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Regulations made by the Minister under section 198 of the Road Traffic Act

1. Short title

These regulations may be cited as the Road Traffic (COVID-19 Sanitary Measures) Regulations 2020.

2. Interpretation

In these regulations –

"**Act**" means the Road Traffic Act;

"**authorised officer**" means –

- (a) a police officer;
- (b) an officer of NLTA designated by the Chief Commissioner; or
- (c) an operator or an employee designated by him;

"**operator**" means the holder of a road service licence, contract bus licence or taxi licence, as the case may be;

"**senior citizen**" *[definition of "senior citizen" deleted by section 3 of [Government Notice 229 of 2020](#)]*

"**Work Access Permit**" *[definition of "Work Access Permit" deleted by section 3 of [Government Notice 102 of 2020](#)]*

3. Obligations of operator

(1) Every operator shall ensure that –

- (a) every bus, contract bus or taxi he operates is properly cleaned on a daily basis prior to, and after, operation;
- (b) protective equipment is provided to personnel working on board every bus or contract bus he operates; and

[paragraph (b) amended by section 4(a) of [Government Notice 229 of 2020](#)]

- (c) body temperature checks of his crews are carried out before they board any bus or contract bus.

[paragraph (c) amended by section 4(a) of [Government Notice 229 of 2020](#)]

- (d) *[paragraph (d) repealed by section 4(a) of Government Notice 229 of 2020]*
- (2) *[subsection (2) repealed by section 4(b) of Government Notice 229 of 2020]*

4. Conduct of passengers

- (1) Every person shall, whilst being at any bus stop, bus shelter or taxi stand, wear a protective face mask over his face and nose.

[subsection (1) substituted by section 5(a) of Government Notice 229 of 2020]

- (2) Every passenger in a bus shall –

- (a) wear a protective face mask over his mouth and nose; and

[paragraph (a) amended by section 5(b) of Government Notice 102 of 2020]

- (b) *[paragraph (b) repealed by section 5(b) of Government Notice 229 of 2020]*

- (3) *[subsection (3) repealed by section 5(c) of Government Notice 229 of 2020]*

- (4) *[subsection (4) repealed by section 5(c) of Government Notice 229 of 2020]*

- (5) A passenger may be subject to a body temperature check before boarding a bus, contract bus or taxi.

5. ***

[regulation 5 repealed by section 6 of Government Notice 229 of 2020]

6. ***

[regulation 6 repealed by section 6 of Government Notice 229 of 2020]

7. Powers of authorised officers

Where an authorised officer has reasonable grounds to suspect that a person has committed or attempted to commit, or is committing or attempting to commit, an offence under these regulations, the authorised officer may –

- (a) prevent that person from boarding any bus, contract bus or taxi;
- (b) remove that person from any bus, contract bus or taxi;
- (c) request that person to provide his name and address.

8. Offences

- (1) Any person who –

- (a) fails to wear a protective face mask at any bus stop, bus shelter, bus station or taxi stand, or on board any bus, contract bus or taxi;

- (b) *[paragraph (b) repealed by section 7(a) of Government Notice 229 of 2020]*

- (c) refuses to be subjected to a body temperature check before boarding any bus, contract bus or taxi;

- (d) removes, defaces, alters or otherwise interferes with any sticker, poster or notice which has been affixed in a bus, contract bus or taxi;

- (e) threatens, molests, hinders or obstructs an authorised officer in the exercise of his powers under these regulations;

- (f) provides false or misleading information to an authorised officer;
- (g) fails to abide by such other sanitary requirements as an operator may determine on board any bus, contract bus or taxi;
- (h) otherwise contravenes these regulations,

shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 50,000 rupees and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years.

(2) *[subsection (2) repealed by section 7(b) of [Government Notice 229 of 2020](#)]*

9.

These regulations shall come into operation on 16 May 2020.

Schedule (Regulation 5(2)(a))

[Schedule repealed by section 7 of [Government Notice 102 of 2020](#)]