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FOR ROAD TRAFFIC OFFENDERS) REGULATIONS, 2024**

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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2024 No. 56

The Traffic and Road Safety (Express Penalty Scheme for Road Traffic Offenders) Regulations, 2024

(Under sections 157 and 166 of the Traffic and Road Safety Act, Cap. 347)

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred upon the Minister responsible for transport by sections 157 and 166 of the Traffic and Road Safety Act, these Regulations are made this 17th day of July, 2024.

1. Title

These Regulations may be cited as the Traffic and Road Safety (Express Penalty Scheme for Road Traffic Offenders) Regulations, 2024.

2. Express penalty scheme

(1) The express penalty scheme shall have effect in the whole of Uganda.

(2) The express penalty scheme referred to in subregulation (1), shall be linked to the Uganda Driver Licensing System established under the Traffic and Road Safety (Driving Licensing) Regulations, 2021 and the immigration system in case of driver holding a foreign driving licence.

(3) The chief licensing officer shall not renew or grant a class extension of a driving Licence if an applicant has not paid a fixed penalty issued under these Regulations.

(4) A foreign driver shall not be allowed to exit from any Ugandan exit port if he or she has not paid a fixed penalty issued under these Regulations.

3. Procedure for operation of express penalty scheme

(1) Where a police officer or traffic warden has reason to believe that any person is committing or has committed an offence to which these Regulations apply, he or she may give that person the prescribed notice in writing offering the opportunity of the discharge of any liability to conviction of that offence by payment of a fixed penalty under these Regulations.

(2) The prescribed notice referred to in sub regulation (1) may be issued manually or electronically, using the Intelligent Transport Monitoring System or any other electronic system.

4. Form of prescribed notice

The notice in the Form specified in the First Schedule to these Regulations is the prescribed notice for purposes of the fixed penalty scheme.

5. Schedule of minor traffic offences.

(1) The offences specified in the Second Schedule to these Regulations are minor offences for the purposes of the express penalty scheme.

(2) The penalties for contravention of minor offences are prescribed in the fourth column of the First Schedule to these Regulations.

(3) A currency point has the value assigned to it in the Third Schedule to these Regulations.

6. Payment of fixed penalties

Payment of a fixed penalty shall be made at the nearest revenue collection bank designated by the Uganda Revenue Authority on presentation of a Bank Payment Advice or any other payment channel issued on behalf of the Uganda Revenue Authority by a police officer or traffic warden.

7. Surcharge upon failure to pay

A person who fails to pay the prescribed fixed penalty within the stipulated seventy two hours shall be liable to pay a surcharge of fifty percent of the prescribed penalty for the offence committed.

8. Revocation of S.I. No. 9 of 2013

The Traffic and Road Safety (Express Penalty Scheme for Road Traffic Offenders) Regulations, 2013 are revoked.

FIRST SCHEDULE

**FORM OF NOTICE FOR PURPOSES OF THE FIXED PENALTY
SCHEME**

UGANDA POLICE FORCE

Reg. 4

NAME OF ISSUING POLICE STATION

(Police Logo)

(Serial No.)

COMPLAINT AND CHARGE

POLICE BOOK NO. 36

..... Driver's First Name

Other Names

.....

Driver's Driving Licence Number and Class (es)

.....

Municipality/TownCounty

/Sub county Village/District

.....

Sex (M/F)

Age

Box No.

Tel No.

.....

Vehicle Registration Number/ Make/ Colour (s)

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Date of offence

Time of offence

Place of offence

.....

S/N	Tick	Enactment	Offence committed	Currency points
OFFENCES UNDER THE TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY ACT, CAP. 347				
1.		Sec 30(1) (c)	Using or permitting use on a road, a motor vehicle, trailer or engineering plant without any insurance prescribed by law for that use.	Two currency points
2.		Sec 30(1)(d)	Using or permitting use on road, a motor vehicle, trailer or engineering plant whose registration plate or licence is obscured or indistinguishable.	Five currency points
3.		Sec 32(1)	Driving without a valid driving licence or a valid learner driving licence	Five currency points
4.		Sec 32(3)	Permitting any person to drive a vehicle without a valid driving licence or a valid learner driving licence	Five currency points
5.		Sec 34(7)(c)	permitting a person not enrolled as a student in a driving school to drive a motor cycle, motor car, dual purpose vehicle or trailer	Five currency points
6.		Sec 96(2)	Using a goods vehicle on a road in a manner which makes it a danger to other road users	Ten currency points
7.		Sec 97(1)(a)	Using a motor vehicle for the carriage of passengers or goods for hire or reward when it is not licensed to do so	Five currency points
8.		Sec 97 (1) (b)	Using a vehicle operator's licence in breach of the licence issued	Ten currency points

9.		Sec 99(1)	Using a motor vehicle which is not in good condition on a road	Three currency points
10.		Sec 101	Driving with blood alcohol concentration above the prescribed limit	Ten currency points
11.		Sec 102 (1)	Driving under the influence of drugs	Ten currency points
12.		Sec 107	Careless or inconsiderate use of motor vehicle	Five currency points
13.		Sec 108	Failure to comply with the prescribed speed limit	in excess of- (a) 1 kilometer to 30 kilometers a fine of ten currency points; and (b) over thirty kilometers thirty currency points
14.		Sec 112(6)	Failing to give right of way to authorised emergency vehicles or unauthorised driving on shoulder	Five currency points
15.		Sec 113(1)	Failing to stop at a railway level crossing	Two currency points
16.		Sec 117(1) (2) and (3)	Riding in a dangerous position	Three currency points

17.		Sec 118(1)	Carrying more than one person in addition to the driver, on a motor cycle. Carrying a person on a seat not securely fixed to a motor cycle.	Five currency points
18.		Sec 119(2)	Carrying of passengers on a motor vehicle, trailer or engineering plant in such numbers or in such position as to be likely to interfere with safe driving.	Five currency points
19.		Sec 140 (2) and (5)	Driving a motor vehicle without a copy of the registration book in respect of the vehicle	Two currency points
20.		Sec 157(1) (a)	In respect of a motor vehicle, trailer or engineering plant; obstructing a road or waiting, or being left or parked or being loaded or unloaded in a road.	Five currency points

**OFFENCES UNDER THE TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY
(MOTORCYCLES AND MOTORISED TRICYCLE) REGULATIONS,
2016**

21.		Reg 3 (1) of S.I. 30 of 2004	Riding a motor-cycle without a valid driving licence	Five currency points
22.		Reg. 3 (2) of S.I 30 of 2004	Riding a motor cycle without wearing and fastening a crash helmet on the head	Two currency points
23.		Reg. 11	Failure to comply with safety measures	Two currency points

**OFFENCES UNDER THE TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY
(WEARING OF SAFETY BELTS) REGULATIONS, 2004, S.I. No. 32 of
2004**

24.		Reg. 3(3) of S.I. 32 of 2004	Driver in a vehicle not wearing a safety belt	Two currency points
25.		Reg. 3A	Failure to use child restraints	Two currency points

**OFFENCES UNDER THE TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY
(RESTRICTION OF USE OF MOBILE TELEPHONES)
REGULATIONS, 2004, S.I NO. 99 OF 2004**

26.		Regs. 3 and 5 of S.I. 99 of 2004	Using a hand held mobile telephone while driving a motor vehicle	Five currency points
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**OFFENCES UNDER THE TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY
(REFLECTORS) REGULATIONS, 2012, SI. No. 11 of 2012**

27.		Reg. 10 (1) of S.I. 11 of 2012	Use of motor vehicle without reflectors and/or warning signs	Five currency points
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**OFFENCES UNDER THE TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY
(REGISTRATION PLATES) REGULATIONS, 2022**

28.		Reg. (2) (3) and (4)	Use of motor vehicle without an approved registration or dealers plates	Five currency points
29.		Reg. 9	Tampering or interfering with the functioning of an electronic device installed in a motor vehicle	Five currency points
30.		Reg. 10	Driving a motor vehicle where registration plates are not affixed in accordance with the regulations	Five currency points

31.		Reg.11	Driving a vehicle where a figure, letter, design or ornamentation has been included on a registration plate other than those authorised by regulations.	Five currency points
32.		Reg.12	Defacing, mutilating, obliterating or altering a registration plate affixed on a motor vehicle or exhibiting any colorable imitation of any registration plate.	Five currency points
33.		Reg. 18	Driving a transit or temporary imported motor vehicle in Uganda that is not installed with a readable sticker prescribed by the chief licensing officer	Five currency points
34.		Reg. 20	Removing or tampering with a registration plate that was fixed on a motor vehicle.	Five currency points
35.		Reg. 21	Removing a registration plate from the motor vehicle without notification to the chief licensing officer.	Five currency points
36.		Reg. 22	Failure to update and validate the registration of a motor vehicle with the registration plates issued under the regulations.	Five currency points

Amount of fine (*Payable within 72 hours (3 days) after the date of this notice*)

Amount in wordsURA Station.....

You have a right to stand trial in case you do not want to pay the fine issued with this form for the deductible demerit points.

.....
Officer's Name and Signature *Date*

I sign my name as evidence of receipt of a copy of this notice form and not as an admission of guilt. I will comply with the requirements.

.....
Name and Signature *Date*

Notes

1. Original—to the offender/ suspect
2. Duplicate—file copy
3. Triplicate—to Chief Licensing officer
4. Quadruplicate—to remain in the book

SCHEDULE 2

SCHEDULED OFFENCES

PART I - OFFENCES UNDER THE TRAFFIC AND ROAD SAFETY ACT, CAP. 347

30. Offences and penalties.

(1) Any person who uses or permits to be used on any road a motor vehicle, trailer or engineering plant—

- (a) without any insurance prescribed by law for that use;
- (b) while any registration plate affixed to it in the prescribed manner is in any way obscured or is rendered or allowed to become not easily distinguishable by night or by day;

commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of not less than ten currency points and not exceeding forty currency points or imprisonment of not less than one year and not exceeding two years or both.

32. Prohibition of driving without a valid licence.

(1) A person shall not drive any class of motor vehicle, trailer or engineering plant on a road unless he or she is in possession of a copy of a valid driving licence or a copy of a valid learner driving licence in respect of that group of motor vehicle, trailer or engineering plant.

(3) No person who owns or who has charge of a motor vehicle, trailer or engineering plant of any group shall allow or permit any person to drive the motor vehicle, trailer or engineering plant unless the person driving is the holder of a valid driving licence or a valid learner driving licence endorsed in respect of that group of motor vehicle, trailer or engineering plant.

34. Licensing of driving schools and instructors.

Any person who—

- (a) operates a driving school contrary to this section; or

- (c) being a licensed instructor, instructs any person to drive a motor cycle, a motor car, a dual purpose vehicle, or a tractor otherwise than as a student enrolled in a driving school,

commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of not exceeding one currency points.

96. Limitation of loads.

(1) No goods vehicle shall be used on a road if it is loaded in such a manner as to make it a danger to other persons using the road or to persons travelling on the goods vehicle; and if any load or part of a load falls from any such goods vehicle that shall be a prima facie evidence that the goods vehicle was loaded in a dangerous manner, until the contrary is proved to the satisfaction of the court.

(2) A person who contravenes subsection (1) or (2) commits an offence and is liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding one hundred currency points.

(3) For the purpose of this section, person travelling on a goods vehicle shall be taken to be part of the load.

97. Offences and penalties.

(1) Any person who—

(a) uses a motor vehicle for the carriage of passengers or goods for hire or reward when not licensed to do so; or

(b) being a holder of a vehicles operator's licence, carries passengers or goods in breach of his or her licence of any of the terms or conditions of his or her licence; commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred currency points or imprisonment not exceeding year or both.

99. Condition of motor vehicle, etc for use on a road.

(1) No motor vehicle, trailer or engineering plant shall be used on a road unless the motor vehicle, trailer or engineering plant and all its parts and equipment, including tyres and lights, are in good condition and in efficient working order and are in such condition that the driving of the vehicle on

the road either in the daytime or at night is not likely to be to be a danger to the persons travelling on the motor vehicle, trailer or engineering plant or to other users of the road.

(5) Any person who uses on a road a motor vehicle, trailer or engineering plant in contravention of subsection (1), (2) and (3) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of not exceeding three hundred currency points or imprisonment not exceeding six months or both.

101. Driving with blood alcohol concentration above the prescribed limit.

(1) A person who drives or attempts to drive a motor vehicle, trailer or engineering plant on a road or other public place, having consumed alcohol in such quantity that the proportion of the alcohol in his or her blood or breath, as ascertained from a laboratory test for which he or she subsequently provides a specimen under section 113 or a breath analyser test exceeds the prescribed limit at the time he or she provides the specimen, commits an offence and is liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding three hundred currency points or imprisonment not exceeding three years or both.

102. Driving under the influence of drugs.

(1) A person who, while under the influence of a drug drives a motor vehicle, trailer or engineering plant drives or attempts to drive a motor vehicle, trailer or engineering plant on any road, commits an offence and is liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding three hundred currency points or imprisonment not exceeding three years or both.

107. Careless or inconsiderate use of motor vehicle.

Every person who uses, parks or stands a motor vehicle, trailer or engineering plant on any road carelessly or without reasonable consideration for other persons using the road, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred currency points or imprisonment not exceeding six months or both.

108. Speed limit

(1) The Minister may, by regulations, prescribe speed limits in respect of all public roads or sections of public roads.

(2) Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, the Minister may, by statutory order, prescribe temporary maximum speed limits for motor

vehicles, trailers or engineering plant of different classes or descriptions on any part of any road for such period as may be specified in the order.

(3) A person who fails to comply with a speed limit set under subsection (1) commits an offence and is liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding one hundred currency points or imprisonment not exceeding three years, or both.

112. Emergency motor vehicle

(4) Upon the immediate approach of an emergency motor vehicle, trailer or engineering plant, the driver of every motor vehicle, trailer or engineering plant shall, except when otherwise directed by a police officer in uniform, give the right of way, and shall immediately drive to a position parallel to and as close as possible to the left-hand edge of the curb of the roadway, clear of any intersection and shall stop and remain in that position until the authorized emergency motor vehicle, trailer or engineering plant has passed.

(6) A person who fails to comply with this section commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine of not exceeding two hundred currency points or imprisonment not exceeding two years or both.

113. Compulsory stopping at railway crossing.

(1) Subject to this section, the driver of a motor vehicle, trailer or engineering plant shall before entering on any railway level-crossing, stop clear of the line for such time as may be necessary to make adequate observations to ascertain whether or not the line is clear.

117. Riding in a dangerous position

(1) Except for the purpose of testing or repairing a motor vehicle, trailer or engineering plant, no person shall ride or be carried on the footboard, tailboard, steps, mudguards, canopy or roofing of any motor vehicle, trailer or engineering plant or in any manner or position as is in the circumstances unsafe.

(2) No person shall ride or be carried on any load upon a motor vehicle, trailer or engineering plant if it is unsafe by reason of the insufficiency of space available for that person to stand or sit or by reason of the position in which he or she is carried of the height or arrangement of the load.

(3) Any person who contravenes any provision of this section commits an offence and is liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding three hundred currency points or imprisonment not exceeding six months or both.

118. Restrictions on pillion riding.

(1) Not more than one person in addition to the driver shall be carried on any two-wheeled motorcycle; and no person shall be so carried otherwise than on proper seat securely fixed to the cycle.

(2) A person who contravenes subsection (1) commits an offence and is liable, on conviction, to a fine of not exceeding two hundred currency points or imprisonment not exceeding two years or both.

119. Obstructing driver of motor vehicle, etc.

(1) No person shall carry passengers in a motor vehicle, trailer or engineering plant in such numbers or in such a position as to be likely to interfere with the safe driving of the motor vehicle, trailer or engineering plant.

(2) Any person who contravenes any provision of this section commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred currency points or imprisonment of not exceeding one year or both.

140. Power to demand production of driving licence

(1) Any person driving a motor vehicle, trailer or engineering plant on a road shall carry a copy of his or her valid driving license at all times while driving and, on being so required by a police officer in uniform to produce an original driving license for examination, to do so within seventy two hours.

(2) Any person driving a motor vehicle, trailer or engineering plant on a road shall be in possession of a copy of the registration book in respect of the motor vehicle, trailer or engineering plant and, on being so requested by a police officer in uniform, produce the original registration book within one hundred twenty hours.

(3) Notwithstanding subsections (1) and (2), any person intending to drive a motor vehicle, trailer or engineering plant across the Uganda border shall carry—

- (a) his or her driving licence;
- (b) a copy of the registration book bearing such certificate as may be prescribed by the Minister by regulations; and
- (c) a valid insurance certificate in respect of the motor vehicle, trailer or engineering plant,

and shall produce them on demand to a police officer in uniform or customs officer before he or she is permitted to drive his or her motor vehicle, trailer or engineering plant across the Uganda border.

(4) Subsection (3) shall not limit or be construed to limit the authority of a customs officer or any other officer to require the production of any other document required to be produced by any other written law at any customs post or any other post of exit from Uganda.

(5) A person who contravenes any provision of this section commits an offence and is liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding three hundred currency points or imprisonment not exceeding six months or both.

157. Punishment without prosecution.

(1) This section applies to any offence created by this Act or the regulations which is punishable on conviction for a minor traffic offence and being an offence in respect of a motor vehicle, trailer or engineering plant—

- (a) by its obstructing a road, or waiting, or being left or parked or being loaded or unloaded in a road;

(2) Where a police officer or traffic warden has reason to believe that any person is committing or has committed an offence to which this section applies, he or she may give him or her the prescribed notice in writing offering the opportunity of the discharge of any liability to conviction of that offence by payment of a fixed penalty under this section.

166. Minister to make regulations.

(1) The Minister may make regulations for the purpose of giving full effect to the provisions of this Act.

(2) Without prejudice to the general effect of subsection (1), regulations may be made under this section for all or any of the following purposes—

- (a) prescribing the wearing of safety belts by drivers and passengers of motor vehicles, the wearing of crash helmets by motorcyclists and the helmets by motorcyclists and the use of reflectors on any road.
 - (b) regulating the use of mobile telephones in motor vehicles, trailers or engineering plant.
 - (c) prescribing anything required or authorised to be prescribed under this Act and otherwise providing for anything required or authorised to be provided for by regulations under this Act.
- (3) Regulations made under this section may, in relation to any contravention of the regulations—
- (a) prescribe any penalty not less than a fine of two currency points and not exceeding a fine of thirty currency points or imprisonment not exceeding two years, or both;
 - (b) prescribe a severe penalty in respect of a second or subsequent conviction of the same offence;
 - (c) in the case of a continuing offence, provide for the imposition of an additional penalty not exceeding a fine of ten currency points in respect of each day on which the offence continues;
 - (d) empower the court to forfeit anything used or involved in the commission of the contravention.

**PART II—OFFENCES IN REGULATIONS MADE
UNDER THE ACT**

*The Traffic and Road Safety (Motorcycles and Motorised Tricycles)
Regulations, 2016, S.I No. 30 of 2016*

11. Safety measures

- (1) Subject to paragraph (b), a driver shall not—
 - (a) carry more than one passenger on a motorcycle;
 - (b) notwithstanding paragraph (a), a child of the apparent age of 12 years or below shall not be carried on a motorcycle unless he or

she is accompanied by his or her parent or an adult.

(2) The driver of a motorised tricycle shall not carry passengers for hire or reward.

(3) Every driver shall wear a driver's badge issued by the competent authority at all times while driving the motorcycle or motorised tricycle.

(4) Every driver shall wear and fasten a crash or safety helmet at all times while driving a motorcycle.

(5) Every passenger on a motorcycle shall wear and fasten a crash or safety helmet provided by the driver at all times while being carried on the motorcycle.

(6) Every driver shall wear a retro-reflective jacket bearing an area identification code and the designated parking space at all times when driving a motorcycle.

(7) Every driver shall observe all the traffic rules prescribed under the Traffic and Road Safety (Rules of the Road) Regulations, 2004.

(8) Every driver shall use dipped headlights during day light.

(9) A person who contravenes this regulation commits an offence and is liable, on conviction, to a fine not less than two currency points and not exceeding thirty currency points or imprisonment not exceeding two years or both.

*The Traffic and Road Safety (Wearing of Safety Belts) Regulations, 2004,
S.I. No. 32 of 2004*

3. Fitting and wearing of safety belts.

(3) The driver and all passengers in a vehicle must wear safety belts at all times when the vehicle is moving, even where the vehicle is paused at traffic lights or stopped in a temporal traffic jam or in a very slow moving traffic.

(4) A person who contravenes regulation 3(3) commits an offence and is liable—

- (a) in case of a driver to a fine of not less than two currency points.

3A. Use of child restraint

(1) The driver of a motor vehicle operated on a public road shall ensure that a child below the age of five years sits in the back seat of the motor vehicle and uses an appropriate child restraint suitable for the child, depending on the age and size of the child.

(2) A child restraint device used by the child under subregulation (1), shall comply with the standards issued by the Uganda National Bureau of Standards established under the Uganda National Bureau of Standards Act.

(3) A driver of a motor vehicle operated on a public road shall ensure that a child above the age of five years but below the age of 12 years sit in the back seat of the motor vehicle and wears a safety belt at all times when the vehicle is moving, including when the vehicle is paused at traffic lights or stops or is stopped in a temporal traffic jam or in very slow moving traffic.

(4) Any person who contravenes this regulation commits an offence and is liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding thirty currency points or imprisonment not exceeding two years or both.

The Traffic and Road Safety (Restriction of Use of Mobile Telephones) Regulations, 2004, S.I No. 99 of 2004

3. Restriction on use of mobile telephone.

Subject to regulation 4, a person shall not—

- (a) while driving a motor vehicle, use a hand-held mobile telephone;
or
- (b) while instructing a learner driver, in the process of driving, use a handheld mobile telephone.

4. Exemption.

A person does not contravene regulation 3 if he or she is using a hands-free kit or similar device inserted to the mobile telephone.

5. Offence and penalty.

Any person who contravenes regulation 3 (Restriction on use of mobile phone) commits an offence and is liable, on conviction, to a fine of not less than five currency points and not exceeding ten currency points, or to imprisonment not exceeding on year, or both.

The Traffic and Road Safety (Driving Schools and Driving Instructors) Regulations, 2010, S.I No. 29 of 2010

11. Certificate of fitness.

(1) Each instruction motor vehicle shall every twelve months, on payment of the fee prescribed in Schedule 2 be issued with a certificate of fitness.

(2) For the purposes of issuing a certificate of fitness, a driving school instruction motor vehicle shall be inspected annually by the inspector of vehicles to confirm that the instruction motor vehicle—

- (a) is in a good mechanical condition;
 - (b) except for a group A motor vehicle, is fitted with dual brakes and dual clutches, where the motor vehicle is for manual transmission, and with dual brakes, where the motor vehicle is for automatic transmission;
 - (c) is fitted with a clearly visible rooftop sign whose material and background is retro-reflective and which shall be in the form prescribed in Schedule 3, except groups A, F, H and I motor vehicles which may be exempted from this requirement where it is not practically possible to affix the signage;
 - (d) is fitted with “L” identification plates; and
 - (e) is insured against third party risks and has such insurance policies as may be prescribed by the chief licensing officer.
- (3) The certificate of fitness may be renewed.
- (4) The certificate of fitness shall not be transferable.

(5) The certificate of fitness shall be displayed at a conspicuous place on the motor vehicle in which driving instruction is offered.

(6) Where the chief licensing officer determines that a driving school instruction motor vehicle is not in a mechanical condition required for the purposes of being used as such, the chief licensing officer may, without giving notice, revoke the certificate of fitness of the driving school instruction motor vehicle.

(8) Where a driving school instruction motor vehicle is used contrary to this regulation, the owner of the driving school commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding ten currency points or imprisonment not exceeding five months or both.

*The Traffic and Road Safety (Reflectors) Regulations, 2012,
SI. No. 11 of 2012.*

3. Vehicles to be fitted with reflectors

(1) A vehicle, other than a motor cycle without a side car or a motor tricycle, shall be fitted with a reflector on each side of the rear of the vehicle at the same height as the longitudinal center – line of the vehicle and equidistant from each side of the vehicle in compliance with these Regulations.

10. Offences and penalties

(1) Any person who contravenes regulations 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding twenty-five currency points or imprisonment not exceeding one year or both.

(2) A person who contravenes regulation 9 commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding two currency points or imprisonment not exceeding one month or both.

*The Traffic and Road Safety (Registration Plates) Regulations, 2022,
S.I No. 2022*

3. Assignment of registration plates and dealer's plates to vehicles

(1) The chief licensing officer shall assign—

(a) to motor vehicle that has been duly registered, a registration plates specifying an allocated licence number for the motor vehicle which shall include alpha-numeral characters in the format prescribed in Schedule II of these Regulations; and

- (b) a licensed dealer with dealer's registration plates specifying an allocated licence number for the motor vehicle which shall include alpha-numeral characters in the format prescribed in Schedule II of these Regulations.

(2) A person shall not use a motor vehicle on any road unless it is affixed with an approved set of registration plates or in case of dealer's plates displayed, at the front and rear of the motor vehicle.

(3) Subject to sub-regulation (2), a third plate in form of a self-destructive non-transferable windshield RFID-readable sticker printed with the particulars of the motor vehicle shall be allocated and fixed on the windscreen of the motor vehicle for purposes of confirming the authenticity of the rear and front registration plates and the particulars of the motor vehicle, as may be assigned.

(4) A person who uses a motor vehicle contrary to subregulation (2) or (3) commits an offence and is liable on conviction, to a fine not exceeding one hundred currency points or imprisonment not exceeding one year or both.

9. Prohibition of tampering with electronic device

(1) A person shall not tamper or interfere with the functioning of the electronic device installed in a motor vehicle.

(2) Subject to subregulation (1), where a motor vehicle is involved in an accident or where under any other unforeseeable circumstance the electronic device is tampered with, the person in charge of the vehicle or the owner shall make a report to the chief licensing officer within twenty four hours from the time of delivery of an electronic notification about the tampering from the chief licensing officer.

(3) A person who tampers or interferes with the functioning of an electronic device installed in a motor vehicle with the electronic device installed in a motor vehicle commits an offence and shall on conviction be liable to a fine not exceeding one hundred currency points or imprisonment not exceeding one year or both.

10. Affixing and positioning of registration plates on motor vehicles

(1) A motor vehicle shall before it is fully registered is fixed with one registration plate on the front elevation and one on the back elevation and in both cases the registration plate shall be fixed at right angles to the longitudinal axis of the motor vehicle.

(2) The dealer shall display or fix the dealer's registration plates on the motor vehicle, one at the front and one at the rear of the motor vehicle.

(3) A person who drives a motor vehicle without registration plates fixed in accordance with this regulation commits an offence and is liable on conviction, to a fine not exceeding one hundred currency points or imprisonment not exceeding one year or both.

11. Visibility of registration plate

(1) The registration plate shall be affixed on the motor vehicle so as to be clearly visible at all times whether the motor vehicle is moving or parked.

(2) A person shall not include any other figure, letter, design or ornamentation other than those authorised in Schedule II to these Regulations to be placed near or on the registration plate.

(3) A person who includes any other figure, letter, design or ornamentation other than those authorised in Schedule II commits an offence and is liable on conviction, to a fine not exceeding one hundred currency points or imprisonment not exceeding one year or both.

12. Defacing or obstruction of registration plate

(1) A person shall not either, by writing, drawing or in any other manner, alter, deface, mutilate or add anything to a registration plate affixed on a motor vehicle or exhibit any colorable imitation of any registration plate.

(2) A person shall not deface or mutilate any registration plate or alter or obliterate any entry made in respect of the registration plate in the motor vehicle registration database except as provided by the Act and these Regulations.

(3) Any person who contravenes any provision of this regulation commits an offence and is liable on conviction, to a fine not exceeding one hundred currency points or imprisonment not exceeding one year or both.

18. Regulation of transit motor vehicles or temporary imported motor vehicles

(1) A motor vehicle in transit and temporary imported motor vehicle shall be installed with a readable sticker embedded with motor vehicle particulars as the chief licensing officer may prescribe for the duration that the vehicle is within Ugandan.

(2) The readable sticker embedded with motor vehicle particulars installed in the motor vehicle referred to in subregulation (1), shall be removed when the vehicle exits Uganda.

(3) Any person who contravenes the provisions of this regulation commits an offence and is liable on conviction, to a fine not exceeding one hundred currency points or imprisonment not exceeding one year or

19. Un-authorized removal or tampering with the registration plate

(1) A person shall not remove or tamper with a registration plate from a motor vehicle except when authorised by the chief licensing officer in writing.

(2) Any person who removes or tampers with a registration plate fixed on motor vehicle under these Regulations commits an offence and is liable on conviction, to a fine not exceeding one hundred currency points or imprisonment not exceeding one year or both.

(3) An owner of a motor vehicle shall ensure that an assigned set of all registration plates are firmly fixed on the vehicle at all times the motor vehicle is in service.

(4) Where the registration plate is lost or stolen from the vehicle, the owner shall report to the nearest police station within twenty four after realisation of the missing registration plates.

21. Removal of registration plates for repair purposes

(1) Any person who intends to remove the registration plate from the motor vehicle for purposes of repairing the motor vehicle or for any other

purposes such as de-registration of the motor vehicle after reaching end-of-life, shall notify the chief licensing officer prior to removing the registration plate.

(2) A motor vehicle whose registration plate is removed under subregulation (1), shall not be driven on a public road except when affixed with a dealers plate or where the chief licensing officer so authorise.

(3) A person who removes the registration plate from the motor vehicle other than under the provisions of this regulation commit an offence and is liable on conviction, to a fine not exceeding one hundred currency points or imprisonment not exceeding one year or both.

22. Transitional provision

(1) An owner of a motor vehicle registered before the coming into force of these Regulations shall apply to the chief licensing officer to update and validate the registration of his or her motor vehicle with the registration plates referred to in these Regulations by January, 2025 or such other date as the minister may extend by notice in the Gazette.

(2) The chief licensing officer shall upon receipt of the old registration plates and the fees prescribed in Schedule V authorise the authorised manufacturer of the registration plates to issue and fix a registration plate to the motor vehicle in accordance with these Regulations.

(3) A person who fails to update and validate the registration of his or her motor vehicle with the registration plate issued under these Regulations in accordance with subregulation (1), commits an offence and is liable on conviction, to a fine not exceeding one hundred currency points or imprisonment not exceeding one year or both.

THIRD SCHEDULE

CURRENCY POINT

One currency point is equivalent to twenty thousand shillings.

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