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PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL
Government Notifications

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THE NATIONAL THOROUGHFARES ACT, No. 40 OF 2008

REGULATIONS made by the Minister of Highways under section 89 of the Thoroughfares Act, No. 40 of 2008 read with sections 13 and 14 of the aforesaid Act.

JOHNSTON XAVIER FERNANDO,
Minister of Highways.

Battaramulla,
15th November, 2021.

REGULATIONS

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Thoroughfares (User Fee) Regulations No. 1 of 2021.

2. These regulations shall apply to the “Meerigama– Kurunegala User Fee National Highway (Section of Central Expressway.)” declared by Order made under section 11 of the National thoroughfares Act, No. 40 of 2008 published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 2252/26 of November 03, 2021.



3. (1) The driver of every vehicle using the User Fee National Highway, shall pay a user fee in respect of the use of such User Fee National Highway by such driver, at such rates as specified in Part A of the Schedule to these regulations.

(2) The user fee shall be charged in respect of the whole distance, or part thereof, of the User Fee National Highway.

(3) Different user fees shall apply for different categories of vehicles.

(4) The User fee shall be paid manually by cash.

4. (1) Every driver entering the User Fee National Highway from an interchange prior to being permitted to proceed along the User Fee National Highway, shall, obtain a ticket from the teller on duty, at such interchange.

(2) Every driver who has obtained a ticket under sub regulation (1) of this regulation shall retain such ticket securely in his possession until he reaches the paying station of the interchange through which he intends to exit such User Fee National Highway.

(3) Where a vehicle, arrives at a paying station of an interchange for the purpose of exiting such User Fee National Highway, the driver of that vehicle shall surrender the ticket obtained at the interchange through which he entered the User Fee National Highway, to the Teller.

(4) The Teller shall inform the driver of a vehicle the amount of the fee payable and the driver shall pay such amount, prior to being permitted to pass through such interchange and the Teller shall issue a receipt in respect of such payment.

(5) Where the driver is unable to surrender the ticket to the Teller the driver shall pay the fee for the entire distance of the User Fee National Highway from the furthest possible point of entry to the actual point of exit and shall be charged a user fee at the rates specified in part A of the Schedule to these regulations.

(5) (1) The Road Development Authority, established under the Road Development Authority Act, No. 73 of 1981, (hereinafter referred to as "the Authority") shall ensure that, for the purpose of implementation of the provisions of these regulations, sufficient number of gates are positioned at the required places along the User Fee National Highway.

(2) The gates so positioned along the User Fee National Highway shall be owned, operated and maintained by the Authority, and each gate shall be manned by a Teller.

(3) The Teller shall be responsible for the collection of the user fee at every gate referred to in paragraph (2), at such rates from the categories of vehicles specified in Part A of the Schedule to these regulations from every driver using such User Fee National Highway.

Provided that, the provisions of these regulations shall not apply to a driver who is driving a vehicle of a category specified in Part B of the Schedule to these regulations, which is exempt from such payment.

6. The Teller shall at such times as are specified, hand over the day's collection of the fees to the officer authorized in that behalf by the Authority and obtain a receipt in respect of such amount.

7. The money so collected as user fee shall be credited to the Fund of the Authority and be used for the purpose of developing and maintaining the User Fee National Highway to which these regulations apply.

8. For the purpose of these regulations -

"Teller" means an officer who is manning the gates at an interchange;

"User Fee National Highways" means the Meerigama - Kurunegala User Fee National Highway (Section of Central Expressway) from Meerigama (36.981 km) to Kurunegala (77.891 km).

Schedule
 Regulations 3 and 5
 Part A

USER FEE RATES (Rs.) FOR CATEGORY 1 VEHICLES (Vehicles with Two Axles and Four Wheels or Dual Purpose Vehicles with Two Axles and Six Wheels)				
Distance	17.81	km 14.79	km 5.45	km
	Mirigama North IC	Nakalagamuwa IC	Dambokka IC	Kurunegala IC
Nakalagamuwa IC	150			
Dambokka IC	200	150		
Kurunegala IC	250	150	100	
Yaggapitiya IC	250	150	100	

USER FEE RATES (Rs.) FOR CATEGORY 3 VEHICLES (Vehicles with More than Two Axles)				
Distance	17.81	km 14.79	km 5.45	km
	Mirigama North IC	Nakalagamuwa IC	Dambokka IC	Kurunegala IC
Nakalagamuwa IC	300			
Dambokka IC	500	250		
Kurunegala IC	550	350	150	
Yaggapitiya IC	550	350	150	

USER FEE RATES (Rs.) FOR CATEGORY 2 VEHICLES (Vehicles with Two Axles and Six Wheels)				
Distance	17.81	km 14.79	km 5.45	km
	Mirigama North IC	Nakalagamuwa IC	Dambokka IC	Kurunegala IC
Nakalagamuwa IC	200			
Dambokka IC	300	200		
Kurunegala IC	350	250	150	
Yaggapitiya IC	350	250	150	

Note : Same rates for both Directions

Part B
Regulation 5

VEHICLES EXEMPT FROM PAYMENT OF USER FEE ON THE USER FEE NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

1. All vehicles which form part of the Presidential Convoy at any given time for so long as such vehicle is driven along the User Fee National Highway.
2. All Vehicles which form part of the Prime Ministerial Convoy at any given time for so long as such vehicle is driven along the User Fee National Highway.
3. All Ambulances using the User Fee National Highway.

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