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ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (CHAPTER 276)

ROAD TRAFFIC (VEHICULAR EMISSIONS TAX) (AMENDMENT) RULES 2021

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 11AA of the Road Traffic Act, the Minister for Transport makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules are the Road Traffic (Vehicular Emissions Tax) (Amendment) Rules 2021 and come into operation on 1 April 2021.

Amendment of rule 2

2. Rule 2 of the Road Traffic (Vehicular Emissions Tax) Rules 2017 (G.N. No. S 776/2017) (called in these Rules the principal Rules) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately before the definition of “Band C1”, the following definition:

““Band C”, in relation to any prescribed vehicular emission, means the range of emission levels that is specified under Band C for such emission in Part 2 of the Second Schedule;”;

(b) by inserting, immediately after the words “such emission in” in the definitions of “Band C1” and “Band C2”, the words “Part 1 of”;

(c) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “Commission Regulation (EU) No. 2017/1151”, the following definition:

““Commission Regulation (EU) No. 2017/1152” means the Commission Implementing

Regulation (EU) 2017/1152 of 2 June 2017 setting out a methodology for determining the correlation parameters necessary for reflecting the change in the regulatory test procedure with regard to light commercial vehicles and amending implementing Regulation (EU) No. 293/2012;”;

(d) by inserting, immediately after the words “passenger car” in the definition of “Euro 6”, the words “or light commercial vehicle”;

(e) by inserting, immediately after the words “passenger car” in the definitions of “JPN2009” and “JPN2018”, the words “or light commercial vehicle”;

(f) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “JPN2018”, the following definition:

““light commercial vehicle” means a specified goods vehicle or a bus —

(a) the maximum laden weight of which does not exceed 3,500 kilograms; and

(b) that is subject to the additional registration fee under rule 7 of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Registration and Licensing) Rules (R 5);”;

(g) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “prescribed vehicular emission”, the following definitions:

““reference mass”, in relation to a vehicle, means the mass of the vehicle in running order —

(a) less the uniform mass of the driver of 75 kilograms; and

(b) increased by a uniform mass of 100 kilograms;

“special light commercial vehicle” means a light commercial vehicle that —

- (a) has a reference mass exceeding 2,610 kilograms; and
- (b) is approved under the European Union's Whole Vehicle Type Approval scheme established under —
 - (i) Regulation (EU) 2018/858 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 30 May 2018 on the approval and market surveillance of motor vehicles and their trailers, and of systems, components and separate technical units intended for such vehicles, amending Regulations (EC) No. 715/2007 and (EC) No. 595/2009 and repealing Directive 2007/46/EC;
 - (ii) Regulation (EC) No. 595/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2009 on type-approval of motor vehicles and engines with respect to emissions from heavy duty vehicles (Euro VI) and on access to vehicle repair and maintenance information and amendment Regulation (EC) No. 715 /2007 and Directive 2007/46/EC and repealing Directives 80/1269/EEC, 2005/55/EC and 2005/78/EC; and

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- (iii) Commission Regulation (EU) No. 582/2011 of 25 May 2011 implementing and amending Regulation (EC) No. 595/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council with respect to emission from heavy duty vehicles (Euro VI) and amending Annexes I and III to Directive 2007/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council;

“specified goods vehicle” means a goods vehicle that is not a vehicle specified in the Fourth Schedule;”.

Amendment of rule 3

3. Rule 3 of the principal Rules is amended —

- (a) by deleting the words “taxable vehicle, being a vehicle” in paragraph (1) and substituting the words “vehicle (called in this rule a taxable passenger vehicle)”;
- (b) by deleting the words “taxable vehicle” wherever they appear in paragraph (2) and substituting in each case the words “taxable passenger vehicle”;
- (c) by deleting the words “the vehicle” in paragraph (2)(a) and (b) and substituting in each case the words “the taxable passenger vehicle”; and
- (d) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (2), the following paragraphs:

“(3) The vehicular emissions tax is chargeable in respect of the first registration on or after 1 April 2021 but on or before 31 March 2023 of a vehicle —

- (a) whether new or secondhand, that is a light commercial vehicle; and