

3rd August, 2012

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 78

THE TRAFFIC ACT

(Cap. 403)

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by section 119 of the Traffic Act, the Minister for Transport makes the following Rules:—

THE TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) RULES, 2012

1. These Rules may be cited as the Traffic (Amendment) Rules, 2012.
2. The Traffic Rules (in these Rules referred to as the "principal Rules") are amended by inserting the following new rule immediately after rule 6.
  - 6 A. (1) A person may apply to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to be issued with personalised number plates upon payment of the fees prescribed in the First schedule.
  - (2) Where a personalised registration number is transferred to another vehicle, an amount equivalent to two per cent of the fees payable for personalised registration fee under paragraph (1) shall be payable over and above the normal registration fee.
  - (3) The following class of motor vehicles may not be issued with personalized identification plates—
    - (a) Public Service Vehicle;
    - (b) Cargo Trucks (private or for hire);
    - (d) Service Vehicles (ambulance and funeral hearse);
    - (e) Diplomatic Vehicle;
    - (f) Tractor; and
    - (g) Heavy machinery.
  - (4) A registration plate on a Government vehicle used by persons occupying the following public offices may with the prior approval of the Minister, have on it accompanying the inscription "GK" registration number the following abbreviations on a round plate measuring a circumference of 55 cm and placed on the left hand side of the front and the rear part of the vehicle.
    - (a) Vice President/Deputy President - VP/DP
    - (b) Speaker of the National Assembly – SNA
    - (c) Governor of Central Bank – GCB
    - (d) Chief Justice – CJ
    - (e) Attorney-General - AG
  - (7) An application for a personalized registration shall be made to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles who may process and approve or reject the application.
  - (8) Where a person intends to use the personalized identification plates on another motor vehicle upon disposal of a vehicle which initially had a personalised identification plates, a retention certificate may be issued by the Registrar for a period not exceeding six months.
  - (9) The personalised identification plates shall, where it is not used within the six months, be returned to the Registrar of Motor Vehicles for safe keeping.
  - (10) Any person who uses unauthorized personalized number plates commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not less than five hundred thousand shillings or on condition to imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years, or both.
3. The principal Rules are amended in the First Schedule—
  - (a) by inserting the following entries immediately after the entries relating to "s.6 (6)—"
    - "r. 6A (1) Registration of personalized number plates 100,000;
    - Replacement of defaced or lost personalized number plate 50,000"
  - (b) renumbering the existing provision as Part 1 and inserting the following new part—

PART II—Specifications on Personalized Number Plates:

    - (a) The maximum number of characters shall be seven for each of the front and rear plates.
    - (b) The minimum number of characters shall be four on both front and rear plates.
    - (c) The characters on the number plates shall be in capital letters only.
    - (d) Use of signs, symbols or any abusive words is strictly prohibited.
    - (e) The use of the letter "O" and "I" shall not be used unless they used in a complete word.
    - (f) Both the front and rear plates shall be embossed in blue with a reflective white background.
    - (g) The personalized identification plates shall not be transferable and shall when the vehicle is disposed, be surrendered and the vehicle re-registered.
    - (h) The personalized plates shall be displayed on aluminum embossed plates with the rear registration plate being of size 205 (two hundred and five) by 230 (two hundred and thirty) millimeters (205 x 230 mm).
    - (i) An alternate rear "elongated" plate shall bear the National Flag and the security hologram both at the left hand side and shall be of a size 522 mm (five hundred and twenty two) and 114 (one hundred and fourteen) millimeters (522 x 114) mm.

(j) The front registration plate shall bear the National Flag with the security hologram at the left hand side shall be of size five hundred and twenty two by one hundred and fourteen millimeters (522 x 114 mm)".

Dated the 10th July, 2012.

AMOS KIMUNYA,

*Minister for Transport.*