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THE MOTOR TRAFFIC ACT (CHAPTER 203)

REGULATIONS made by the Minister of Transport under section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) read with sections 5, 19 and 20 of the aforesaid Act.

Minister of Transport.

Colombo,
13th, August, 2021.

REGULATIONS

1. These regulations may be cited as the Motor Traffic (Motor Tricycle - Use of Appliances) Regulations No. 2 of 2021.

2. The appliances to be fitted to or mounted to a motor tricycle, shall not -

- (a) exceed the weight, dimensions or limitations of its prototype;
- (b) alter its shape, design or external appearance;
- (c) lose the purpose for which it was manufactured;
- (d) lose its equilibrium;



- (e) spread out the seat space of the driver's seat or a passenger's seat;
- (f) block the view of the windscreen or of the side openings of the driver's compartment and a passenger's compartment;
- (g) block the view of the rear-view mirrors;
- (h) have a reflective exterior; and
- (i) have sharp-edged appliances on the exterior which shall cause an obstruction or danger to persons using the road or its vicinity.

3. When mounting lights on a motor tricycle -

- (a) there shall not be a change to the identity of the motor tricycle and lose the purpose for which it was manufactured;
- (b) the head lamps which shall comprise the head beams and dip beams and an indicator, shall be of white or yellow light. The lamps shall be fixed on the front of the vehicle and be kept lighted when the vehicle is on the move when the outside light is dim or when used during a procession. The said lamps shall be clearly visible to a distance of more than 300 meters from the front of the vehicle;
- (c) tail lights shall be a red light and the nature of such lights will be that it would light up when the engine is ignited. The lights shall be fixed on the rear of the vehicle and shall be clearly visible to a distance of more than 200 meters distance from the rear of the vehicle; and
- (d) any additional mounting of lights shall not interfere with the identity, the shape and dimension of a motor tricycle and shall not cause annoyance to persons using the road by day or night time.

4. Motor tricycle side mirrors shall be mounted in such a way that they can be easily bent backwards in the event of a collision.

5. A fence mounted immediately behind the driver's seat shall not have sharp edges which may cause injury in the event of a collision.

6. Tyres, mud guard and the wheel cover of a motor tricycle shall not be mounted to protrude so as to cause or to be a likely cause of danger, obstruction or annoyance to persons using the road.

7. Prior approval of the Commissioner General shall be obtained to effect a change to the colour specified for the external appearance of a motor tricycle. In order to effect the change to the Certificate of Registration, an application forthwith shall be made to the Commissioner General.

8. In these regulations -

“motor tricycle” shall have the same meaning as in the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203); and

“appliances” includes lamps, lights, light covers, wheels, wheel covers, rims, tyres, mudguards, mudflaps, side mirrors, rear view mirrors, door visors, hood visors, wind deflectors, buffers, body kits, spoilers, seats, side curtains, weather covers, stickers.