Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) (Amendment No. 3) Rules 2002

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ROAD TRAFFIC (MOTOR VEHICLES, REGISTRATION AND LICENSING) (AMENDMENT NO. 3) RULES 2002

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 No. 3) Rules 2002 and shall come into operation on 1st July 2002.

Amendment of rule 2

2. Rule 2(1) of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) Rules (R 5) (referred to in these Rules as the principal Rules) is amended by inserting, immediately after the definition of "registered owner", the following definition:

" "small bus" means a bus having a maximum seating capacity of 10 persons (including the driver) or less;".

New rule 3C

3. The principal Rules are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 3B, the following rule:

"Registration of light goods vehicles and small buses

3C.—(1) The Registrar shall not register any person as the owner of a light goods vehicle (other than a goods-cum-passengers vehicle) or a bus having a maximum seating capacity of 10 persons (including the driver) unless the Registrar is satisfied that the person —

- (*a*) is
 - (i) a person registered under the Business Registration Act (Cap. 32);
 - (ii) a company registered under the Companies Act (Cap. 50);
 - (iii) a statutory authority established under any written law;
 - (iv) the Government; or
 - (v) a person exempted from registration under section 4(1)(a) of the Business Registration Act read with paragraphs 1 and 3(d) of the First Schedule to that Act; and
- (b) has complied or has undertaken to the Registrar to comply with rule 45C(1), (2) or (3), as the case may be.

(2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the Registrar may, in his discretion and subject to such conditions as he thinks fit, register any person not specified in paragraph (1) as the owner of a light goods vehicle (other than a goods-cumpassengers vehicle) or a bus having a maximum seating capacity of 10 persons (including the driver).".

Amendment of rule 26

4. Rule 26 of the principal Rules is amended by inserting, immediately after paragraph (8), the following paragraph:

"(8A) The Registrar may, in his discretion, refuse to approve the transfer of a light goods vehicle (other than a goods-cum-passengers vehicle) or a small bus unless he is satisfied that —

- (*a*) it will, after the transfer, be registered under a person specified in rule 3C (1) or (2); and
- (b) the person referred to in sub-paragraph (a) has complied or has undertaken to the Registrar to comply with rule 45C (1), (2) or (3), as the case may be.".

Amendment of rule 26A

5. Rule 26A of the principal Rules is amended by inserting, immediately after paragraph (3), the following paragraph:

"(4) The Registrar may, in his discretion, refuse to approve the transfer of a light goods vehicle (other than a goods-cum-passengers vehicle) or a small bus to a person referred to in paragraph (3) unless he is satisfied that —

- (a) it will, after the transfer, be registered under a person specified in rule 3C (1) or (2); and
- (b) the person referred to in sub-paragraph (a) has complied or has undertaken to the Registrar to comply with rule 45C (1), (2) or (3), as the case may be.".

Amendment of rule 29

6. Rule 29 of the principal Rules is amended by inserting, immediately after paragraph (3), the following paragraphs:

"(4) The Registrar may, in his discretion, refuse to approve the transfer of a light goods vehicle (other than a goods-cum-passengers vehicle) or a small bus unless he is satisfied that —

- (*a*) it will, after the transfer, be registered under a person specified in rule 3C (1) or (2); and
- (b) the person referred to in sub-paragraph (a) has complied or has undertaken to the Registrar to comply with rule 45C (1), (2) or (3), as the case may be.