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L.N. 160 of 2025

MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTRATION AND LICENSING ACT (CAP. 368)

Registration and Licensing of Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Regulations, 2025

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by article 20(1)(c) of the Motor Vehicles Registration and Licensing Act, the Minister responsible for transport, with the concurrence of the Minister responsible for finance, has made the following regulations:-

Citation.

1. The title of these regulations is the Registration and Licensing of Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Regulations, 2025 and these regulations shall be read and construed as one with the Registration and Licensing of Motor Vehicles Regulations, hereinafter referred to as the "principal regulations".

S.L. 368.02.

Amends regulation 2 of the principal regulations.

2. Regulation 2 of the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

(a) immediately before the definition "the Act" thereof there shall be added the following new definition:

" "accredited vintage vehicle certification body" means the *Fédération Internationale des Véhicules Anciens* (FIVA) and, or the National FIVA Authority (ANF) in the particular country or any other approved equivalent vintage vehicle certification body as shall be designated by the Authority from time to time;";

(b) immediately after the definition "the Minister" thereof there shall be added the following new definition:

" "motor caravan" or "motor home" shall have the same meaning as assigned to it in article 2 of the Act;";

(c) the definition "third country" thereof shall be substituted by the following new definition:

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Substitutes regulation 6D of the principal regulations.

3. Regulation 6D of the principal regulations shall be

substituted by the following new regulation:

"Registration of vintage vehicles.

6D. (1) The owner of any authentic and genuine motor vehicle which is older than thirty (30) years, which shall commence to run from the date of manufacture, and which satisfies the criteria established by the Authority for the classification of a vintage vehicle may apply with the Authority to have the vehicle classified vintage by the vintage vehicle classification committee as established by the Act for such motor vehicle, whether it has already been registered in Malta or whether it has been imported or brought into Malta but has not yet been registered in Malta, for the vehicle to be classified as an authentic vintage vehicle:

Provided that the registration value of a motor caravan or a motor home shall not, in any case, be less than twenty thousand euro (€20,000).

(2) An application for a vehicle which is already registered in Malta shall be submitted to the Authority on the prescribed form together with the payment of an administrative fee of two hundred and fifty euro (€250) and the submission of such documents as may be prescribed by the Authority from time to time:

Provided that when such application is accepted and the vehicle is classified as an authentic vintage vehicle, part of the said administrative fee paid in the amount of two hundred euro (€200) shall be refunded to the applicant.

(3) The application of an imported vehicle shall be submitted to the Authority on the prescribed form together with the payment of an administrative fee of one hundred and five euro (€105) and the submission of such documents as may be prescribed by the Authority from time to time.

(4) The Authority shall have the right to carry out a physical inspection of all vehicles for which an application has been made prior to the approval or rejection of an application for a vehicle to be classified as an authentic vintage vehicle.

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(5) (a) All vehicles which are classified as authentic vintage vehicles by the vintage vehicle classification committee shall be subject to re-classification every five (5) years in order to confirm the continued compliance with the established vintage vehicle criteria of the Authority from time to time:

Provided that vehicles classified as vintage and aged fifty (50) years or more shall be exempt from the re-classification requirement provided that a valid certificate issued by an accredited vintage vehicle certification body is submitted to the Authority.

(b) Applications for the re-classification of a vintage vehicle shall be submitted on the prescribed form at least three (3) months prior to the expiry of the circulation licence when such re-classification is required in accordance with paragraph (a), together with the payment of an administrative fee of twenty-five euro (€25) and the submission of such documents as may be prescribed by the Authority from time to time.

(6) (a) All vehicles falling under categories M, N or L which are brought or imported from a third country shall require a Single Vehicle Approval certificate for registration purposes:

Provided that for vehicles intended to be classified as vintage, the importer may, instead of a Single Vehicle Approval certificate, submit a valid vintage authentication certificate issued by an accredited vintage vehicle certification body to confirm that the vehicle is vintage.

(b) Upon importation, the importer or authorised motor vehicle dealer shall be obliged to pay to the Authority the full registration tax applicable to the imported vehicle:

Provided that in case that the vehicle is classified by the vintage vehicle classification committee as an authentic vintage vehicle, the importer or authorised motor vehicle dealer shall be entitled to a refund from the Authority of a sum corresponding to the difference between the original registration tax paid and the registration tax actually payable for the said vehicle classified as an authentic vintage vehicle.

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(c) The minimum registration tax shall not apply to vehicles that are over thirty (30) years at the time of importation and which shall be submitted for vintage certifications.

(7) The registration mark allotted by the Authority to vehicles which are registered as vintage vehicles in accordance with article 25 of the Act is to be displayed on a vehicle registration plate having such specifications as established in the Second Schedule.

Amends regulation 16A of the principal regulations.

4. Sub-regulation (5) of regulation 16A of the principal regulations shall be substituted by the following new sub-regulation:

"(5) Motor vehicles of fifty (50) years and over and motorcycles which have been classified as vintage by the vintage vehicle classification committee shall continue to be exempt from the payment of a circulation licence fee and shall only be subject to the payment of the administrative fee established in the Fourth Schedule to the Act, irrespective of any mileage considerations.".

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