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**ROAD TRAFFIC ACT
(CHAPTER 276)**

**ROAD TRAFFIC
(MOTOR VEHICLES, REGISTRATION AND LICENSING)
(AMENDMENT NO. 7) RULES 2012**

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. 7) Rules 2012 and shall come into operation on 1st September 2012.

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 —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “cylinder capacity”, the following definition:

“ “de-registered”, in relation to a vehicle, means that the registration of the vehicle has been cancelled;”; and

(b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “off-peak car”, the following definition:

“ “original vehicle” has the same meaning as in the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Quota System) Rules;”.

New rule 3F

3. The principal Rules are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 3E, the following rule (with illustration):

“Registration of replacement vehicle

3F.—(1) The Registrar may, upon an application under rule 3 and payment of a processing fee of \$20, register a replacement vehicle in substitution of the original vehicle if the certificate of entitlement of the original vehicle has been transferred to the replacement vehicle under rule 19A of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Quota System) Rules (R 31).

(2) Upon the registration of the replacement vehicle —

- (a) the replacement vehicle shall be deemed to have been registered on the date of registration of the original vehicle for the purposes of the Act;
- (b) the registration of the original vehicle shall be cancelled under section 27(d) of the Act;
- (c) the licence issued in respect of the original vehicle under Part VI may be transferred to the replacement vehicle under rule 41A; and
- (d) the index mark and registration number of the original vehicle shall be re-assigned to the replacement vehicle.

(3) No fee shall be payable under rule 6 (registration fee) on the registration of a replacement vehicle.

(4) The amount of the rebate calculated in accordance with paragraph (5) shall be set off against the additional registration fee stipulated in Part II of the First Schedule to be payable in respect of the replacement vehicle under rule 7(1) or (7).

(5) The amount of the rebate referred to in paragraph (4) shall be the sum of —

- (a) the additional registration fee paid in respect of the registration of the original vehicle; and
- (b) any residual value allowed under rule 20 of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Quota System) Rules or rebate

granted by the Registrar under rule 8(4), which was set off against the additional registration fee payable in respect of the registration of the original vehicle.

(6) Except for the rebate provided under paragraph (5)(b), no other residual value allowed under rule 20 of the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles, Quota System) Rules or rebate granted by the Registrar under rule 8(4) shall be set off against the additional registration fee in respect of the registration of the replacement vehicle.

(7) For the avoidance of doubt, the rebate referred to in paragraph (4) shall apply in addition to any other rebates granted by the Registrar under these Rules which may be set off against the additional registration fee in respect of the registration of the replacement vehicle.

(8) Where the sum of all the rebates which may be set off against the additional registration fee in respect of the registration of the replacement vehicle exceeds the amount of that additional registration fee, the excess amount of the rebate shall be paid to the last registered owner of the original vehicle.

(9) If the replacement vehicle is a secondhand vehicle, a rebate equal to the sum specified in rule 7(1A) (secondhand vehicle surcharge) and paid in respect of the original vehicle (if any) shall be set off against the sum payable under rule 7(1A) in respect of the replacement vehicle.

(10) Upon the transfer of a licence issued in respect of the original vehicle to the replacement vehicle under paragraph (2)(c) —

(a) a rebate equal to the refund that would be payable by the Registrar under rule 65 if the licence were surrendered on the actual registration date shall be set off against the licence fee payable under Part VI in respect of the replacement vehicle for the unexpired period of the licence so transferred; and

(b) no such licence fee shall be payable for the replacement vehicle in respect of the period between the deemed

registration date and the eve of the actual registration date (both dates inclusive).

(11) Where the amount of any rebate under paragraph (9) or (10), as the case may be, exceeds the amount against which it may be set off, the excess amount of the rebate shall be paid to the last registered owner of the original vehicle.

(12) Notwithstanding rules 33E(6) and 33G(3), if on the actual registration date both the original vehicle and the replacement vehicle are new scheme off-peak cars within the meaning of rule 33E or 33G, the rebate for the eligibility period or rebate period under rule 33E(4) or 33G(1), as the case may be, shall be payable at the end of that period —

- (a) for the original vehicle on a pro-rata basis (discounting the period running from the actual registration date); and
- (b) for the replacement vehicle on a pro-rata basis (discounting any period before the actual registration date).

(13) Except as provided in this rule, no fee or part thereof which has been paid under rule 6, 7 or 36 for the original vehicle shall be refunded upon the cancellation of the registration of the original vehicle under paragraph (2)(b).

(14) For the avoidance of doubt, this rule shall not allow any replacement vehicle to be registered under a different registration scheme from that of the original vehicle.

Illustration

Where the original vehicle was an off-peak car, a PU-registered vehicle or an RU-registered vehicle, the replacement vehicle may only be registered under this rule as an off-peak car, a PU-registered vehicle or an RU-registered vehicle respectively.

(15) In this rule —

“actual registration date”, in relation to a replacement vehicle, means the date on which the replacement vehicle is registered pursuant to paragraph (1);

“deemed registration date”, in relation to a replacement vehicle, means the date on which the replacement vehicle is deemed to have been registered pursuant to paragraph (2)(a).”.

Amendment of rule 34A

4. Rule 34A of the principal Rules is amended by deleting paragraph (15).

New rule 34D

5. The principal Rules are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 34C, the following rule:

“Keeping of de-registered original vehicle prior to destruction or export

34D.—(1) Rules 34A and 34B shall not apply to an original vehicle which has been de-registered pursuant to rule 3F(2)(b).

(2) Where section 27(1)(d)(i) or (iii) of the Act applies, the owner or person in possession of the de-registered original vehicle shall cause the vehicle to be destroyed or permanently removed from Singapore within one month after the date of cancellation of the registration of the vehicle, or such longer period as the Registrar may approve in any particular case.

(3) Until the de-registered original vehicle has been destroyed or permanently removed from Singapore, the vehicle shall be kept in such private area or compound or designated area, as the Registrar may direct.”.

New rule 41A

6. The principal Rules are amended by inserting, immediately after rule 41, the following rule:

“Transfer of licence to replacement vehicle

41A.—(1) Notwithstanding section 19(2) of the Act, upon the registration of a replacement vehicle under rule 3F —

(a) the Registrar may transfer the licence issued for the original vehicle to the replacement vehicle; and

(b) the licence shall entitle the holder of the licence to use or keep the replacement vehicle for the remainder of the period of the licence.

(2) The transfer of a licence under paragraph (1)(a) shall not cause the date of commencement of a licence to be changed.

(3) The Registrar shall not be required to transfer the licence unless he is satisfied of the matters referred to in section 19(3) of the Act, with the necessary modifications and so far as may be relevant, in relation to the replacement vehicle.”.

Amendment of rule 48

7. Rule 48 of the principal Rules is amended —

(a) by deleting the words “and (3)” in paragraph (1) and substituting the words “to (4)”; and

(b) by inserting, immediately after paragraph (3), the following paragraph:

“(4) In the case of a licence which has been transferred to a replacement vehicle under rule 41A —

(a) the transferred licence shall be attached to and carried on the replacement vehicle immediately after the transfer of the licence, or such longer period as the Registrar may permit; and

(b) the new licence shall be attached to and carried on the replacement vehicle no later than 7 days (excluding any day which is a Sunday or public holiday) after the expiry of the transferred licence, or such longer period as the Registrar may permit.”.

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