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THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT, 1973

(No. 30 OF 1973)

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**REGULATIONS**

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THE ROAD TRAFFIC (MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTRATION) REGULATIONS, 2001

**PART I**

**PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles Registration) Regulations, 2001, and shall come into operation on the day which the Minister may, by notice published in the *Gazette* appoint.

Citation

*Road Traffic (Motor Vehicles Registration) Regulations.*

G.N. No. 177 (contd.)

Applica-  
tion

2. These Regulations shall apply to registration of all motor vehicles in Mainland Tanzania except for motor vehicles owned by the Government, Tanzania Peoples Defence Forces, International organisations, diplomatic or consular offices whether or not such motor vehicle are meant for use for public transport or private transport.

Interpre-  
tation  
Act. 30 of  
1973

3. In these Regulations-  
"Act" means the Road Traffic Act, 1973;  
"licence fee" means the fee payable upon submission of application for licence and includes a charge for maintenance of motor vehicle registration systems;  
"motor vehicle" have the meaning assigned to it under the Act;  
"Registrar" means the Registrar of Motor Vehicles appointed under section 3 of the Act;  
"trailer" have the meaning assigned to it under the Act;  
"vehicle" have the meaning assigned to it under the Act.

PART II

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION

Require-  
ment for  
Registration

4.-(1) Subject sub-regulation (2), every person owning motor vehicle shall make application for the registration of such a motor vehicle.

(2) Application for registration of a vehicle shall be made to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles.

(3) Motor vehicles to which application for registration shall be made are:

- (a) Cars;
- (b) work machines when used for passengers except where used for facilitating crossing of a road or crossing the shortest way to or from a working place or when used for transporting of goods, on public roads;
- (a) trailers attached to tractors, work machines or heavy jeep;
- (b) trailer attached to a motor machine.

Exemp-  
tion

5. Motor vehicles which may be exempted from registration are:

- (a) any vehicle which is in transit to a country other than Tanzania;
- (b) a vehicle carried or being moved from the harbour immediately after clearance by the Customs Office to the place where the owner resides.

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6.-(1) Application for registration of a motor vehicle shall be made in writing by the owner and addressed to the Registrar on the Form set out in the Schedule to these Regulations.

Applica  
tion for  
registra-  
tion in  
general

(2) The application shall contain:

- (a) data identifying the vehicle and the owner;
- (b) customs clearance certificate;
- (c) certificate of road worthiness;
- (d) certificate of insurance; and
- (e) any other necessary requirement.

(3) Where the vehicle in respect of which an application for registration is made was owned by the Tanzania Peoples Defence Force, the Government, a local government, a parastatal organisation, or the diplomatic or consular offices or an international organisation enjoying privileges akin to those enjoyed by members of diplomatic or consular offices, the applicant shall produce the extract evidencing proof that such vehicle has been sold to him and that all necessary taxes and duties have been paid.

(4) Where the application relates to vehicles imported to Tanzania by a person other than importer for purpose of using such vehicle in Tanzania, the applicant shall, in addition to requirement of this Regulations, submit information relating to:

- (a) identity of the owner;
- (b) particulars of the vehicles; and
- (c) information as to whether relevant taxes and duties have exporting country.

(5) Where the application relates to vehicles imported to Tanzania from a SARPCCO member Country, the applicant shall submit a SARPCCO Vehicle Clearance Certificate from the exporting country.

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2000

(6) In this Regulation, SARPCCO means the Southern African Regional Police Chiefs Cooperation.

Registration  
of  
vehicle

7.-(1) Where the Registrar is satisfied that all necessary conditions have been complied with, he shall register the motor vehicle.

(2) The Registrar shall not register a person who is or apparently below the age of eighteen years as owner of a vehicle.

(3) The Registrar may register any person who is or about the age of fourteen years as owner of a motor cycle.

(4) The Registrar shall not register as owner of a motor vehicle any person of unsound mind.

Emer-  
gency  
Motor  
Vehicles  
etc.

8.-(1) Motor vehicles intended for use by use by the members of fire fighting groups, ambulance or those intended for delivery of emergency services shall be exempted from the requirement of licence and any other conditions as the Minister may, by order specify.

(2) The vehicles classified for delivery of emergency services shall not be registered as such unless approval there is evidence that it is capable of doing the type of emergency service for which it was manufactured.

Roadworthi-  
ness  
inspection

9.-(1) All applications for registration of a vehicle shall be accompanied by a certificate issued by appointed vehicle inspectors, certifying that the vehicle with respect to which a registration is applied for is roadworthy.

(2) Subject to sub-regulation (3), the certificate for roadworthiness must relate to the inspection conducted within one month before the application is made.

(3) Where the application made relates to a new vehicle, the requirements for a certificate of roadworthiness may be dispensed with.

(4) Notwithstanding sub-regulation (3), the Registrar may direct that a certificate of roadworthiness be obtained and the applicant shall comply with such directive.

PART III  
REGISTER OF MOTOR VEHICLES

10.-(1) The Registrar shall keep and maintain the Register of motor vehicles.

The Register

(2) The Register shall contain all necessary information relating to motor vehicles and in particular it shall contain:

- (a) the address and the Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) of the owner;
  - (b) particulars stipulated under the Second Schedule to these Regulations;
  - (c) if transferred from original owner, particulars of the transfer date of transfer, the transferor and transferee.
- (3) Information and all particulars concerning the vehicle shall be supplied or extracted from the owner, insurance companies or car dealers.

11.-(1) Any error in the Register may be corrected at any time on discovery when it is discovered.

Correc-  
tion of  
the  
register

(2) Where the registrar makes any correction in the Register, he shall notify the owner of the vehicle in respect of which correction of particulars have been made.

12.-(1) Subject to Regulation 14, any information relating to any particular vehicle may be supplied to the public upon application and on payment of a prescribed fee.

Accessibility  
of public  
to register

(2) Notwithstanding sub-regulation (1), any information relating to other personal particulars may be obtained or availed to the public where:

- (a) there is express permission by law;
- (b) the information is necessary for the purpose of compliance with any requirement of the Road Traffic Act, but no information as is likely to interfere or injure the personal integrity of the owner of the vehicle may be supplied to the public.

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(3) Unless as provided for under sub-regulation (2), information which may be available to the public shall be such as may relate to the name of the owner and particulars of the vehicle.

(4) The Registrar shall have the responsibility to keep and maintain all information and may, where necessary, match any information supplied to him with other information obtained or supplied to him for the purpose stated in these Regulations.

(5) Any information supplied but which may not be necessary for the purpose of registration, the keeping and maintenance of the Register may be discarded.

Police  
officer  
may  
detain

13.-(1) A police officer may, upon reasonable and probable grounds of suspicion that any vehicle is used on a road contrary to the provisions of these Regulations, detain that vehicle.

(2) Where a vehicle has been detained in pursuance of sub-regulation (1), he shall inform the Registrar about such detention.

Direction  
by  
Govern-  
ment

14.-(1) The Registrar shall supply any information required by the Government or any relevant authority in relation to any particular matter with respect to the registration of any vehicle.

(2) The request for any information may be specific or of a general nature.

Removal  
of any  
informa-  
tion from  
register

15.-(1) The Registrar may remove any information or delete any entry from the Register if such information or entry relate to a vehicle which has been de-registered in pursuance of any of the reasons specified under Regulation 32.

(2) The removal of any entry from the Register may be done after five years following the de-registration of the motor vehicle.

(3) Notwithstanding sub-regulation (2), the Registrar may after the expiry of one year following the date of de-registration alter information relating to that vehicle.