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PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL

Government Notifications

THE NATIONAL THOROUGHFARES ACT, No. 40 OF 2008

REGULATIONS made by the Minister of Highways & Road Development and Petroleum Resources Development under Section 89 (2) (c) of the Thoroughfares Act, No. 40 of 2008 read with Sections 13 and 14 of the aforesaid Act.

Kabir Hashim,
Minister of Highways & Road Development and
Petroleum Resources Development

Battaramulla,
08th November, 2019.

Regulations

(1) These Regulations may be cited as the National Thoroughfares (User Fee National Highway) Regulations

(2) These regulations shall apply to –

(a) the "Southern User Fee National Highway" declared by Order made under Section 11 of the National Thoroughfares Act, No. 40 of 2008 published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 1731/2 of November, 8, 2011;

(b) the "Galle - Matara User Fee National Highway" declared by Order made under Section 11 of the National Thoroughfares Act, No. 40 of 2008 published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 1850/33 of February, 19, 2014;

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c) the "Godagama – Kasagala section of Southern Expressway User Fee National Highway" declared by Order made under section 11 of the National Thoroughfares Act, No. 40 of 2008 published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. (**Gazette No. to be inserted once Godagama – Kasagala section of Southern Expressway has been declared as a National Highway)**

d) the "Colombo – Katunayake User Fee National Highway" declared by Order made under section 11 of the National Thoroughfares Act, No. 40 of 2008 published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* No.1831/31 of October, 12, 2013; and

e) the "Outer Circular User Fee National Highway" declared by Order made under Section 11 of the National Thoroughfares Act, No. 40 of 2008 published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. (**Gazette No. to be inserted once OCH has been declared as a National Highway)**

(3) (1) There shall be levied from a driver of every vehicle being used on the aforesaid User Fee National Highways, a fee in respect of the use of the User Fee National Highway by such driver, at such rates specified in Part A of the Schedule to these regulations.

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

(3) Different fees shall be applied for different categories of vehicles specified in **Part A** of the schedule to these regulations.

(4) (1) A driver of every vehicle who enters a User Fee National Highway from an interchange and desirous of making payments manually by cash or electronically through a device (hereinafter referred as "E – Tag") attached to the vehicle shall, prior to being permitted to proceed along such highway, obtain a ticket from the Teller on duty, at such interchange or electronically.

(2) The driver of a vehicle which has been proceeding along the User Fee National Highway, when arriving at the gate of an interchange for the purpose of exiting such User Fee National Highway shall surrender to the Teller the ticket obtained at the interchange through which he entered.

(3) The Teller having identified the category of vehicle shall inform the driver of the amount of the fee payable and accordingly 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) (1) A driver of every vehicle shall keep the ticket referred to in regulation 4 (1), securely in his possession until he reaches the toll gate of the interchange through which he intends to exit such User Fee National Highway.

(2) Where the driver is unable to surrender the ticket to the Teller, and the Teller fails to identify the entry location, the driver shall be deemed to have travelled the entire distance of the User Fee National Highway from the furthest possible point of entry to the actual point of exit and shall accordingly be charged a fee at the rates specified in Part A of the schedule to these regulations.

(6) (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 by taking in to account the average Traffic volume at exit and entry points are positioned at the required places along the User Fee National Highways.

(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), in such sum as is specified in Part A of the Schedule to these regulations from every driver using such User Fee National Highways :

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.

(7) 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.

(8) 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 Highways to which these regulations apply.

(9) For the purpose of these regulations-

"Designated location" means an authorized access point, where a driver of a vehicle is permitted to enter the User Fee National Highway without obtaining a ticket and includes New Kelani Interchange, Peliyagoda Interchange, Katunayake Interchange, Katunayake (25.8km) and Kerawalapitiya Interchange.

"E- Tag" means an electronic device that is permanently installed on the windscreen or head lamp of the vehicle for the purpose of payment of user fee electronically when passing through an Electronic User Fee Lane.

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

"User Fee National Highways" includes the Southern User Fee National Highway from Kottawa (0.000 km) to Pinnaduwa (95.275 km), Galle – Matara User Fee National Highway from Pinnaduwa (95.275km) to Godagama (124.806 km), Godagama – Kasagala Section of Southern Expressway User Fee National Highway from Godagama (124.806 km) to Kasagala (163.456 km), Colombo – Katunayake User Fee National Highway from Colombo (0.000km) to Katunayake (25.800km) and Outer Circular User fee National Highway from Kottawa (0.000 km) to Kerawalapitiya (28.867km)

(10) The driver of a vehicle who contravenes the provisions of these regulations shall commit an offence and shall on conviction after summary trial by a Magistrate be liable in the case of-

(a) a first offence; to a fine not exceeding five thousand rupees; and

(b) a second or subsequent offence; to a fine not exceeding fifty thousand rupees.

11. The National Thoroughfares (User Fee) Regulations No. 2 of 2015 published in the *Gazette* Extraordinary No. 1924/8 of July, 20, 2015, *Gazette* Extraordinary No. 1924/52 of July, 25, 2015 and the National Thoroughfares (User Fee) Regulations No. 1 of 2015 published in the *Gazette* Extraordinary No. 1912/2 of April, 27, 2015 are hereby rescinded without prejudice to anything done thereunder.

12. The Regulations relevant to Electronic Toll Collection System (ETC) is included in the **Annex 1.**

Annex 1

(1) (1) An owner or driver of a vehicle who is desirous of making payments electronically (hereinafter referred as "E-tag user") shall register with the Road Development Authority, established under the Road Development Authority Act, No. 73 of 1981, (hereinafter referred to as "the Authority") and shall be required to open an Electronic Toll Collection System User Fee Account (hereinafter referred to as the "ETCS Account") at the Customer Service Centre of the Authority.

(2) Every application for registration as an E- tag user shall be made to the Customer Service Centre of the Authority.

(3) Upon receipt of an application for registration the Authority may, on being satisfied with the information provided in the application including the information relating to the ETCS account, register such person as an E-tag user and issue him an E-tag for the purposes of these regulations.

(4) Every E-tag user shall enter into an Electronic Toll Collection System User Fee customer agreement (hereinafter referred to as the "ETCS customer agreement") subject to the terms and conditions specified in such agreement.

(5) Every E-tag issued shall be fitted on to the windscreen or head lamp of the vehicle.

(6) It shall be the duty of every E-tag user to maintain a sufficient credit balance in the ETCS Account at all times when using an Electronic user fee collection lane (hereinafter referred to as the "ETC lane") enabling such person to make the payment of such user fee.

(7) In case of insufficient credit, the E- tag user may top-up the ETCS account and the processing time of such top-up shall be not less than one hour before the E-Tag user may be able to use ETC lane.

(8) Every E-tag user shall ensure that the E- tag is in proper working order and shall inform the Authority of any damage or loss to such E- tag.

(2) (1) where an E-tag user with sufficient credit to pay the user fee, enters the User Fee National Highway from an interchange other than from a designated location, such E-tag user shall be permitted to proceed along the ETC lane of such interchange.

(2) Where a vehicle fitted with an E- tag is being used on an ETC lane, the user fee shall be debited against the ETCS Account automatically and the E-tag user may obtain a statement in relation to the usage of such account from the customer care Centre of the Authority.

(3) Where an E-tag user, does not have sufficient credit to pay the user fee, such E-tag user, shall divert his vehicle from the ETC lane to the manual Toll fee collection lane (hereinafter referred to as the "MTC lane"). The provisions of regulation 3 shall apply in relation to the payment of such fees.

(3) (1) Where a driver of a vehicle which is not fitted with an E - tag enters the User Fee National Highway from an interchange other than from a designated location prior to being permitted to proceed along MTC lane, shall, obtain a ticket from the Teller on duty, manning the paying station at the gates of such interchange.

(2) The driver of a vehicle referred to in paragraph (1) of this regulation, when arriving at a paying station of an interchange or a designated location for the purpose of exiting such User Fee National Highway shall -

(i) surrender the ticket obtained at the interchange through which he entered the User Fee National Highway, to the Teller at MTC lane; or

(ii) Inform the Teller at the designated location through which he entered the User Fee National Highway.

(3) For vehicles using MTC lane, the Teller shall inform the driver of the amount of the fee payable and accordingly the driver shall pay such amount, prior to being permitted to pass through such interchange or designated location, and the Teller shall issue a receipt in respect of such payment.

(4) (1) A driver who has obtained a ticket referred to in Regulation 3 (1) shall be required to keep such ticket securely in his possession until he reaches the paying station of the interchange or the designated location through which he intends to exit such User Fee National Highway.

(2) Where the driver is unable to-

(*a*) surrender the ticket; or

(*b*) fails to identify the location through which he entered the User Fee National Highways,
the driver shall be deemed to have travelled the entire distance of the User Fee National Highway and shall accordingly be charged for the entire distance of the User Fee National Highways.

(5) (1) The Authority shall ensure that, for the purpose of implementation of the provisions of these regulations, a sufficient number of gates by taking into account the average volume of traffic at entry and exit points are positioned at the required places along the User Fee National Highways.

(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 on the MTC lanes shall be responsible for the collection of the user fee at every gate referred to in paragraph (2), in such sum as is specified in Part A of the Schedule to these regulations from every driver using such User Fee National Highways:

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 fees 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) The driver of a vehicle who contravenes the provisions of these regulations shall commit an offence and shall on conviction after summary trial by a Magistrate be liable in the case of -

(*a*) a first offence, to a fine not exceeding five thousand rupees; and
(*b*) a second or subsequent offence, to a fine not exceeding fifty thousand rupees.

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PART I : SEC. (I) - GAZETTE EXTRAORDINARY OF THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF SRI LANKA - 08.11.2019

SCHEDULE
Part A
Expressway Network
USER FEE RATES (Rs.) FOR **CATEGORY 1** VEHICLES

Distance	8.7 km	7.3 km	6.7 km	16.5 km	9.35 km	4.8 km	5.1 km	6 km	8 km	21 km	11 km	22 km	12 km	16 km	12.4 km	7.9 km	9.9 km	12.9 km	15.6 km	12.2 km
	Katunayake (Exit - B4)	Ja - Ela (Exit - B3)	Kerawalapitiya (Exit - B2)	Peliyagoda (Exit - B1)	Kadawatha (Exit - C4)	Kaduwela (Exit - C3) / Kotalawala (Exit - C2)	Athurugiriya (Exit - C1)	Kottawa (Exit - A1)	Kahathuduwa (Exit - A2)	Gelenigama (Exit - A3)	Dodangoda (Exit - A4)	Welipenna (Exit - A5)	Kurundugahahetepma (Exit - A6)	Baddegama (Exit - A7)	Pinnaduwa (Exit - A8)	Imaduwa (Exit -A9)	Kokmaduwa (Exit - A10)	Godagama (Exit - A11)	Aparekka (Exit -A12)	Beliatta (Exit - A13)	Kasagala (Exit - A14)
Ja - Ela	150																				
Kerawalapitiya	250	150																			
Peliyagoda	300	250	150																		
Kadawatha	350	250	100	150																	
Kaduwela / Kotalawala	450	350	200	350	100																
Athurugiriya	500	400	250	400	150	100															
Kottawa	500	400	250	400	150	100	100														
Kahathuduwa	550	450	300	450	200	150	150	100													
Gelenigama	600	500	350	500	250	200	200	150	100												
Dodangoda	650	550	400	550	300	250	250	200	150	150											
Welipenna	700	600	450	600	350	300	300	250	200	200	100										
Kurundugahahetepma	750	650	500	650	400	350	350	300	250	250	150	150									
Baddegama	800	700	550	700	450	400	400	350	300	250	200	200	100								
Pinnaduwa	850	750	600	750	500	450	450	400	350	300	250	250	150	150							
Imaduwa	900	800	650	800	550	500	500	450	400	350	300	300	250	200	100						
Kokmaduwa	950	850	700	850	600	550	550	500	450	400	350	300	250	200	150	100					
Godagama	1000	900	750	900	650	600	600	550	500	450	400	350	300	250	200	150	100				
Aparekka	1100	1000	850	1000	750	700	700	650	600	550	500	450	400	350	300	250	200	100			
Beliatta	1200	1100	950	1100	850	800	800	750	700	650	600	550	500	450	400	350	300	200	150		
Kasagala	1200	1100	950	1100	850	800	800	750	700	650	600	550	500	450	400	350	300	200	200	100	

Distances between interchanges

Category 1 Vehicles shall include the following:-

Cars

All Cars

All Jeeps

All saloon station waggons

Dual Purppose Vehicles

All cabs (single & double)

All passenger & goods vans

Light Motor Lorry

Lorries & trucks having 2- Axles & 4-wheels

USER FEE RATES (Rs.) FOR **CATEGORY 2** VEHICLES

Distance	8.7 km	7.3 km	6.7 km	16.5 km	9.35 km	4.8 km	5.1 km	6 km	8 km	21 km	11 km	22 km	12 km	16 km	12.4 km	7.9 km	9.9 km	12.9 km	15.6 km	12.2 km
	Katunayake (Exit - B4)	Ja - Ela (Exit - B3)	Kerawalapitiya (Exit - B2)	Peliyagoda (Exit - B1)	Kadawatha (Exit - C4)	Kaduwela (Exit - C3 / Kotalawala (Exit - C2)	Athurugiriya (Exit - C1)	Kottawa (Exit - A1)	Kahathuduwa (Exit - A2)	Gelenigama (Exit - A3)	Dodangoda (Exit - A4)	Welipenna (Exit - A5)	Kurundugahahetepma (Exit - A6)	Baddegama (Exit - A7)	Pinnaduwa (Exit - A8)	Imaduwa (Exit -A9)	Kokmaduwa (Exit - A10)	Godagama (Exit - A11)	Aparekka (Exit - A12)	Beliatta (Exit - A13)	Kasagala (Exit - A14)
Ja - Ela	300																				
Kerawalapitiya	400	300																			
Peliyagoda	450	350	300																		
Kadawatha	550	450	150	300																	
Kaduwela / Kotalawala	700	600	300	600	150																
Athurugiriya	700	600	300	600	150	100															
Kottawa	750	650	350	650	200	150	150														
Kahathuduwa	800	700	400	700	250	200	200	150													
Gelenigama	850	750	450	750	300	250	250	200	150												
Dodangoda	950	850	550	850	400	350	350	300	250	200											
Welipenna	1050	950	650	950	500	450	400	350	300	250	200										
Kurundugahahetepma	1150	1050	750	1050	600	550	550	500	450	400	300	250									
Baddegama	1250	1150	850	1150	700	650	650	600	550	500	350	300	200								
Pinnaduwa	1350	1250	950	1250	800	750	750	700	650	600	450	400	250	200							
Imaduwa	1450	1350	1050	1350	900	850	850	800	750	700	650	550	400	300	150						
Kokmaduwa	1500	1400	1100	1400	950	900	900	850	800	750	700	600	450	350	200	150					
Godagama	1550	1450	1150	1450	1000	950	950	900	850	800	750	700	500	400	300	200	150				
Aparekka	1750	1650	1350	1650	1200	1150	1150	1100	1050	1000	950	900	700	600	500	400	350	200			
Beliatta	1850	1750	1450	1750	1300	1250	1250	1200	1150	1100	1050	1000	800	700	600	500	450	300	200		
Kasagala	1900	1800	1500	1800	1350	1300	1300	1250	1200	1150	1100	1050	850	750	650	550	500	350	250	150	

Distances between interchanges

Category 2 Vehicles shall include the following:-

Motor Coaches

All Buses (Single & Double doors)

Light Motor Lorries

Lorries and Trucks having 2-Axles & 6-Wheels

USER FEE RATES (Rs.) FOR **CATEGORY 3** VEHICLES

Distance	8.7 km	7.3km	6.7km	16.5 km	9.35 km	4.8 km	5.1 km	6 km	8 km	21 km	11 km	22 km	12 km	16 km	12.4 km	7.9 km	9.9 km	12.9 km	15.6 km	12.2 km	
	Katunayake (Exit - B4)	Ja - Ela (Exit - B3)	Kerawalapitiya (Exit - B2)	Peliyagoda (Exit - B1)	Kadawatha (Exit - C4)	Kaduwela (Exit - C3) / Kotalawala (Exit - C2)	Athurugiriya (Exit - C1)	Kottawa (Exit - A1)	Kahathuduwa (Exit - A2)	Gelenigama (Exit - A3)	Dodangoda (Exit - A4)	Welipenna (Exit - A5)	Kurundugahahetepma (Exit - A6)	Baddegama (Exit - A7)	Pinnaduwa (Exit - A8)	Imaduwa (Exit -A9)	Kokmaduwa (Exit - A10)	Godagama (Exit - A11)	Aparekka (Exit -A12)	Beliatta (Exit - A13)	Kasagala (Exit - A14)
Ja - Ela	300																				
Kerawalapitiya	450	300																			
Peliyagoda	600	400	300																		
Kadawatha	650	500	200	400																	
Kaduwela / Kotalawala	850	700	400	700	200																
Athurugiriya	900	750	450	750	250	200															
Kottawa	950	800	500	800	300	250	200														
Kahathuduwa	1000	850	550	850	350	300	250	200													
Gelenigama	1100	950	650	950	450	400	350	250	200												
Dodangoda	1300	1150	850	1150	650	600	550	450	400	300											
Welipenna	1450	1300	1000	1300	800	750	650	600	500	450	250										
Kurundugahahetepma	1700	1550	1250	1550	1050	1000	950	850	800	700	450	300									
Baddegama	1850	1700	1400	1700	1200	1150	1100	1000	950	850	600	450	250								
Pinnaduwa	2050	1900	1600	1900	1400	1350	1250	1200	1150	1050	750	650	350	250							
Imaduwa	2200	2050	1750	2050	1550	1500	1400	1350	1300	1200	900	800	500	350	200						
Kokmaduwa	2300	2150	1850	2150	1650	1600	1500	1400	1350	1250	1000	850	600	450	250	200					
Godagama	2400	2250	1950	2250	1750	1700	1600	1550	1500	1400	1150	1000	750	600	400	250	200				
Aparekka	2650	2500	2200	2500	2000	1950	1850	1800	1750	1650	1400	1250	1000	850	650	500	450	250			
Beliatta	2800	2650	2350	2650	2150	2100	2000	1950	1900	1800	1550	1400	1150	1000	800	650	600	400	250		
Kasagala	2950	2800	2500	2800	2300	2250	2150	2100	2050	1950	1700	1550	1300	1150	950	800	750	550	400	200	

Distances between interchanges

Category 3 Vehicles shall include the following:-

Heavy Motor Coach

Combination Buses

Heavy Motor Lorry

Lorries and Trucks having more than 2 - axles

Part B

VEHICLES EXEMPT FROM PAYMENT OF USER FEE ON
SOUTHERN USER FEE NATIONAL HIGHWAY, COLOMBO – KATUNAYAKE USER FEE NATIONAL HIGHWAY
AND OUTER CIRCULAR USER FEE NATIONAL HIGHWAY

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.

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