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Cabinet makes the following regulations under the Motor Traffic Act 2014:

PART 1 – PRELIMINARY MATTERS

1 Short title

These Regulations may be cited as the *Motor Traffic Regulations 2014*.

2 Commencement

These Regulations commence on the day on which they are published in the Gazette.

3 Repeal

The *Registration Labels Regulations 1973*, *Motor Traffic (Fees) Regulations 2012* and *Motor Traffic (Fees) (Amendment) Regulations 2014* are hereby repealed.

4 Interpretation

In these regulations:

‘approved garage’ has the same meaning as in the Act;

‘Act’ unless otherwise stated, means the *Motor Traffic Act 2014*;

‘commercial motor vehicle’ means:

- (a) a container mover and a prime mover (being a motor vehicle built to tow a semi-trailer);
- (b) a motor vehicle used by a commercial enterprise or business house for the carriage of goods or for the transporting of its employees; or
- (c) a motor vehicle that is used for a taxi service or a rental service as provided in these Regulations.

‘number plates’ mean one or more metal plates issued by the Registrar recording the unique identifying number assigned to each motor vehicle as provided under Regulation 5 of these Regulations;

‘plates’ unless otherwise stated, has the same meaning as number plates;

‘ply for hire’ means to drive a taxi on the road to search for, or be available for, hire;

'rental service' means the letting of a motor vehicle for an agreed period on hire or rent for the carriage of passengers or of goods, or both, to a person who drives the vehicle or provides a driver for the vehicle;

'rental vehicle operator' means a person who has been issued with a rental vehicle permit to operate a rental vehicle business;

'rental vehicle permit' means a permit that is issued under regulation 14(a)(b)(b);

'rental vehicle' means a vehicle that has been issued with a rental vehicle permit under these Regulations;

'semi-trailer' means a trailer that has:

- (a) one axle group or single axle towards the rear; and
- (b) a means of attachment to a prime mover that would result in some of the load being imposed on the prime mover;

'stand for hire' means, in the case of a taxi, to be parked ready to accept requests for hire;

'taxi' means a passenger motor vehicle which may carry no more than four passengers in addition to the driver and which is licensed to stand and ply for hire as a taxi;

'taxi operator's permit' means a permit issued by the Registrar certifying that the motor vehicle is authorised to carry out taxi services;

'trader plates' means plates that are issued under regulation 7 of these Regulations to a trader who has been issued with a motor vehicles trader's licence under section 31 of the Act;

'taxi services' means a business activity consisting of the provision and co-ordination of taxi services to passengers given for hire or reward.

PART 2 - NUMBER PLATES

5 Number Plates

- (1) The owner of a motor vehicle shall, within seven days of the motor vehicle being registered, and after payment of the prescribed fee, firmly affix to the motor vehicle the number plates issued by the approved garage.
- (2) Subject to sub-regulation (6), the number displayed on the plate issued under sub-regulation (1), shall be the same number issued under section 13 (1) (a) of the Act.

- (3) In the case of a motorcycle, trailer or auto rickshaw, it is sufficient for the purposes of this Act that one plate be securely affixed in an upright position on the rear of the vehicle.
- (4) In the case of any other kind of motor vehicle, one plate must be displayed on the front of the motor vehicle and one plate must be displayed on the rear of the motor vehicle.
- (5) For all motor vehicles covered under the Act and these Regulations, it is a requirement that number plates be securely affixed in an upright position and displayed so that the unique identifying number on the plate is easily visible at all times:
 - (a) in the case of the front plate, from the front of the motor vehicle;
 - (b) in the case of the rear plate, from the rear of the motor vehicle.
- (6) A person seeking to affix to his vehicle a personalised number plate must:
 - (a) submit to the Registrar the proposed letters, numbers or combination of both, to be written on the number plate;
 - (b) wait for the approval from the Registrar to be forwarded to the approved garage; and
 - (c) upon approval being granted, pay the prescribed fee under these Regulations.
- (7) Where the figures or letters, or both, on a number-plate, including personalised number plates, are so defaced that they are not easily legible, the owner of the motor vehicle to which the number plate is affixed shall notify the approved garage.
- (8) The approved garage shall:
 - (a) on receipt of a notification under sub-regulation (7); and
 - (b) on payment by the owner of the motor vehicle of the fee specified in the Regulations,supply to that owner a new number plate or number plates.
- (9) On receipt of a new number plate or number plates under sub-regulation (8), the owner of the motor vehicle in respect of which the new number plate or number plates is supplied, shall forthwith surrender the defaced number plate to the approved garage.
- (10) Subject to sub-regulation (6), an owner of a motor vehicle shall not cause or permit a number plate bearing a number other than the registered number of that motor vehicle to be affixed to that motor vehicle.