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MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTRATION AND LICENSING ACT (CAP. 368)

AUTHORITY FOR TRANSPORT IN MALTA ACT (CAP. 499)

Registration and Licensing of Motor Vehicles (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 2011

IN exercise of the powers conferred by article 20 of the Motor Vehicles Registration and Licensing Act, and by article 43 of the Authority for Transport in Malta Act, the Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Communications, in consultation with the Malta Transport Authority, has made the following regulations:–

Title and commencement.

1. (1) The title of these regulations is the Registration and Licensing of Motor Vehicles (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 2011 and they shall be read and construed as one with the Registration and Licensing of Motor Vehicles Regulations, 2009, hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations".

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(2) These regulations shall come into force on the 1st July, 2011.

Amends regulation 2 of the principal regulations.

2. In regulation 2 of the principal regulations, immediately after the definition "the Act" there shall be inserted the following new definition:

" "agricultural tractor" means a tractor used primarily for work on land in connection with agriculture;".

Amends regulation 4 of the principal regulations.

3. Regulation 4 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

(a) in the second proviso to sub-regulation (1) thereof, for the words "the vehicle remains" there shall be substituted the words "the vehicle, not being an agricultural tractor, remains";

(b) in sub-regulation (2) thereof, for the words "a ten euro (€10) administration fee", wherever they appear,

there shall be substituted the words "a fifteen euro (€15) administrative fee", and immediately after the proviso thereof, there shall be added the following:

"Provided further that where the application for the registration of a motor vehicle under this regulation is made online, the administrative fee payable to the Authority under this sub-regulation shall be of ten euro (€10) and where such application for registration is made by a motor vehicle importer, agent or dealer on behalf of the purchaser, the importer, agent or dealer shall give to the purchaser the original receipt issued by the Authority for the said payment of the administrative fee. Where an importer, agent or dealer fails to give the said receipt to the purchaser, he shall be guilty of an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine (*multa*) of one hundred euro (€100)."; and

(c) in sub-regulation (3) thereof, for the words "an administrative fee of thirty-five euro (€35)" there shall be substituted the words "an administrative fee of fifty euro (€50)".

Amends regulation 6 of the principal regulations.

4. Regulation 6 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

(a) in sub-regulation (3) thereof, for the words "in sub-regulation (2)." there shall be substituted the words "in sub-regulation (2):" and immediately thereafter there shall be added the following proviso:

"Provided that no such administrative fine shall be paid where the vehicle is an agricultural tractor.";

(b) for sub-regulation (5) thereof, there shall be substituted the following:

"(5) Before registering a used motor vehicle brought into Malta from another member State, or a rebuilt or amateur built motor vehicle, the Authority shall carry out a verification to confirm that the motor vehicle details are consistent with those in the registration certificate, and to establish the registration value of the motor vehicle where applicable, for which there shall be charged an administrative fee of fifty Euro (€50). The Authority may as part of that verification,

require the owner of the said motor vehicle, to produce the vehicle for an inspection and, or to produce other documentation as necessary."; and

(c) for sub-regulation (6) thereof, there shall be substituted the following:

"(6) The registration of an imported used motor vehicle or a used motor vehicle which had been brought into Malta, or a rebuilt or amateur built motor vehicle shall be made by the Authority upon –

(a) the payment by the owner, importer or authorized dealer of an administrative fee of fifteen euro (€15) payable to the Authority,

(b) the presentation of the documents mentioned in sub-regulation (4) and upon payment of the prescribed vehicle registration tax, if the vehicle is acquired from a Member State, or it is a rebuilt or amateur built motor vehicle, and

(c) the presentation of the documents mentioned in sub-regulation (4) and upon payment of the prescribed import duty under the Import Duties Act, and the prescribed vehicle registration tax, if the vehicle is acquired from a third country:

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Provided that where the application for the registration of a motor vehicle under this regulation is made online, the administrative fee payable to the Authority under this sub-regulation shall be of ten euro (€10) and where such application for registration is made by a motor vehicle importer, agent or dealer on behalf of the purchaser, the importer, agent or dealer shall give to the purchaser the original receipt issued by the Authority for the payment of the said administrative fee. Where an importer, agent or dealer fails to give the said receipt to the purchaser, he shall be guilty of an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine (*multa*) of one hundred euro (€100).".

Amends regulation 9 of the principal regulations.

5. In regulation 9 of the principal regulations, for the words "an administration fee of six euro (€6)" there shall be substituted the words "an administrative fee of ten euro (€10)".

6. In regulation 11 of the principal regulations, for the words "an administration fee of six euro (€6)" there shall be substituted the words "an administrative fee of ten euro (€10)".

Amends regulation 11 of the principal regulations.

7. Regulation 25 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

Amends regulation 25 of the principal regulations.

(a) in sub-regulation (2) thereof, for the words "a fee of six euro (€6)" there shall be substituted the words "an administrative fee of ten euro (€10)"; and

(b) in the proviso to sub-regulation (3) thereof, for the words "the production of a sworn affidavit" there shall be substituted the words "a declaration from the owner of the vehicle", and for the words "Where such affidavit is sworn before an official of the Authority there shall be charged an administrative fee of seven euro (€7)" there shall be substituted the words "An administrative fee of eight euro (€8) shall be charged by the Authority for such a declaration".

8. In sub-regulation (2)(b) of regulation 27 of the principal regulations, for the words "an administrative fee of six euro (€6)" there shall be substituted the words "an administrative fee of ten euro (€10)".

Amends regulation 27 of the principal regulations.

9. For the First Schedule to the principal regulations, there shall be substituted the following:

Substitutes the First Schedule to the principal regulations.

"FIRST SCHEDULE

(Regulation 30)

Motor Vehicles' Registration Marks and Fees payable to the Authority for the issue of plates

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 Fee for a pair of plates: €70

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. Fee for a pair of plates: €200
Special Numeric Format	Composed solely of any Arabic numeral. Fee payable for a pair of plates: €1,500
Special Alphabetical Format	Composed of any character of the Roman Alphabet. Fee for a pair of plates: €1,500
Special Numeric and Alphabetical Format	Composed of a mixture of numeric and alphabetical. Fee for a pair of plates: €1,500
Registration marks allotted to taxis	Composed as prescribed in the Taxi Services Regulations (S.L. 499.59) Fee for a pair of plates: €60
Issue of duplicate registration mark plates	Fee for each plate: €35

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.".

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