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PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL

Government Notifications

MOTOR TRAFFIC ACT (CHAPTER 203)

L.D.B. 24/51.

REGULATIONS made by the Minister of Transport under sections 19, 202 and 237 read with sections 3, 14, 27, 29 and 38 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) as last amended by Act No. 5 of 1998.

DALAS ALAHAPPERUMA,  
Minister of Transport.

Colombo,  
14th January, 2008.

Regulations

1. These regulations may be cited as the Motor Traffic (Vehicle Emission Control and Certification) Regulations No. of 2008.

2. (a) No motor vehicle manufactured, assembled or designed in Sri Lanka or any motor vehicle imported into Sri Lanka shall be registered with the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles unless such vehicle complies with the Vehicular exhaust Emission Standards contained in the National Environmental (Air Emission, Fuel, and Vehicle Importation Standards) Regulation No. 1 of 2003 made under the National Environmental Act, No. 47 of 1980 and published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 1295/11 of June 30, 2003;

(b) The National Environmental (Air Emission, fuel and Vehicle Importation Standards) Regulation No. 1 of 2003 published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 1295/11 of June 30, 2003 in its application to the provisions of these regulations, shall be applied subject to such amendments as may be made to such Regulation from time to time:

Provided that, in the event of another Regulation being made under the National Environmental Act, No. 47 of 1980, in place of the aforesaid regulation at any future date, such new regulation as deals with Air Emission Standards shall be applicable to these regulations in place of such aforesaid regulation.

(c) The permissible mobile air emission limits for every motor vehicle being used in Sri Lanka shall be in accordance with the standards published in the aforesaid *Gazette*.

(d) No owner or user of a motor vehicle shall permit the emission of, or cause the emission of vehicular exhaust emissions into the atmosphere in excess of the limits specified in the Schedule to the aforesaid regulation.

3. The commissioner of Motor Traffic or an Officer authorized specially in that behalf shall from and after the coming into operation of these regulations carry out the testing for-

- (a) every motor vehicle designed, manufactured or assembled in Sri Lanka;
- (b) every motor vehicle manufactured or assembled abroad and thereafter imported to Sri Lanka;
- (c) every motor vehicle in use in Sri Lanka.

and issue a Compliance Certificate if such vehicle conforms to the specified standards. The Compliance Certificate shall be issued in such format as shall be specified by the Commissioner of Motor Traffic,

4. No annual revenue license in respect of such vehicle shall be issued unless on the production of the Compliance Certificate referred to above:

Provided that the annual Compliance Certificate shall be issued only upon carrying the testing referred to in regulation 6.

5. The Compliance Certificate issued under these regulations shall be valid for a period of one year and it shall be carried in the vehicle to which it relates.

6. Testing for the grant of the annual Compliance Certificate of mobile air emission standards in respect of the vehicle shall be carried out by-

- (a) the Department of Motor Traffic;
- (b) other public bodies authorized in writing by the Commissioner of Motor Traffic; or
- (c) any vehicle emission testing centre that may be authorized in writing by the Commissioner of Motor Traffic.

7. (a) The Commissioner of Motor Traffic shall consider for authorization for carrying out vehicle emission tests, only those persons or bodies whose test equipment have been certified and thereafter calibrated as provided for under Part V of Measurement Unit Standards and Services Act, No. 35 of 1995.

(b) No Compliance Certificate issued under these regulations by an accredited vehicle emission centre or any other public body referred to in regulation 6 of these regulations shall be considered valid, unless the measuring equipment used to test and certify complies with regulations 3 and 4 of the National Environmental (Air Emission, Fuel and Vehicle Importation Standards) Regulation No. 1 of 1003 made under the National Environmental act, No. 47 of 1980 and published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 1295/11 of June 30, 2003.

8. Motor Traffic (Emission Control) Regulation of 1994 made by the Minister of Transport and Highways under section 237 and published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No.817/6 of May 3, 1994, are hereby rescinded.

9. In these regulations-

"motor vehicle", for the purpose of this regulation shall have the same meaning as in the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) and shall include a motor lorry, motor ambulance, motor hearse, land vehicle, motor coach, omnibus, private coach, motor cycle, motor tricycle, motor tricycle van, motor car, motor wagon, dual purpose vehicle, invalid carriages and hand tractor;

"mobile air emission" means exhaust emission from all types of motor vehicles.

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