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MALTA TRANSPORT AUTHORITY ACT (CAP. 332)

TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDINANCE (CAP. 65)

Motor Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Regulations, 2004

IN exercise of the powers conferred by article 32 of the Malta Transport Authority Act and article 54 of the Traffic Regulation Ordinance, the Minister for Urban Development and Roads, after consultation with the Malta Transport Authority, in concurrance with the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, has made the following regulations:-

Citation and commencement.

1. (1) The title of these regulations is the Motor Vehicles (Registration and Licensing) Regulations, 2004.

(2) These regulations, other than the provisions of regulations 51 and 52 thereof, shall be deemed to have come into force on the 1st May, 2004. The provisions of regulations 51 and 52 come into force on the date of publication of these regulations.

Part I
PRELIMINARY

Interpretation.

2. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:

"authorised inspecting officer" means a Police officer, a local warden or an officer of the Authority;

"the Authority" means the Malta Transport Authority as established by the Malta Transport Authority Act ;

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"authorised treatment facility" means an undertaking or establishment in possession of a valid permit from the Malta Environment and Planning Authority in accordance with the Waste Management (End-of-Life Vehicles) Regulations, 2004.

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"certificate of destruction" means a certificate issued by an authorised treatment facility in accordance with sub-regulation 6(3)

of the Waste Management (End-of-Life Vehicles) Regulations, 2004;

"company" has the same meaning as is assigned to it in article 2 of the Companies Act; Cap. 386.

"commercial vehicle" means any road vehicle which, by its design or equipment, is suitable for and intended for transporting of goods, whether for payment or not;

"co-operative society" means a co-operative society registered or provisionally registered under the Co-operative Societies Act; Cap. 442.

"cycle" means, for the purpose of these regulations, a cycle fitted with an engine having a cylinder capacity of more than 50 cm^3 if of the internal combustion type and, or a maximum design speed of more than 45 km/h, and includes motor cycles, motor tricycles and quadricycles;

"dealer" means a person who sells or buys motor vehicles for profit;

"driver" means any person who drives a motor vehicle even for a short period;

"end-of-life vehicle" means a vehicle which is waste within the meaning of Article 1(a) of Directive 75/442/EEC;

"the European Union" has the same meaning as is given to it in the European Union Act and includes the Kingdom of Norway, the Republic of Iceland and the Republic of Liechtenstein;

"goods carrying motor vehicle" means a vehicle of any class or description other than a public service vehicle, used exclusively for the conveyance of goods or materials. This category of vehicles includes all kinds of lorries, trucks, vans, tankers, motor hearses and self loading vehicles;

"gross combined weight (g.c.w.)" means the aggregated sums of the gross vehicle weight of the motor vehicle used for traction and the gross vehicle weight of the coupled (by means of a special coupling device) trailer and, or semi-trailer together with its maximum specified load;

"gross vehicle weight (g.v.w.)" has the same meaning as is assigned to it in the Motor Vehicle Roadworthiness Test Regulations, 1998;

L.N. 126 of 1998.

"hire or reward" means any payment or compensation made for the carrying of passengers or goods, whether such payment or compensation is made directly or indirectly;

"invalid motor vehicle" means a mechanically propelled vehicle with an unladen weight not exceeding 508 kilograms, specially designed and constructed, and not merely adapted, for the use of a person suffering from some physical defect or disability;

"Malta Environment and Planning Authority" means the Malta Environment and Planning Authority as established under the Development Planning Act;

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"M1, M2 and M3 motor vehicles" have the same meaning assigned to them by the Motor Vehicles (Weights, Dimensions and Equipment) Regulations, 2003;

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"Member State" means a Member State of the European Union;

"the Minister" means the Minister responsible for land transport;

"motor cycle" means any two-wheeled vehicle, with or without a sidecar;

"motor hearse" means any motor vehicle used for the conveyance of corpses;

"motor omnibus" means any motor vehicle which is licensed and, or registered to carry 10 or more passengers, excluding the driver;

"motor tricycle" means a vehicle with three symmetrically arranged wheels fitted with an engine having a cylinder capacity of more than 50 cm^3 if of the internal combustion type or a maximum design speed of more than 45 km/h;

"motor vehicle" means any mechanically self-propelled vehicle intended for use on the road, other than a vehicle running on rails, the maximum designed speed of which exceeds 45 kilometers per hour;

"N1, N2 and N3 motor vehicles" have the same meaning assigned to them by the Motor Vehicles (Weights, Dimensions and Equipment) Regulations, 2003;

"new motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle the legal title of which has never been transferred by the manufacturer, or distributor or dealer to an ultimate purchaser, which has never been permanently registered and licensed to be used on the road, and which is no more than 6 months old since first entry into service or which has travelled under its own power for no more than 6,000 kilometres ;

"non-resident" means any person who does not reside in Malta but who accepts employment or engages in any trade, profession, or occupation in Malta;

"normal residence" means the place where a person usually lives, that is to say, where he lives for at least 185 days in each year, because of personal and occupational ties, or, in the case of a person with no occupational ties, because of personal ties.

However, the normal residence of a person whose occupational ties are in a different place from his personal ties and who consequently lives in turn in different places situated in two or more countries shall be regarded as being the place of his personal ties:

Provided that such person returns to the place of his personal ties regularly. This proviso shall not apply if the person is living in a country in order to carry out a task of a definite duration. A person who lives in a country primarily for the purposes of attending a school or university or other educational or vocational establishment shall not be regarded as having his normal residence in that country;

"O1, O2, O3 and O4 motor vehicles" have the same meaning assigned to them by the Motor Vehicles (Weights, Dimensions and Equipment) Regulations, 2003;

"off-road vehicle" means a motor vehicle designed and constructed primarily for use other than on roads;

"owner" means the person, whether as an individual or in representation of a company, partnership or cooperative society, in whose name a motor vehicle is licensed and, or registered;

"partnership" includes an association, not registered under the Companies Act, between two or more persons;

"person established outside Malta" means an individual having his normal residence outside Malta or a person (other than an individual) having his only or principal place of business outside Malta;

"private motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle, including its trailer, if any, other than vehicles suitable and intended for transporting more than nine persons, including the driver, or goods. It shall also include a caravan;

"producer" means the vehicle manufacturer or the professional importer of a vehicle into a Member State;

"public highway" means any national arterial, distributor, access and local access road;

"public transport vehicle" means a motor vehicle that is used or intended to be used for the purpose of carrying passengers for hire or reward;

"quadricycle" means a vehicle with four wheels whose unladen mass is not more than 400 kg (550 kg for vehicles intended for carrying goods), not including the mass of batteries in the case of electric vehicles, and whose maximum net engine power does not exceed 15 kW;

"register" means the record kept by the Authority of the motor vehicles registered by it;

"registration certificate" means the document which certifies that the vehicle is registered in Malta;

"registration mark" means the registration number assigned to a motor vehicle;

"registration plate" means a plate or other device displaying the registration mark of a motor vehicle;

"re-use" means an operation by which components of end-of life vehicles are used for the same purpose for which they were conceived;

"self-drive motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle which is licensed and/or registered to be hired from an operator of a public hire garage for the purpose of being driven by a hirer;

"semi-trailer" means a trailer that has wheels only at the rear, the front end being supported by the towing motor vehicle;

"taxicar" means a motor vehicle fitted with a taximeter and licensed and, or registered to stand or ply for hire as a taxicar;

"third country" means a country other than a Member State;

"tractor" means any motor vehicle which is not constructed in such a manner as to carry itself any load, but is intended for the towing of any trailer;

"trailer" means any vehicle without mechanical power of its own designed to be drawn by a motor vehicle and intended for the purpose of the carriage of goods;

"treatment" means any activity after the end-of-life vehicle has been handed over to an authorized treatment facility for de-pollution, dismantling, shearing, shredding, recovery or preparation for the disposal of the shredder wastes, and any other operation carried out for the recovery and, or disposal of the end-of life vehicle and its components;

"used motor vehicle" means, for the purpose of these regulations, a motor vehicle which has been registered and licensed for use on the road in another country or registered in another country and which is more than 6 months old since first entry into service or which has travelled under its own power for more than 6,000 kilometres;

"visitor" means any person who does not reside in Malta and who is not defined as a non-resident as defined above.

Part II

REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Motor vehicles to be registered.

3. Every motor vehicle in Malta shall be registered with the Authority whether or not it is licensed to be used on the public highway:

Provided that vehicles which are already registered and licensed in another State and are brought temporarily into Malta as specified in

Part VII of these regulations and vehicles brought into Malta for demonstration purposes in accordance with regulation 5 of these regulations, shall be exempt from the provisions of this regulation.

Registration of new vehicles.

4. (1) For the purpose of the registration of new vehicles, the owner or importer of a new motor vehicle shall be required to submit to the Authority the Registration Form for New Vehicles (Form VEH. 01), duly completed, together with the following documents:

i. a Certificate of Conformity in the case of M1 vehicles and cycles,

ii. evidence of payment of duties to Customs if the vehicle or chassis is imported from a third country,

iii. technical specifications of the vehicle if the vehicle is a commercial vehicle or any other motor vehicle which is not an M1 vehicle or cycle, including the country of origin,

iv. an invoice showing the cost of vehicle and chassis number and, in the case of a commercial vehicle or an off-road vehicle the engine capacity and gross vehicle weight, and other documents showing the CIF price,

v. documentation confirming his name and address:

Provided that where a new motor vehicle is imported permanently and driven to Malta by a person for his own use, the application for the registration of the said motor vehicle shall be submitted to the Authority within a calendar month following the motor vehicle's arrival in Malta.

(2) The registration of new vehicles shall only be made –

(a) in the case of a new motor vehicle imported from a Member State, upon the presentation of the documents referred to in sub-regulation (1) hereof and upon payment of -

i. a Lm5 administration fee payable to the Authority,

ii. the prescribed registration tax in accordance with the Motor Vehicles Registration Tax Act, and

Cap. 368.

iii. the prescribed VAT in accordance with the Added Value Tax Act,

Cap. 406.

(b) in the case of a new motor vehicle imported from a third country upon the presentation of the documents referred to in sub-regulation (1) hereof and upon the payment of -

i. a Lm5 administration fee payable to the Authority,

ii. the prescribed vehicle registration tax,

iii. the prescribed import duty in accordance with the Import Duties Act, and Cap. 337.

iv. the prescribed VAT;

(c) in the case of a motor vehicle constructed in Malta upon the presentation of a Certificate of Conformity in the case of an M1 motor vehicle or a motor cycle, invoices showing the cost of production of the motor vehicle excluding VAT and upon the payment of -

i. a Lm5 administration fee payable to the Authority,

ii. the prescribed vehicle registration tax, and

iii. VAT:

Provided that where the owner of the vehicle is an exempt person from the payment of the said vehicle registration tax or from the payment of duty prescribed under the Import Duties Act, or from the payment of the prescribed VAT, the registration of the vehicle shall be made upon the payment of a Lm5 administration fee payable to the Authority, and the presentation of the documents referred to in sub-regulations (1) and (2) (c) hereof.

(3) Before registering a motor vehicle under this regulation, the Authority may require the owner or importer of the said motor vehicle to produce the vehicle for inspection or valuation or to produce other documentation as necessary.

(4) An imported new motor vehicle may only be used on the road, prior to registration by the Authority, from the port of entry to the place where it is to be garaged until it is so registered and licensed, if that vehicle carries a 'Trial Run' plate in accordance with regulation 38 of these regulations.

(5) The provisions of this regulation shall not apply to any motor vehicle which is the property of any visiting military force.

Exemption from registration.

5. (1) A vehicle which is brought into Malta by a licensed motor vehicle trader as a representative sample of a particular vehicle, to be displayed or used for demonstration with a view to obtaining orders for similar vehicles, shall be exempted from registration if the vehicle –

i. is owned by or registered in the name of a person established outside Malta,

ii. while in Malta is not put to normal use, except for the purpose of demonstration,

iii. is not used for hire or reward,

iv. whilst in Malta remains the property of a person established outside Malta,

v. is intended to be taken out of Malta on fulfillment of such purpose.

(2) The exemption under sub-regulation (1) hereof shall be granted by the Authority for a period not exceeding six months from the date the vehicle is brought into Malta or for such longer period as the Authority in its discretion may allow.

(3) A vehicle exempted from registration under this regulation, may only be used on the public highway if that vehicle carries a 'Trial Run' plate in accordance with regulation 38 of these regulations.

Imported chassis to be declared.

6. A person who imports a vehicle chassis, whether new or used, shall notify the Authority with such importation, on the prescribed form, within five working days following the chassis's arrival into Malta.

Registration of imported used motor vehicles.

7. (1) Every used motor vehicle imported into Malta by a person who is a resident of Malta or has a residential address in Malta or has his principal place of business in Malta shall be registered with the Authority.

(2) A person who imports a used motor vehicle as provided for under this regulation shall, within five working days following the motor vehicle's arrival in Malta, notify the Authority with such importation, on the prescribed form, and shall register that vehicle with the Authority within 30 days from such notification.

(3) For the purpose of registering an imported used motor vehicle the owner or importer or dealer of that motor vehicle shall be required to submit to the Authority the Registration Form for Used Vehicles (VEH.02), duly completed, together with the following documents:

i. a vehicle registration document and where appropriate an English or Maltese translation of it, issued by the competent authority of the country from where the vehicle has been imported,

ii. invoice showing the price, chassis number, engine capacity and gross vehicle weight, and in the case of M2, M3, N1, N2, N3, O1, O2, O3 and O4 also a declaration of origin and technical data or specifications,

iii. freight note if applicable,

iv. motor insurance policy,

v. inspection form issued by the Authority upon the valuation of the vehicle,

vi. Single Vehicle Type approval in the case of an M1 motor vehicle or a cycle imported from a third country,

vii. Single Vehicle Type approval certificate based on standards established by the Authority in the case of used 4-wheel-drive commercial vehicles with a g.v.w. of up to 3,000 Kgs,

viii. documentation confirming his name and address,

ix. where a vehicle has been imported by a company, partnership or cooperative society, the importer shall produce a list of current company directors, or a list of all the partners or a list of the cooperative society's committee members, as the case may be.

(4) The registration of an imported used motor vehicle shall be made by the Authority upon the issuing by the Authority of an inspection form and valuation and upon the payment by the owner, importer or dealer of an inspection and valuation fee of Lm15, and in the case of commercial vehicles an inspection fee of Lm10, and upon -

(a) the presentation of the documents mentioned in sub-regulation (3) hereof and upon payment of the prescribed vehicle

registration tax in accordance with the Motor Vehicles Registration Tax Act, if the vehicle is acquired from a Member State, and

(b) the presentation of the documents mentioned in sub-regulation (3) hereof and upon payment of the prescribed import duty under the Imports Duty Act, and the prescribed vehicle registration tax in accordance with the Motor Vehicles Registration Tax Act, if the vehicle is acquired from a third country.

(5) The owner or importer of an imported used motor vehicle shall make the said vehicle available for inspection and valuation by the Authority prior to registering it with the said Authority.

(6) An imported used motor vehicle may be used on the road, prior to registration by the Authority, from the port of entry to the place where it is to be garaged until it is so registered and licensed, and to and from a garage for repairs thereon if the vehicle, on inspection, fails the roadworthiness test if that vehicle has a valid registration, carries the registration plate issued in the country where it had previously been registered and is covered by an insurance policy.

(7) Where the owner or importer or dealer of an imported used motor vehicle or the imported used motor vehicle does not satisfy the provisions of this regulation, the said motor vehicle shall be re-exported or disposed of within such time and under such conditions as the Authority may determine.

(8) Where the motor vehicle is not re-exported or disposed of as provided for in sub-regulation (7) hereof or where the motor vehicle has not been submitted for examination in accordance with the provisions of sub-regulation (5) hereof, the Authority may take possession of the vehicle and may remove it from the place where it is kept to a place designated by it, and the owner shall be liable to pay the Authority a removal fee and a storage fee as established in the Traffic Regulation (Clamping and Removal of Encumbering Objects) Regulations, 1991.

L.N. 20 of 1991.

(9) Where the Authority, by virtue of this regulation, refuses to register a vehicle, it shall give notice of its decision to the person who appears to it to be the owner, importer or dealer of the vehicle.

Issue of registration certificate.

8. (1) On registering a motor vehicle, the Authority shall issue to the owner a registration certificate containing such particulars relating to the vehicle in conformity with Directive 1999/37/EC as amended by Directive 2003/127/EC on the registration documents for vehicles.

(2) When the owner of a motor vehicle has been given the registration certificate, he or she shall cause such document to be kept at all times within the said vehicle while it is being used on the road once such motor vehicle is licensed in accordance with these regulations.

Production of vehicle registration certificate on demand.

9. No motor vehicle shall be driven on the road unless its driver carries with him or her the relative registration certificate of that vehicle, which certificate that person shall produce to any authorized inspecting officer, on demand.

Alterations to vehicle.

10. Where any alteration is made to a motor vehicle that affects the particulars in the registration certificate in respect of that vehicle, including a change in colour of the vehicle, the owner of the vehicle shall within five working days give notice in writing of any alteration to the Authority and at the same time deliver to the Authority the registration certificate for amendment as may be necessary.

Destruction or permanent export.

11. Where a motor vehicle, registered under these regulations, is destroyed, dismantled, irreparably damaged, lost or permanently removed from Malta, the owner shall forthwith notify the Authority and surrender to the said Authority the vehicle's registration certificate.

Change of name or address of owner.

12. On a change of name and surname or residential address the owner of a motor vehicle shall forthwith inform the Authority and deliver to the Authority the vehicle registration certificate for the necessary amendment.

Disclosure of information.

13. The Authority may disclose any particulars contained in the register available to the Police or local wardens or judicial authority for any purpose connected with offences or contraventions of traffic and motor vehicle regulations, or to any person who can show to the satisfaction of the said Authority that he or she has reasonable cause for wanting the particulars to be made available to him or her.

Part III

LICENSING OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Road licence required.

14. (1) No motor vehicle may be on the public highway, whether parked or in use, without a licence issued by the Authority and renewed annually:

Provided that motor vehicles registered and licensed in another State and which have satisfied the general conditions of taxation in force in that other State, may freely circulate temporarily in Malta as provided for in Part VII of these regulations.

(2) A motor vehicle shall only be licensed by the Authority to be used on the road if that vehicle is covered by a registration certificate issued by the said Authority in accordance with regulations 4 and 7 of these regulations and an insurance policy in respect of third-party risks in compliance with the requirements of the Motor Vehicle Insurance (Third-Party Risks) Ordinance.

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(3) The owner of a motor vehicle who desires to obtain a licence for the said vehicle shall make an application on the prescribed form issued by the Authority. The said application may be signed by the owner or by a duly authorized agent acting on his behalf.

Issue of licence.

15. (1) Upon the receipt by the Authority of an application for a licence as provided for in regulation 14 of these regulations and after the Authority ensures that applicant satisfies all other requirements and upon payment by the owner of the relevant fee as provided for in the Police Licences Regulations, the Authority may issue to the owner of any motor vehicle a licence disc in respect of such vehicle:

Provided that Officers of all diplomatic missions in Malta, while serving in Malta, and the employees of such missions shall be exempt from the payment of any motor-car licence fee. For the purposes of this subregulation:

(i) the word "Officer" means any person who is granted a diplomatic status or provisional or other authorisation by the authorities appropriate for that purpose in Malta;

(ii) the words "employee of such mission" mean any employee who is not engaged in private occupation for gain in Malta, and who is a permanent employee of the Government of the country represented by the diplomatic mission established in Malta or, alternatively, was not resident in Malta at the commencement of his employment at the diplomatic mission.

(2) The licence disc referred to in sub-regulation (1) hereof shall bear the identification mark of the vehicle, the expiry date of the licence and, if the vehicle is licensed to enter into Valletta, the letter V printed in a colour which the Authority may determine.

(3) The owner of any motor vehicle which has been once licensed shall see that, subject to the other provisions of these regulations regarding the suspension, withdrawal or cancellation of licences, such vehicle is always and at all times covered by a licence issued by the Authority:

Provided that if the owner of a motor vehicle, prior to the lapse of the validity of the relative licence, informs in writing the said Authority that the vehicle is not going to be used on the road for a period of time beginning on the date of the said lapse and is going to be garaged in a specified place during the said period of non-use, and provided also that the said owner will hand over to the said Authority the relative certificate of motor vehicle and the number plates of the relative motor vehicle, the said owner shall not be bound to renew the relative licence in respect of the said period of time:

Provided further that if the owner of a motor vehicle who does not intend using such vehicle for a period of time fails to comply with the conditions set out in the previous proviso prior to the lapse of the relative licence but gives his or her written notice and complies with the other said conditions at a later date, and moreover confirms on oath that he or she has not made use of the said vehicle since the lapse of its licence, he or she shall be bound to pay that proportionate part of the annual licence as shall represent the number of days from the date of its lapse to and including the day then current, but shall not be liable for the payment of the prescribed fine if such notice is given not later than one month immediately after the relative licence had lapsed.

(4) Where a motor vehicle is on the road without being covered by a licence, the Commissioner of Police or a Local Council may remove such vehicle from the road as provided for in the Traffic Regulation (Clamping and Removal of Encumbering Objects) Regulations, 1991 or any other law.

Licence for motor vehicles for the conveyance of corpses.

16. No motor vehicle shall be used for the conveyance of corpses without a special licence for the purpose which shall not be granted unless the motor vehicle is constructed in such form and is provided with such furniture, fittings and lamps as may be directed by the Director General Health Division.

Vehicle licence fees.

17. The vehicle licence fees for the various classes of motor vehicles are those fixed in the Police Licences Regulations.

Position ofvehicle licence disc.

18. (1) The licence for a vehicle shall be carried on the vehicle at all times when the vehicle is used, parked or otherwise kept at any time in a public place.

(2) (a) In every motor vehicle fitted with a glass windscreen the licence disc shall be fixed in a frame on the left hand side of the windscreen in such a position as to be visible from the front.

(b) In the case of a motor cycle, motor tricycle or invalid carriage the licence disc shall be fixed on the left side of the vehicle.

(3) The provisions of sub-regulation (2) of this regulation shall not apply to any motor vehicle assigned to a Government Minister and bearing, instead of its identification number, the letters G.M.

Licence contents to be easily legible.

19. The owner, driver and, or person in charge of a motor vehicle shall be responsible to ensure that the said licence disc is constantly kept in such a state as to make its contents easily legible.

Renewal or transfer of licence.

20. Where any person applies for the renewal of, or for the transfer of any licence in respect of a motor vehicle, he or she shall give, if so requested by the Authority, such details as to the motor vehicle or its engine as shall be contained in a form supplied to him or her for the purpose by the said Authority.

Particular licence for each vehicle.

21. Saving the provisions of regulation 29 of these regulations, the licence issued in respect of a particular motor vehicle shall not be used for any other motor vehicle and shall be subject to any regulations in force when the licence is issued. These licences shall only be issued in the name of one person.

Validity of licences.

22. Licences granted under these regulations are to be renewed annually upon the payment of the relevant fee as provided for in the Police Licences Regulations and the presentation of a copy of the vehicle insurance policy.

Licence for motor vehicle to enter Valletta.

23. No motor vehicle, whether registered or licensed by the Authority, or imported temporarily in accordance with the provisions of Part VII of these regulations, shall enter Valletta without a licence for that purpose issued by the Authority upon the payment of the relative fee:

Provided that registered owners of motor vehicles residing in Valletta shall be exempt from the payment of the said fee upon the presentation to the Authority of their Identity Card as a prove of their place of residence:

Provided further that M3 motor vehicles having a capacity exceeding 21 passengers in addition to the driver shall not be licensed to enter Valletta.

Withdrawal of licence of vehicle.

24. (1) A motor vehicle licence may be withdrawn if the vehicle is declared to be unfit for use on the road. The said licence shall be

returned or, if lapsed, renewed when the motor vehicle is put in order to the satisfaction of the Authority.

(2) The motor vehicle licence may also be withdrawn by an order made by the competent Court or Tribunal.

(3) Licences granted under these regulations shall be liable to be cancelled or suspended by the Authority for a period not exceeding one month where this cancellation or suspension is required in the interest of public safety or public order.

(4) If a licensee of a motor vehicle makes use of the said motor vehicle or allows or permits any other person to make use of the said motor vehicle during the time the motor vehicle licence has been suspended, the licence may be liable to cancellation.

Cancellation of passenger transport vehicle licence.

25. (1) Any motor vehicle licensed for the transport of passengers against hire or reward which has been withdrawn from public service for a continued period of six months shall have its licence withdrawn.

(2) The vehicle licence may be suspended if any alteration whatsoever, made in any form, is carried out on any vehicle engaged in passenger transport for hire or reward without the approval of the Authority:

Provided that in special cases and in special circumstances the Authority may, with the approval of the Minister responsible for public transport, depart from this provision.

Vehicle to be used according to specific licence.

26. The owner and, or person in charge of a motor vehicle shall not allow or permit the said motor vehicle to be used for purposes other than those for which the said vehicle is specifically licensed.

Part IV

GENERAL PROVISIONS RELATING TO REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Duplicate licence and certificate.

27. (1) Where a licence or registration certificate of a motor vehicle has been, or may have been, lost, destroyed, stolen or defaced, or contains any particulars which have become illegible, the owner of the vehicle shall apply to the Authority for the issuance of a duplicate licence or duplicate registration certificate, as the case may be.

(2) The application for the issuance of a duplicate licence or duplicate registration certificate shall be accompanied by a fee of Lm2.50, together with the licence or registration certificate to be replaced if the reason for replacement is that it has been defaced or contains any particulars which have become illegible.

(3) The Authority shall issue a duplicate licence or a duplicate registration certificate of a motor vehicle if it is satisfied that the licence or registration certificate, as the case may be, has been lost, destroyed, stolen or defaced:

Provided that the said Authority may, before issuing any such duplicate, require the production of a sworn affidavit to prove such loss, destruction, theft or defacement.

(4) If the duplicate licence or duplicate registration certificate has been issued on the grounds that the original licence or the registration certificate has been, or may have been, lost or stolen, and the original licence or original registration certificate is subsequently found or recovered, the owner or person who found the said document shall forthwith return the original licence or original registration certificate to the Authority.

Temporary registration and licensing of motor vehicles.

28. The Authority shall issue to the owner of a new motor vehicle purchased in Malta for export purposes a temporary registration and licence if the owner of that motor vehicle is to drive that vehicle out of Malta and to its destination outside Malta.

Transfer of vehicles and licences.

29. (1) Any person who agrees to sell, or sells, or otherwise disposes of his or her motor vehicle shall, within seven days, give notice of the disposal of the vehicle in writing to the Authority, including the name and address of the person who buys, or agrees to buy, the said motor vehicle and shall also deliver to the Authority the relative licence. Such notice shall be given by means of the prescribed form supplied by the Authority.

(2) (a) Any person who sells or otherwise transfers to another person any motor vehicle, shall complete and deliver to the Authority the Transfer of Vehicle Form of the registration certificate, and shall provide the transferee the motor vehicle and the remaining part of the registration certificate of the motor vehicle. The Authority shall then license the vehicle in the name of the new owner and issue a new registration certificate to the new owner.

(b) The new registration certificate shall be issued to the new owner upon the payment of an administrative fee of Lm2.50.

(3) The Authority may, for reasons of public interest, withhold the transfer of a public passenger motor vehicle.

(4) The sale or transfer of a motor vehicle shall imply the transfer of the motor vehicle but the original licensee shall for all intents and purposes of law remain responsible until such licensee has complied with sub-regulation (1) of this regulation and the notice such licensee has so given has been found by the Authority to be true and correct.

(5) A motor omnibus may not be sold or transferred separately from its licence to another person, nor may a licence in respect of a motor omnibus be transferred separately from the vehicle to which it refers:

Provided that the Authority shall not allow the transfer of any motor omnibus or of the relative licence if the price or other compensation payable by the transferee in respect of such transfer is not deemed to be fair and reasonable.

(6) The sale or transfer of a public passenger vehicle shall not be construed to imply the transfer of an Operator's Licence issued under the Motor Vehicles (Carriage of Passengers by Road) Regulations, 2003. L.N. 160 of 2003.

30. (1) Where it is intended to use a vehicle in respect of which a licence is in force in a condition or manner or for a purpose which would, if it was used solely in that condition or manner or for that purpose, render it chargeable with tax at a rate higher than that at which tax has been paid, the owner shall return to the Authority the licence and registration certificate issued in respect of the vehicle and shall make an application on the prescribed form to the Authority for a new licence appropriate to the new condition, manner or purpose. Change of use of vehicle.

(2) The Authority shall issue a new licence and registration certificate upon the payment by the owner of the vehicle to the Authority of the balance in the amount of registration tax which would have been paid on the basis of the new condition, manner or purpose.

Part V

REGISTRATION AND LICENSING OF GOVERNMENT VEHICLES

31. Applications for the registration and licensing under these Regulations of vehicles to be kept and used by Government Ministries Application for registration and licensing.

or Government Departments or the Armed Forces of Malta shall be made to the Authority as follows:

(a) in the case of Government Ministries, by the Director of Corporate Services;

(b) in the case of Government Departments by the Directors or Heads of the said Departments, as the case may be;

(c) in the case of the Armed Forces of Malta by the Commander of the Armed Forces or his representative.

Part VI

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION MARKS

Registration mark for each vehicle.

32. (1) On being registered and licensed, every motor vehicle shall be allotted by the Authority a registration mark, provided that if the licence of any vehicle is not renewed by the date fixed for the yearly renewal, the Authority may order the cancellation of such registration mark and its allocation to any other motor vehicle.

(2) The registration mark may take any of the numeric, alphabetical or alphanumeric formats specified in the First Schedule to these regulations and can be composed of up to a maximum of eight characters.

(3) Registration marks in the Numeric Format, the Alphabetical Format, the Alphanumeric Format, the Special Alphabetical Format and the Special Numeric Format shall be made available to the public in such manner as the Authority may from time to time establish by means of a notice in the Gazette.

(4) (a) Random Standard Alphanumeric Format registration marks shall not be transferred independently from the vehicle to which they are allocated.

(b) Personalised Standard Alphanumeric Format registration marks shall be transferable independently from the vehicle to which they are allocated.

(c) A transfer of registration marks other than those mentioned in paragraphs (a) and (b) hereof, may be effected independently of the transfer of the relative vehicle upon the fulfilment of the necessary procedure as may be prescribed by the

Authority and the payment of a transfer fee of Lm200 payable to the said Authority:

Provided that any transfer *causa mortis* shall be exempt from the payment of the Lm200 referred to in this sub-regulation.

(5) A motor vehicle without a registration mark assigned to it under these regulations shall be deemed an unregistered vehicle:

Provided that the Authority may, in its discretion, permit the use of the motor vehicle with an identification mark either in addition to or in lieu of a registration mark. Such identification mark shall not be used on any other motor vehicle other than the one in respect of which its use has been so permitted.

Particular Registration Marks.

33. (1) Registration marks allotted to public transport vehicles, vehicles used for the carriage of goods and motor hearses shall include the following Roman Alphabet letters followed by three numbers:

(i) a letter followed by the letters BY in the case of route buses;

(ii) a letter followed by the letters CY in the case of coaches;

(iii) a letter followed by the letters MY in the case of minibuses and midibuses;

(iv) a letter followed by the letters SY in the case of special minibuses;

(v) a letter followed by the letters VY in the case of vans;

(vi) a letter followed by the letters GY in the case of public hire vehicles driven by the service operator or by his employee;

(vii) a letter followed by the letters TY in the case of taxicars in Malta;

(viii) a letter followed by the letters WY in the case of taxicars in Gozo;

(ix) two letters followed by the letter K in the case of self-drive motor vehicles including motor cycles;

(x) a letter followed by the letters HQ in the case of vehicles used for the carriage of goods by *burndara;*

(xi) the letters RIP in the case of motor hearses.

(2) Motor vehicles registered and licensed in the name of a Government Department, shall be allotted registration marks with the three Roman Alphabet letters GVH followed by three numbers in the case of heavy vehicles and the letters GVN followed by three numbers in the case of other vehicles.

(3) Motor vehicles registered and licensed in the name of the Police Department shall be allotted registration marks with the three Roman Alphabet letters GVP followed by three numbers.

(4) Motor vehicles registered and licensed in the name of the Armed Forces of Malta shall be allotted registration marks with the three Roman Alphabet letters GVA followed by three numbers.

(5) Motor vehicles registered and licensed in the name of diplomatic representations in Malta shall be allotted registration marks with the letters CD followed by another letter and three numbers.

(6) Motor vehicles exempt from the payment of duty and/or registration tax shall be allotted registration marks with the first two letters TF followed by another letter and three numbers.

Plates bearing registration mark and international distinguishing sign.

34. (1) The Authority shall give to the licensee of any motor vehicle two registration plates bearing the registration mark in respect of his or her vehicle against payment of the cost of such plates as may be fixed by the said Authority.

(2) Besides the registration mark, the plate shall also bear the international distinguishing sign of Malta in accordance with Council Regulation (EC) No 2411/98 on the recognition in intra-Community traffic of the distinguishing signs of the Member States in which motor vehicles and their trailers are registered.

(3) No other letter, number, mark or sign, except those authorized by the Authority shall be permitted on the registration plate.

(4) When such new plates are given to a licensee, he or she shall cause them to be immediately securely affixed to the satisfaction of the Authority on the vehicle to which they refer, one fixed vertically

on the front and one on the rear of the vehicle in such a position that every letter and figure on the plate is upright, easily visible and distinguishable:

Provided that where the vehicle is towing a trailer or more trailers, the plate behind the vehicle shall be fixed on the rear of the trailer or the rearmost trailer as the case may be:

Provided further that in the case of a motor cycle, motor tricycle or quadricycle the registration plate shall only be fixed at the rear of the vehicle.

(5) No plates may be affixed to any motor vehicle unless such plates have been issued by the Authority and they refer to and belong to that particular vehicle.

(6) Any such registration plates obtained from the Authority on payment of the appropriate fee shall belong to the said Authority and shall be returned to the said Authority if and when the vehicle has been garaged for a period of time, scrapped or has been permanently exported. New plates shall only be re-issued for vehicles which had been so garaged upon the payment of the stipulated fee.

(7) Any motor vehicle standing or plying not having the plates referred to in sub-regulation (1) of this regulation or plates issued by any other competent authority in the case of vehicles brought temporarily into Malta shall be deemed to be an unlicensed vehicle.

Plates to be decipherable.

35. The registration mark and plate of a motor vehicle shall not be obstructed from clear view by bumpers or other attachments, and shall be kept clear of mud or dust and easily decipherable.

Specifications of registration plates.

36. The registration plate referred to in regulation 33 of these regulations shall conform with the provisions set out in the Second Schedule to these regulations.

Lighting of rear registration plate.

37. Where the motor vehicle is being used on a public highway between sunset and sunrise the registration plate fixed on the rear of the vehicle, or on the rear of a trailer or the rearmost trailer, as the case may be, must be lit by a lamp so that it is easily distinguishable.

Licence to use "Trial Run" plates.

38. (1) The Authority may issue 'Trial Run' plates for motor vehicles which have not yet been registered and licensed, for a period

of one day or more then one day, on application in writing under the following conditions:–

(a) 'Trial Run' plates, having white numbers on a red background, shall be used by the owner of an imported new motor vehicle, who may require to drive the vehicle from the port of entry to the place where it is to be garaged until it is registered by the Authority or by owners of imported used motor vehicles as provided for in sub-regulation 7(6) of these regulations;

(b) 'Trial Run' plates, having black numbers on a white background, shall be used by licensed motor vehicle traders;

(c) two 'Trial Run' plates shall be used, one in the front and another in the rear of the vehicle:

Provided that, when two or more vehicles are being driven in convoy, one such plate shall be displayed at the front of the foremost vehicle and another at the rear of the rearmost vehicle;

(d) no 'Trial Run' plates other than those issued and stamped by the Authority may be used;

(e) where 'Trial Run' plates are issued to a licensed vehicle trader, a representative of the person to whom such plates have been issued shall be present in the vehicle on which the 'Trial Run' plates are used, and when two or more vehicles are being driven in convoy, such representative shall be present in any one of those vehicles;

(f) 'Trial Run' plates having black numbers on a white background may only be used:

(i) on imported motor vehicles for sale or for exhibition purposes;

(ii) on locally produced motor vehicles while those vehicles are being driven from the garage, factory or any other place where they had been produced to the place where they are to be kept until such vehicles are licensed under regulation 15 of these regulations;

(iii) on motor vehicles in the custody of a motor vehicle trader, for purpose of sale; or on motor vehicles purchased by a motor vehicle trader, the licences of which vehicles have expired;

(iv) on motor vehicles which are being driven from a garage, a factory or other place where the vehicle is kept, to the docks for shipment of such vehicle intended to be exported;

(g) 'Trial Run' plates shall not be used for any purpose other than for trial trips;

(h) 'Trial Run' plates shall not be used on Sundays or public holidays unless specially authorized by the Authority.

(2) A deposit of Lm20 for each set of 'Trial Run' plates shall be made on the withdrawal of such plates from the Authority.

(3) In case of loss of, or damage to, any of the said plates, the licensee shall forfeit the deposit for each plate lost or returned in such a damaged condition as to be unfit for use.

(4) The Authority may authorize the issue of an annual licence for the use of 'Trail Run' plates to dealers in or importers or exporters of motor vehicles.

Part VII

TEMPORARY ADMISSION INTO MALTA OF MOTOR VEHICLES

Temporary admission into Malta of motor vehicles by non-residents and visitors.

39. (1) A private motor vehicle or motor cycle imported temporarily into Malta by a person who has his normal residence outside Malta, may be used and operated on the public highway of Malta for a period, continuous or otherwise, not exceeding six months in a continuous 12-month period or such other period as the Minister in his discretion may allow in any particular case, without the need of registering the said motor vehicle with the Authority, provided that such vehicle is properly registered and licensed in the owner's State of residence and visibly display valid registration plates from the said State. Provided that the six-month period may not apply where such a person is on a task of definite duration in Malta.

(2) A private motor vehicle or motor cycle imported temporarily into Malta under sub-regulation (1) hereof shall be exempted from registration and the payment of the prescribed vehicle registration tax, or a deposit in lieu thereof, and it may be used on the road on the following conditions:

(a) the vehicle is owned or registered in the name of a person established outside Malta ;

(b) the vehicle is not used while in Malta to carry passengers for hire or material reward of any kind, or for the transport of goods, whether for reward or not;

(c) the vehicle shall not, in any circumstances, be driven by a person residing in Malta or be disposed of or hired out in Malta or lent to a resident of Malta:

Provided that a private motor vehicle or motor cycle belonging to a car-hire firm having its head office in a Member State may be re-hired to non-residents with a view to being re-exported, if that vehicle is in Malta as a result of a hire contract which ends in Malta. The said vehicle may also be returned by an employee of the car-hire firm to the Member State where it was originally hired, even if such employee is resident in Malta.

Specific cases of temporary importation of private motor vehicles.

40. Notwithstanding regulation 39 of these regulations, a private motor vehicle or motor cycle, registered and licensed in another Member State, may also be imported temporarily into Malta and used and operated on the public highways, without any time limit, by a student who, although he has his normal residence outside Malta, is residing in Malta for the purpose of pursuing his studies, provided that the said vehicle has a valid licence and is covered by an insurance policy.

Documents to be kept with vehicle.

41. The documents relating to the ownership, registration or bringing into Malta of a private motor vehicle temporarily brought into Malta under these regulations, together with the certificate of vehicle insurance and the vehicle licence, shall be kept with the vehicle when it is in use and shall be produced at the request of an authorised inspecting officer.

Compliance with the law.

42. Nothing in these regulations shall be construed as exempting a person temporarily bringing a vehicle into Malta from compliance with any legal requirement, obligation, restriction or prohibition.

Re-registration of vehicles not re-exported.

43. (1) If a temporarily imported private motor vehicle is not re-exported within the period referred to in regulation 39 of these regulations, it may be registered and licensed in Malta in accordance with these regulations upon the payment of the prescribed registration tax. With a view to re-register such a vehicle the Authority shall require the submission of the previous registration certificate. The Authority shall, within two months, return the said certificate to the authorities of the State which issued that certificate.

(2) In the case of private motor vehicles imported temporarily from a Member State and are not re-exported within the period aforesaid, where the previous registration certificate consists of

Parts I and II, and Part II is missing, the Authority may, in exceptional cases, decide to re-register the vehicle, but only after obtaining confirmation, in writing or by electronic means, from the competent authorities in the other Member State where the vehicle was previously registered, that the applicant is entitled to re-register the vehicle in Malta.

(3) If a temporarily imported private motor vehicle is not re-exported within the period referred to in regulation 39 of these regulations, and the Authority decides not re-register and licence that vehicle, the said vehicle may not be used on the road in Malta and shall either be re-exported or scrapped.

International travelling requirements.

44. The owner of a motor vehicle licensed in Malta, who desires to take such vehicle abroad to a third country shall apply to the Authority for the issue of a motor vehicle export certificate.

Permanent exportation.

45. When a motor vehicle, which is registered in Malta, is taken out of Malta for more than 12 months, that vehicle shall be deemed to have been permanently exported and the owner shall surrender to the Authority the registration certificate issued by the said Authority.

Part VIII

DE-REGISTRATION OF END-OF-LIFE VEHICLES

Manner of destruction of end-of-life vehicles.

L.N. 99 of 2004.

46. (1) All end-of-life M1 and M2 motor vehicles and three-wheel motor vehicles registered in the register of the Authority shall be transferred to an authorised treatment facility in accordance with sub-regulation 6(3) of the Waste Management (End-of Life Vehicles) Regulations, 2004.

(2) When an authorised treatment facility accepts delivery of an end-of-life vehicle transferred to it for treatment, it shall issue a certificate of destruction to the last holder or owner of the vehicle.

Certificates of destruction.

47. Certificates of destruction validly issued by an authorized treatment facility in another Member State in accordance with the relative national legislation analogous to the provisions of regulation 46 of these regulations, shall be mutually recognised and accepted**.**

Surrender of vehicle registration certificate.

48. Where a vehicle to which regulation 46 of these regulations applies is transferred to an authorized treatment facility –

(a) if that facility is in Malta, the owner or operator thereof shall notify the Authority of the issue of the certificate of destruction and at the same time shall surrender to the Authority the vehicle's

registration certificate, except where the registration certificate has been lost, stolen or destroyed; and

(b) if that facility is in a Member State other than Malta, the registered owner of the vehicle shall notify the Authority of the issue in that other Member State of the certificate of destruction and at the same time the registered owner shall surrender to the Authority the vehicle's registration certificate except where the registration certificate has been lost, stolen or destroyed.

Re-use and recovery of components.

49. Notwithstanding the provisions on the re-use of components which are suitable for re-use and on the recovery of components which cannot be re-used contained in the Waste Management (End-of-Life Vehicles) Regulations, 2004, it shall not be lawful to continue to use or otherwise re-use in any manner whatsoever the chassis number of an end-of life vehicle which has been transferred or delivered to an end-of life authorised treatment facility.

De-registration of end-of-life vehicles.

50. An end-of-life vehicle shall be de-registered upon presentation to the Authority, by the owner or operator of the authorized treatment facility, or by the vehicle's last registered owner, of the certificate of destruction as provided for in regulation 46 of these regulations.

Part IX

FINES

Offences and penalties.

51. (1) No person shall deface or mutilate any vehicle registration certificate or any motor vehicle licence or alter or obliterate any entry made therein.

(2) A person who, with intent to deceive forges, alters, uses, produces, provides or sends a document to which regulations 3 to 6 of these regulations applies, or makes a statement which he knows to be false or deface or mutilate a registration certificate shall be guilty of an offence.

(3) A person who, either by writing, drawing or in any other manner, alter, deface, mutilate or add anything to any licence for any motor vehicle, or exhibit upon any vehicle any licence which has been altered, defaced, mutilated or added to as aforesaid shall be guilty of an offence.

(4) A person who alters, rearranges or defaces a vehicle registration mark on a motor vehicle or otherwise tamper with the registration plates of a motor vehicle commits an offence.

(5) Any person who makes use of a motor vehicle registration mark other than that allotted by the Authority in relation to a particular vehicle shall be guilty of an offence.

(6) A person who is found guilty of an offence under sub-regulations (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5) of this regulation shall be liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding five hundred liri, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months, or to both such fine and imprisonment, unless a higher punishment is applicable under any other law, in which case the Court shall apply that other punishment or this punishment increased by one or two degrees, whichever is the higher.

(7) Fines for other offences under these regulations shall be the following:

(a) driving a motor vehicle without being covered by a vehicle licence .....not exceeding Lm100 or imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months

(b) driving a motor vehicle with a vehicle licence altered, defaced, mutilated or added to or with a licence belonging to another vehicle.....Lm30

(c) driving, or causing to stand, motor vehicle without the vehicle licence being affixed to the vehicle windscreen or motor cycle handlebar Lm10

(d) driving a motor vehicle not bearing registration plates .....Lm10 to Lm25

(e) driving a motor vehicle bearing registration plates altered, defaced, mutilated or added to .....Lm10 to Lm25

(f) using a motor vehicle not in accordance to specific licence Lm15

(g) driving a motor vehicle bearing registration plates obstructed from clear view by bumpers or other attachments, or which are not easily decipherable..... Lm10 to Lm25

(h) driving a motor vehicle without the driver being in possession of vehicle registration certificate and insurance document.....Lm10 to Lm25

(i) entering Valletta without the motor vehicle being licensed for that purpose .....Lm10 to Lm25

(j) owner fails to give notice to the Authority within the stipulated time of any alteration made to a motor vehicle ..... Lm10 to Lm25

(k) driving an unregistered motor vehicle without Trial Run plates .....Lm10 to Lm25

Amends L.N. 128 of 1994 and revokes G.N. 349 of 1938 and L.N. 114 of 2004.

52. Regulations 3, 4, 6, 8, 12 to 15, 17 to 36, and 60 of the Motor Vehicle Regulations, 1994 shall be deleted and the Temporary Admission of Motor Vehicles Regulations, 1938, and the Vehicles Identification Plates Regulations, 2004, are hereby revoked.

FIRST SCHEDULE

(Regulation 32)

Motor Vehicles' Registration Marks

TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Standard Alphanumeric Format (Random)	Composed of two sets of three characters each, the first set composed of three Roman Alphabet characters and the second set composed of three Arabic numerals, e.g. XXX 111
Standard Alphanumeric Format (Personalised)	Composed of two sets of three characters each, the first set composed of three Roman Alphabet characters and the second set composed of three Arabic numerals, e.g. XXX 111, where the choice of the characters and numerals shall lie with the person requesting the Numbers.
Numeric Format	Composed of a set of Arabic numerals with or without spaces, provided that a space shall be considered as a character for the purposes of sub-regulation 32(2) hereof.
Alphabetical Format	Composed of a set of Roman Alphabet characters with or without spaces, provided that a space shall be considered as a character for the purposes of sub-regulation 32(2) hereof.
Alphanumeric Format	Composed of a set of Roman Alphabet characters and Arabic numerals, with or without spaces, provided that a space shall be considered as a character for the purposes of sub-regulation 32(2) hereof.
Special Numeric Format	Composed solely of any Arabic numeral between 1 and 100 inclusively.
Special Alphabetical Format	Composed solely of only one character of the Roman Alphabet.

Where the registration mark is of the Standard Alphanumeric Format (Random) type, the first letter shall stand for the month in which the licence of the vehicle shall be renewed.

SECOND SCHEDULE

(Regulation 36)

Specifications of Vehicle Registration Plates

The registration mark of a motor vehicle registered and licensed in Malta shall be displayed on a rectangular plate which shall correspond with either diagram No 1 or diagram No 2 shown below.



Diagram 1



Diagram 2

The plate on which a registration mark is exhibited shall not contain any words, letters, numbers, emblems or other marks of any kind other then those required under these regulations.

The plate on which a registration mark is exhibited shall exhibit the flag of the European Union and the Letter M.

The specifications for the distinguishing sign on the registration plate shall be:

Colours:

1. Retro-reflecting blue background (Munsell reference 5,9 pb 3,4/15,1)
2. 12 retro-reflecting yellow stars
3. Retro-reflecting distinguishing sign of Malta, of a white colour

Composition and dimensions:

1. The blue background shall be not less than 98mm in height, with a width of not less than 40 mm and not more than 50 mm
2. The centrepoints of the 12 stars shall form a circle with a 15 mm radius and the straight forming the apexes of the stars shall be 4 mm to 5 mm in length
3. The distinguishing sign of Malta shall have a height of 20 mm and a stroke width of between 4 mm and 5 mm, and shall appear underneath the circle of stars.

Where the dimensions of the blue background have been reduced for registration plates taking up two lines (as in diagram 2) and, or for registration plates intended for two or three-wheel motor cycles, the dimensions of the stars and of the distinguishing sign may be proportionately reduced.

The periphery of the plate shall be marked all around by a black border having a stroke width of 5 millimetres.

The plate shall be made from metal material.

The registration mark shall be be formed of black characters and shall be exhibited on white reflective material in such a way that the black characters will at all times appear on a white background. There shall be a watermark in the space between the letters and the numbers.

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