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PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL

Government Notifications

THE NATIONAL THOROUGHFARES ACT, No. 40 OF 2008

REGULATIONS made by the President under paragraph (c) of Subsection (2) of Section 89 of the Thoroughfares Act, No. 40 of 2008 read with Sections 13 and 14 of the aforesaid Act and with paragraph (2) of Article 44 of the Constitution.

MAHINDA RAJAPAKSA,
President.

Colombo,
17th November, 2011.

Regulations

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Thoroughfares (User Fee) Regulations, No. 1 of 2011.

2. These regulations shall apply in relation to any road declared by Order made under Section 8 of the National Thoroughfares Act, No. 40 of 2008 (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”) to be a “National Highway” and which is –

- (a) designated an “Expressway” by Order made under paragraph (a) of Subsection (1) of Section 9 of the Act; and
- (b) designated to be an “User Fee National Highway” by Order made under Subsection (1) of Section 11 of the Act and specified in the Schedule to these regulations.

3. (1) There shall be levied from the driver of every vehicle being used on the aforesaid User Fee National Highway, a fee in respect of the use of such Highway by such driver, at such rates as shall be specified in Part B of the Schedule to these regulations. The fee shall be charged in respect of the whole distance, or part thereof, of the said User Fee National Highway. A different fee shall be specified for the different categories of vehicles used.

- (2)(a) Every driver of a vehicle who enters the User Fee National Highway from any interchange, shall at such interchange obtain from the Head Teller or Teller as the case may be manning such interchange a ticket prior to being permitted to proceed along such highway through such interchange; and
- (b) The driver of a vehicle which has been proceeding along a User Fee National Highway, shall, when arriving at the interchange through which such driver is required to pass for the purpose of exiting the highway, surrender to the Head Teller or Teller the ticket obtained at the interchange through which he entered. The Head Teller or Teller shall inform the driver of the amount payable in respect of such ticket. The driver shall be required to pay such amount, prior to being permitted to pass through such interchange.

4. The driver of every vehicle shall be required to keep the ticket referred to in regulation 3 securely in his possession until he has reached the interchange by which he intends to exit the highway. In the event the driver is unable to provide the ticket to the Head Teller or the Teller at the interchange through which he intends to exit the highway, for the purposes of paying the sum due from him as user fee, the driver shall be deemed to have travelled the entire distance of the User Fee National Highway and shall accordingly be charged a fee at the rates specified in Part B of the Schedule to these regulations from the point at which he is deemed to have entered the highway, to the actual point of exit from the highway.

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, a sufficient number of gates are positioned at the required places along the said User Fee National Highways specified in Part A of the Schedule to these regulations.

(2) The gates so positioned along the User Fee National Highways shall be owned, operated and maintained by the Authority, and each gate shall be manned by a Head Teller or Teller as the case may be, who shall be appointed by the Authority for the purpose of collecting such user fee.

(3) The Head Teller or Teller shall be responsible for the collection of the user fee at every gate positioned in the manner required by paragraph (2), in such sum as is specified in Part B 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 C of the Schedule to these regulations, which is exempt from such payment.

6. The Head Teller or Teller shall at such times as are specified, hand over the days collection of the fees to the officer authorised in that behalf by the Authority and obtain a receipt in respect of such amount.

7. The money so collected as fees 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.

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.

SCHEDULE

PART A

SOUTHERN NATIONAL HIGHWAY

DETAILS RELATING TO THE DECLARATION OF THE SOUTHERN NATIONAL HIGHWAY AS A USER FEE NATIONAL HIGHWAY

The road identified as the “Southern National Highway” shall be the road declared by Order published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 1707/18 of May 26, 2011 to be a “National Highway” and which has –








- (a) been designated an “Expressway” by Order made under paragraph (a) of Subsection (1) of Section 9 of the Act; and published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 1713/8 of July 5, 2011; and
- (b) been designated to be an “User Fee National Highway” by Order made under Subsection (1) of Section 11 of the Act, and published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 1731/2 of November 8, 2011.

Part B

**Southern National Highway (Southern Expressway)
USER FEE RATES (Rs.) FOR CATEGORY 1 VEHICLES**

	6km	8km	10km	12km	14km	16km	18km	20km	22km	24km	26km	28km	30km
Kottawa													
Kabathuduwa													
Galenigama													
Doddangoda													
Welipenna													
Kurundugahatetenna													
Baddagama													
Pinnaduwa													

Distances between interchanges

Cars	
	All types of Cars
	All types of Jeeps
	All Saloon station Wagons
Dual Purpose Vehicles	
	All cabs (single and double)
	All passenger vans up to 9 seats
	All goods Vans and trucks up to GVW 3500 kg
Light Motor Lorry	
	Light motor trucks having 2 Axles and 4 Wheels

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**Southern National Highway (Southern Expressway)
USER FEE-RATES (Rs.) FOR CATEGORY 2 VEHICLES**

		Distances between interchanges						
		0km	3km	21km	11km	23km	12km	19km
Kottawa	Kottawa							
	Kahathuduwa	200						
	Galenigama	200	200					
Doddangoda	Doddangoda	400	300	250				
	Welipenna	400	350	300	200			
	Kurundugahalekuma	600	500	400	300	250		
Baddegama	Baddegama	600	600	500	350	300	200	
	Pinnaduwa	700	700	600	450	400	250	200
Pinnaduwa	Pinnaduwa							
	Baddegama							
	Kurundugahalekuma							
Light Motor Coaches	Light Motor Coaches							
	Passenger van having seats more than 9							
	All buses having seats more than 9 and less than 33							

**Southern National Highway (Southern Expressway)
USER FEE RATES (Rs.) FOR CATEGORY 3 VEHICLES**

		Distances between interchanges						
		0km	8km	21km	11km	22km	12km	19km
Kottawa	Kottawa							
Kalahudiya	Kalahudiya	300						
Galle	Galle	300	300					
Dondangoda	Dondangoda	600	600	400				
Welipexama	Welipexama	700	700	500	300			
Kannadugahaketa	Kannadugahaketa	1000	900	800	600	300		
Baddagama	Baddagama	1200	1100	1000	700	500	300	
Pinneduwa	Pinneduwa	1500	1300	1200	900	700	400	300



Motor Coach		All buses having seats more than 55
Light Motor Lorry		Lorries and Trucks having 2 Axles and 6 Wheels
Motor Lorry		Lorries and Trucks having GVW more than 17000 kg (up to 3 axle trucks)

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**Southern National Highway (Southern Expressway)
USER FEE RATES (Rs.) FOR CATEGORY 4 VEHICLES**

		Distances between interchanges						
		0km	5km	10km	15km	20km	25km	30km
Kottawa	Kollawa							
Kahathuduwa		400						
Getenigama		400	400					
Dodangoda		800	600	500				
Welipenna		1000	800	700	400			
Karundugahabetsama		1500	1300	1200	800	500		
Baddegama		1800	1600	1500	1000	700	300	
Pinnadurwa		2000	1800	1700	1500	1100	700	400

Heavy Motor Coach	
	Combination Buses
Heavy Motor Lorry	
	All vehicles having 4 or more axles

PART C

VEHICLES EXEMPT FROM PAYMENT OF USER FEE ON THE SOUTHERN NATIONAL HIGHWAY

1. All vehicles which forms 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 forms 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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