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PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL

Government Notifications

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THE NATIONAL THOROUGHFARES ACT, No. 40 OF 2008

REGULATIONS made by the President under paragraph (c) of the 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, 16th October, 2013.

Regulations

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Thoroughfares (Colombo-Katunayake User Fee National Highway) Regulations No. 1 of 2013.

2. These regulations shall apply to 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.

3. (1) There shall be levied from a driver of every vehicle being used on the aforesaid User Fee National Highway, a fee in respect of the use of such 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 may apply for different categories of vehicles specified in Part A of the Schedule to these regulations.

4. (1) A driver of every vehicle who enters the User Fee National Highway from an interchange other than from a designated location shall, prior to being permitted to proceed along such highway, obtain a ticket from the Teller on duty, manning the paying station at the gates of such interchange; and



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(2) The driver of a vehicle which has been proceeding along the User Fee National Highway, when arriving at a paying station of an interchange or a designated location for the purpose of exiting such User Fee National Highway shall -

- (*a*) surrender the ticket obtained at the interchange through which he entered the User Fee National Highway, to the Teller; or
- (b) inform the Teller of the designated location through which he entered the User Fee National Highway.

(3) 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.

5. (1) A driver who has obtained a ticket referred to in Regulation 4 (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 Highway,

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 Highway.

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 are positioned at the required places along the User Fee National Highway.

(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 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 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 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.

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 Kelaniya Interchange, Peliyagoda interchange, Katunayake interchange and Katunayake (25.80 Km).

"Teller" means an officer who is manning the gates at an interchange or a designated location;

"User Fee National Highway" means the Colombo-Katunayake User fee National Highway.

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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.

(Regulations 3 and 6)

SCHEDULE

Part A

COLOMBO – KATUNAYAKE USER FEE NATIONAL HIGHWAY (CKE) USER FEE RATES (Rs.) FOR CATEGORY 1 VEHICLES

	Distances between interchanges 14.58 km 7.56 km		
	Peliyagoda	Ja-Ela	Katunayake
Peliyagoda			
Ja-Ela	200		
Katunayake	300	200	

Cars			
~	All types of cars		
	All types of jeeps		
	All saloon station wagons		
Dual	Dual Purpose Vehicles		
GIG	All cabs (single and double)		
	All passenger vans up to 9 seats		
A	All goods Vans and trucks up to GVW 3500 kg		
Lig	Light Motor Lorry		
	Lorries and trucks having 2 Axles and 4 Wheels		

USER FEE RATES (Rs.) FOR CATEGORY 2 VEHICLES

	Distances between interchanges 14.58 km 7.56 km		
	Peliyagoda	Ja-Ela	Katunayake
Peliyagoda			
Ja-Ela	350		
Katunayake	450	300	

Light Motor Coaches		
	Passenger van having seats more than 9	
<u>Falter</u>	All buses having seats more than 9 and less than 33	

USER FEE RATES (Rs.) FOR CATEGORY 3 VEHICLES

	Distances between interchanges 14.58 km 7.56 km		
	Peliyagoda	Ja-Ela	Katunayake
Peliyagoda			
Ja-Ela	400		
Katunayake	600	300	

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	Motor Coach		
All buses having seats more than 33			
Lig	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)		

USER FEE RATES (Rs.) FOR CATEGORY 4 VEHICLES

	Distances between interchanges 14.58 km 7.56 km		
	Peliyagoda	Ja-Ela	Katunayake
Peliyagoda			
Ja-Ela	600		
Katunayake	800	300	

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

(Regulation 6)

<u>Part B</u>

VEHICLES EXEMPT FROM PAYMENT OF USER FEE ON THE COLOMBO - KATUNAYAKE 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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