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THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT, 1973

(No. 30 OF 1973)

REGULATIONS

Made under section 114

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.

Registra-
tion 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-
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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.

