

Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Vocational Licences and Conduct of Drivers, Conductors and Passengers) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2006

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**ROAD TRAFFIC ACT
(CHAPTER 276)**

ROAD TRAFFIC (PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES) (VOCATIONAL LICENCES AND CONDUCT OF DRIVERS, CONDUCTORS AND PASSENGERS) (AMENDMENT NO. 2) RULES 2006

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 111 and 144 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 (Public Service Vehicles) (Vocational Licences and Conduct of Drivers, Conductors and Passengers) (Amendment No. 2) Rules 2006 and shall come into operation on 1st January 2007.

Deletion and substitution of rule 39

2. Rule 39 of the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Vocational Licences and Conduct of Drivers, Conductors and Passengers) Rules (R 8) is deleted and the following rule substituted therefor:

“Property left in vehicles

39.—(1) Immediately before or on the termination of any journey, the driver and the conductor, if any, of a vehicle shall as far as practicable search the vehicle for any property left in the vehicle and shall immediately deposit the property in the state in which it came into his possession —

- (a) where the property is —
 - (i) any arm, as defined in the Arms Offences Act (Cap. 14);
 - (ii) any explosive substance, offensive weapon or scheduled weapon, as defined in the Corrosive and Explosive Substances and Offensive Weapons Act (Cap. 65); or
 - (iii) any controlled drug, as defined in the Misuse of Drugs Act (Cap. 185),
with a police officer, at a police station;
- (b) where the property is money in excess of \$1,000, whether in the form of cash, any bank draft, cheque or other negotiable instrument or any combination of cash, bank draft, cheque and other negotiable instrument —
 - (i) with an authorised officer, at the office of the Registrar; or
 - (ii) with a police officer, at a police station; or
- (c) in the case of any other property —
 - (i) where the vehicle does not belong to any specified company —
 - (A) with an authorised officer, at the office of the Registrar; or
 - (B) with a police officer, at a police station; or
 - (ii) where the vehicle belongs to a specified company, with a designated employee of the specified company, at any address of the specified company set out in the Fifth Schedule.

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(2) The recipient of any property under paragraph (1) shall give the driver or conductor a receipt for the property.

(3) Any property deposited with a police officer under paragraph (1)(b)(ii) or (c)(i)(B) shall immediately be deposited with the Registrar or an authorised officer, at the office of the Registrar, who shall give a receipt for the property.

(4) The Registrar or specified company having the custody of the property shall retain it in safe keeping until it is claimed by its owner or disposed of in accordance with paragraphs (7), (8), (9), (12), (13) and (14).

(5) Where any property deposited at the office of the Registrar under paragraph (1)(c)(i)(A) or (3) consists of a package, bag or other receptacle and its contents, the Registrar or an authorised officer may cause the package, bag or receptacle to be opened and its contents to be examined if he considers it necessary to do so for the purpose of —

- (a) identifying and tracing the owner of the property; or
- (b) ascertaining the nature of the contents.

(6) Where the name and address of the owner of any property deposited at the office of the Registrar are readily ascertainable, the Registrar shall immediately notify the owner that the property is in his possession and may be claimed in accordance with this rule.

(7) Subject to paragraph (8), if any property retained by the Registrar under paragraph (4) is not proved to the satisfaction of the Registrar to belong to a claimant within 3 months from the date on which it was deposited under paragraph (1)(b)(i) or (c)(i)(A) or (3) —

- (a) where the property is money, it shall be paid into the Consolidated Fund;
- (b) where the property is of any type set out in the first column of the Sixth Schedule, it shall be disposed of in the corresponding manner of disposal set out in the second column of that Schedule; or
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- (c) in the case of any other property, it may thereupon be sold, destroyed or otherwise disposed of as the Registrar sees fit.

(8) If any property retained by the Registrar under paragraph (4) appears to him to be of a perishable nature, and if it is not claimed within 48 hours from the time it was found, it may thereupon be sold, destroyed or otherwise disposed of as he sees fit.

(9) Any money obtained from any sale under paragraph (7)(c) or (8) shall be

paid into the Consolidated Fund.

(10) Where any property deposited at any address of a specified company under paragraph (1)(c)(ii) consists of a package, bag or other receptacle and its contents, a designated officer of the specified company may cause the package, bag or receptacle to be opened and its contents to be examined if he considers it necessary to do so for the purpose of —

- (a) identifying and tracing the owner of the property; or
- (b) ascertaining the nature of the contents.

(11) Where the name and address of the owner of any property deposited at any address of a specified company are readily ascertainable, the specified company shall immediately notify the owner that the property is in its possession and may be claimed in accordance with this rule.

(12) Subject to paragraph (13), if any property retained by a specified company under paragraph (4) is not proved to the satisfaction of a designated officer of the specified company to belong to a claimant within 3 months from the date on which it was deposited under paragraph (1)(c)(ii) —

- (a) where the property is money, it shall belong to the specified company;
- (b) where the property is of any type set out in the first column of the Sixth Schedule, it shall be disposed of in the corresponding manner of disposal set out in the second column of that Schedule; or
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- (c) in the case of any other property, it may thereupon be sold by public auction or disposed of in such other manner as may be approved by the Registrar.

(13) If any property retained by a specified company under paragraph (4) appears to a designated officer of the specified company to be of a perishable nature, and if it is not claimed within 48 hours from the time it was found, it may thereupon be sold, destroyed or otherwise disposed of as he sees fit.

(14) Any money obtained from any sale under paragraph (12)(c) or (13) shall belong to the specified company.

(15) The Registrar shall maintain a register of all property deposited at his office under paragraph (1)(b)(i) or (c)(i)(A) or (3) and of the disposal of the property.