in a motor vehicle for the carriage of the wheelchair and its user.”.

### **Deletion of rules 3 to 10 and substitution of rules 3 to 7**

3. Rules 3 to 10 of the principal Rules are deleted and the following rules substituted therefor:

#### **“Front seat belts**

3.—(1) Every motor vehicle to which this rule applies shall be equipped

with —

- (a) a body-restraining seat belt designed for use by an adult for the driver's seat;
- (b) a body-restraining seat belt for the specified passengers seat, if any; and
- (c) subject to paragraph (2), a body-restraining seat belt for any front passenger seat other than the driver's seat and the specified passenger's seat.

(2) Where any vehicle to which this rule applies cannot, by reason of the design of the vehicle, be equipped with a body-restraining seat belt for any front passenger seat other than the driver's seat and the specified passenger's seat, that vehicle shall instead be equipped with a lap belt for that front passenger seat.

(3) This rule shall apply to —

- (a) every motor car, motor car used for instructional purposes, business service passenger vehicle and private hire car registered on or after 1st January 1973;
- (b) every taxi;
- (c) every light goods vehicle and goods-cum-passengers vehicle;
- (d) every ambulance, fire engine, hearse and heavy goods vehicle registered on or after 1st January 1993; and
- (e) every bus registered on or after 1st April 2009.

### **Rear seat belts**

4.—(1) Every motor vehicle to which this paragraph applies shall —

- (a) where the motor vehicle is permitted to carry not more than 2 rear seat passengers, be equipped with a body-restraining seat belt for each rear seat passenger; and
- (b) where the motor vehicle is permitted to carry more than 2 rear seat passengers, be equipped with —
  - (i) a body-restraining seat belt for each rear seat passenger on an outboard seat; and
  - (ii) either a body-restraining seat belt or a lap belt for each

remaining rear seat passenger.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall apply to every motor car, motor car used for instructional purposes, business service passenger vehicle, private hire car, taxi, station wagon constructed for the carriage of up to 8 passengers and motor vehicle having double cabs which is registered on or after 1st January 1993.

(3) Every motor vehicle to which this paragraph applies shall be equipped with a body-restraining seat belt for each rear seat passenger.

(4) Paragraph (3) shall apply to —

(a) every motor vehicle which —

- (i) is a station wagon adapted from the body of a van, or is adapted or modified for use as a goods-cum-passengers vehicle;
  - (ii) has been granted modified type-approval in accordance with rule 3D of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) Rules (R 5); and
  - (iii) is registered on or after 1st April 2009;
- (b) every station wagon (adapted from the body of a van) which has its seating configuration changed on or after 1st April 2009;
- (c) every small bus which has its seating configuration changed on or after 1st April 2009;
- (d) every small bus converted on or after 1st April 2009 to a public service vehicle of a different class under the Second Schedule to the Act;
- (e) every van converted to a small bus on or after 1st April 2009;
- (f) every goods-cum-passengers vehicle (adapted from the body of a van) which is converted to a small bus on or after 1st April 2009;
- (g) every goods-cum-passengers vehicle (adapted from the body of a van) which has its seating configuration changed on or after 1st April 2009;
- (h) every van converted to a goods-cum-passengers vehicle on or after 1st April 2009; and