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**ROAD TRAFFIC ACT
(CHAPTER 276)**

**ROAD TRAFFIC (PUBLIC SERVICE VEHICLES)
(AMENDMENT) RULES 2017**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 111 of the Road Traffic Act, the Land Transport Authority of Singapore makes the following Rules:

Citation and commencement

1. These Rules are the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Amendment) Rules 2017 and come into operation on 20 June 2017.

Amendment of rule 2

2. Rule 2 of the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) Rules (R 14) (called in these Rules the principal Rules) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “authorised officer” in paragraph (1), the following definition:

“ “chauffeured private hire car” means a private hire car hired, or made available for hire, for use primarily in the circumstances in paragraph (b) of the definition of “private hire car” but which may also be used in the circumstances in paragraph (a) of that definition;”;

(b) by deleting the definition of “self-drive car” in paragraph (1) and substituting the following definitions:

“ “owner”, for a public service vehicle, means the registered owner of the vehicle;

“private hire car” means a motor car that does not ply for hire on any road, and —

- (a) is hired or made available for hire, under a contract (express or implied) for use as a whole by the hirer or any other individual authorised by the hirer in the contract to drive the car personally; or
- (b) is hired or made available for hire, under a contract (express or implied) for use as a whole with a driver for the purpose of conveying the hirer, and one or more passengers (if any), in that car;

“private hire car booking service operator” means a person who, in the course of business, engages in the following conduct (including conduct outside of Singapore, or partly inside and partly outside of Singapore):

- (a) accepts, or makes provision for the invitation or acceptance of, bookings from people for a ride-sourcing service; and
- (b) communicates the bookings to private hire car drivers to carry out that ride-sourcing service using licensed chauffeured private hire cars;

“ride-sourcing service” means a service where —

- (a) a passenger books transport for a journey within, or partly within, Singapore through a private hire car booking service operator;
- (b) the private hire car booking service operator communicates the passenger’s booking to a private hire car driver; and

(c) that driver carries out the transport booked using a licensed chauffeured private hire car;

“self-drive private hire car” means a private hire car hired, or made available for hire, in the circumstances in paragraph (a) of the definition of “private hire car.”;

(c) by deleting sub-paragraph (f) of paragraph (2) and substituting the following sub-paragraphs:

“(f) a chauffeured private hire car licence, that is to say, a licence to use, or make available for hire under a contract (express or implied) for use of, the vehicle as a chauffeured private hire car;

(fa) a self-drive private hire car licence, that is to say, a licence to use, or make available for hire to use, the vehicle as a self-drive private hire car;”; and

(d) by deleting paragraph (3) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(3) In these Rules —

(a) a reference to fares approved by the Council in relation to any taxi or taximeter in a taxi is a reference to the fares last lodged with the Council in accordance with the Public Transport Council (Taxi Fare Pricing Policy) Order 2016 (G.N. No. S 30/2016) for a taxi service using that taxi; and

(b) a reference to a private hire car licence is a reference to both a chauffeured private hire car licence and a self-drive private hire car licence.”.

Amendment of rule 3

3. Rule 3(3) of the principal Rules is amended by deleting the words “a private hire car,” in sub-paragraph (f).

New rule 8

4. The principal Rules are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 7, the following rule:

“Certified private hire car licensee

8.—(1) A licensee holding a private hire car licence may be certified by the Registrar to be a certified private hire car licensee if the Registrar is satisfied that the licensee —

- (a) is the owner of 2 or more licensed chauffeured private hire cars;
- (b) is the employer of at least 2 drivers on a full-time basis to provide ride-sourcing services that are booked through the licensee and using those chauffeured private hire cars;
- (c) has, in the period of 12 months before applying to be a certified private hire car licensee, directly received bookings for ride-sourcing services provided by drivers it employs (including through the licensee’s own mobile application) which are at least 75% of the total number of bookings for ride-sourcing services provided by its drivers during that period;
- (d) has an appropriate in-house training and assessment programme for its employees who are providing those ride-sourcing services in the course of their employment with the licensee; and
- (e) ensures that the employees mentioned in sub-paragraph (d) attend the medical fitness tests necessary to obtain the certificates and reports required under the Road Traffic (Public Service Vehicles) (Vocational Licences and Conduct of Drivers, Conductors, Trishaw Riders and

Passengers) Rules (R 8) to obtain or renew their vocational licences.

(2) An application to be a certified private hire car licensee must be accompanied by a non-refundable application fee of \$2,500.

(3) A certification under paragraph (1) for a licensee is valid for a period not exceeding 5 years starting on the date specified by the Registrar in a written notice to the licensee when granting the certification.

(4) However, a certification under paragraph (1) for a licensee ceases to be valid on the happening of the earliest of the following events:

- (a) the certification is cancelled under paragraph (8);
- (b) the licence of the licensee is revoked or suspended under section 108 of the Act or under rule 7.

(5) The Registrar may, on application, renew a licensee's certification under paragraph (1) for any further period (not exceeding 5 years) as specified in a written notice to the licensee if the Registrar is satisfied that the licensee meets all the requirements for certification mentioned in paragraph (1) as if the application to renew were an application to be certified.

(6) To determine whether to certify a licensee under paragraph (1) as a certified private hire car licensee, to ensure that a licensee remains in compliance with the requirements of certification mentioned in that paragraph, or to renew the certification under paragraph (5), the Registrar may require the licensee to provide such information, reports and records as the Registrar may require to ascertain —

- (a) the licensee's compliance with the provisions of the Act and these Rules where applicable to a licensee holding a private hire car licence;
- (b) the licensee's compliance with conditions of the private hire car licence granted to that licensee; and