

LEGAL NOTICE No. 145

THE TRAFFIC ACT

(Cap. 403)

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by section 119(2) of the Traffic Act, the Minister for Transport makes the following Rules:—

THE TRAFFIC (AMENDMENT) RULES, 2007

1. These Rules may be cited as the Traffic (Amendment) Rules, 2007, and shall come into force on the 1st December, 2007.

2. The Traffic Rules is amended in the twelfth schedule by—

(a) deleting all the items appearing after the word "exceed" in paragraph 2 (1) and substituting thereof the following—

Axle load limits

(i) Single steering axle	8,000 Kg
(ii) Single rear axle with four or more wheels	10,000 Kg
(iii) Double steering axles	12,000 Kg
(iv) Two axle group in tandem with one axle having two wheels (6000 Kg) and the other axle having four wheels (8000 Kg)	14,000 Kg
(v) Two axle (tandem) group with each axle having four wheels	16,000 Kg
(vi) Triple axle group with each axle having two wheels	18,000 Kg
(vii) Triple axle group having four wheels each on two axles (16,000 Kg) and two wheels on one axle (6,000 Kg)	22,000 Kg
(ix) Three axle group (triple) with each axle having four wheels	24,000 Kg

(b) deleting all the items appearing after the word "following" in paragraph 2 (2) and substituting thereof the following—

Gross Vehicle Weight

(i) Vehicle with two axles	18,000 Kg
(ii) Vehicle with three axles	24,000 Kg
(iii) Vehicle and semi-trailer with total of three	

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(viii) Vehicle and drawbar trailer with total of five axles	42,000 Kg
(ix) Vehicle and drawbar trailer with total of six axles	48,000 Kg
(x) Vehicle and semi-trailer with total of six axles	48,000 Kg
(xi) Vehicle and drawbar trailer with total of seven axles	56,000 Kg

(c) deleting paragraphs 2 (6) and (7) and inserting thereof with the following new paragraphs—

"2 (6) Where the application of the provisions of axle load limits and gross vehicle weights results in the vehicle, being non-compliant in both paragraph 2 (1) and (2), the higher or highest weight shall be the maximum weight of that vehicle for the purposes of section 55 (2) of the Act."

"2 (7) The maximum number of axles which may be fitted on any vehicle or trailer combination will be seven provided that the vehicle axle configurations do not exceed three group axles."

(d) inserting the following new paragraphs immediately after paragraph 2 (7)—

"2 (8) No vehicle with a rigid body towed or driven shall have more than two axle group."

"2 (9) No vehicle with a rigid body shall have more than three axles except for a vehicle with two steering axles."

"2 (10) There shall be no vehicle or trailer with hydraulic, mechanical or pneumatic mechanism for lifting of one or more axles."

"2 (11) If a vehicle or trailer is found to use hydraulic, mechanical or pneumatic mechanism for lifting of one or more axles on the road, then such vehicle, trailer or both will be impounded and all the licences withdrawn for a period of two years."

(e) deleting the figure "11" appearing in paragraph 3 (e) (i) and inserting the figure "12.5" in place thereof.

Made on the 28th June, 2007.

C. A. MWAKWERE,
Minister for Transport.