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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;



- 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) 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.

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

Distance	8.7 km	m 7.3km	m 6.7km	n 16.5 km	1 9.35 km	n 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 k	km 12.9 km 15.6 km	n 12.2 km	٤	Distances between interchanges
	Katunayake (Exit - B4)	Ja - Ela (Exit - B3)	Kerawalapitiya (Exit - B2)	Peliyagoda (Exit - B1) Kadawatha	Kadawatha (Exit - C4) Kaduwela (Exit -	C3) / Kotalawala (Exit - C2) Athurugiriya	(Exit - C1)	(Exit - A1)	(Exit - A2) Gelenigama	(EA - fixH) Dodangoda	(Exit - A4) Welipenna	(Exit - AS) Kurundugahahetepmar (A - itx3)	Baddegama (TA - itx3)	Pinnaduwa (8A - fix3)	ewubeml (6A- iix3)	Kokmaduwa (Exit - A10)	Godagama (IIA - iix∃)	Aparekka (Exit -A12)	Beliatta (Exit - A13)	Kasagala (41 A - iix3)	
Ja - Ela	150																				
Kerawalapitiya	250	150																			
Peliyagoda	300	250	150																		
Kadawatha	350	250	100	150																	Category 1 Vehicles shall include the following:-
Kaduwela / Kotalawala	450	350	200	350	100																Cars
Athurugiriya	200	400	250	400	150	100															All Cars
Kottawa	200	400	250	400	150	100	100														All Jeeps
Kahathuduwa	550	450	300	450	200	150 1	150 1	100													• • • All saloon station waggons
Gelenigama	009	200	350	200	250	200 2	200	150 1	100												Dual Purppose Vehicles
Dodangoda	059	550	400	550	300	250 2	250 2	200 1	150 1:	150											All cabs (single & double)
Welpenna	700	009	450	009	350	300 3	300 2	250 2	200 21	200 100	0										All passenger & goods vans
Kurundugahahetepma	750	059	200	7 059	400	350 3	350 3	300 2	250 2:	250 150	0 150										Light Motor Lorry
Baddegama	800	700	550	700	450	400 4	400	350 3	300 2:	250 200	0 200	100									Lorries & trucks having 2- Axles & 4-wheels
Pimaduwa	850	750	009	750 ;	200	450 4	450 4	400 3	350 30	300 250	0 250	150	150								
Imaduwa	006	800	050	800	550	500 5	500 4	450 4	400 3:	350 300	0 300	250	200	100							
Kokmaduwa	950	850	200	850	009	550 5	550 5	500 4	450 41	400 350	0 300	250	200	150	100						
Godagama	1000	006	750	006	059	9 009	009	5 055	500 4:	450 400	0 350	300	250	200	150	100					
Aparekka	1100	1000	850 1	0001	. 052	7007	9 002	9 059	900 5:	550 500	0 450	400	350	300	250	200	100				
Beliatta	1200	1100	950 1	1100	820	8 008	2 008	750 7	700 6:	020 029	0 550	200	450	400	350	300	200	150			
Kasagala	1200	1100	950 1	1100	820	8 008	800	750 7	700 6:	020 029	0 550	200	450	400	350	300	200	200	100		

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Distances octween metaliges				Category 2 Vehicles shall include the following:	Motor Coaches		All buses (single & Double doors)	Light Motor Lorries	alone or and Trucks bearing 1 to 100 of 100	OTTIES AND TOURS HAVING 2-AXIES & 0-WHEELS											
Distances out				Categ																	
km	Kasagala (Fx - rix3)																				
12.2	Beliatta (Exit - A13)																				150
km 15.6 km	Aparekka (Exit-A12)																			200	250
9.9 km 12.9	smegeboð (IIA - rix∃)																		200	300	350
Ē	Kokmaduwa (Exit - A10)																	150	350	450	500
km 7.9	Farit (PA-1 ix3)																150	200	400	500	550
16 km 12.4	ewubenni ^q (8A - iix ^A)															150	200	300	009	009	059
km 16	Baddegama (FA - iixH)														200	300	350	400	009	700	750
km 12	Kurundugahahetepma (AA - tix3)													200	250	400	450	009	002	800	850
km 22	Welipenna (EA - fixil)												250	300	400	550	009	002	006	1000	1050
km 11	Dodangoda (Exit - A4)											200	300	350	450	099	002	052	056	1050	1100
km 21	Gelenigama (EA - tix3)										200	250	400	200	009	200	750	800	1000	1100	1150
km 8	Kahathuduwa (Exit - A2)									150	250	300	450	055	059	750	008	058	0501	1150	1200
km 6	Kottawa (IA - tix3)								150	200	300	350	009	009	002	800	850	006	0011	1200	1250
km 9.35 km 4.8 km 5.1	Athurugiriya (Exit - C1)							150	200	250	350	400	055	059	052	850	006	096	0511	1250	1300
	Kaduwela (Exit - C3) / Kotalawala (Exit - C2)						100	150	200	250	350	450	550	650	750	850	006	950	1150	1250	1300
	Kadawatha (Exit - C4)					150	150	200	250	300	400	200	009	700	800	006	950	1000	1200	1300	1350
6.7 km 16.5	Peliyagoda (Exit - B1)				300	009	009	059	700	750	850	950	1050	1150	1250	1350	1400	1450	1650	1750	1800
7.3 km 6.7	Kerawalapitiya (Exit - B2)			300	150	300	300	350	400	450	055	059	052	850	056	1050	1100	1150	1350	1450	1500
	sel - sel (Exit - B3)		300	350	450	009	009	059	002	052	058	056	1050	1150	1250	1350	1400	1450	1650	1750	1800
8.7 km	Katunayake (Exit - B4)	300	400	450	550	700	200	052	008	850	026	0501	1150	1250	1350	1450	1500	1550	1750	1850	1900
Distance		Ja - Ela	Kerawalapitiya	Peliyagoda	Kadawatha	Kaduweh / Kotalawah	Athurugiriya	Kottawa	Kahathuduwa	Gelenigama	Dodangoda	Welipenna	Kurundugahahetepma	Baddegama	Pinnaduwa	Imaduwa	Kokmaduwa	Godagama	Aparekka	Beliatta	Kasagah

USER FEE RATES (Rs.) FOR CATEGORY 3 VEHICLES

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Distances between interchanges				Category 3 Vehicles shall include the following:	Heavy Motor Coach	Combination Buses	Heavy Motor Lony		Lorries and Trucks having more than 2 - axles												
Distances of				Cat				E		00 - 00 Po											
km	Kasagala (Fxir - A14)																				
km 12.2	Beliatta (Exit - A13)																				200
9.9 km 12.9 km 15.6 km 12.2	Арагекка (Ехіт-А12)																			250	400
km 12.9	smagaboD (IIA - fix3)																		250	400	550
٤	Kokmaduwa (Exit - A10)																	200	450	009	750
km 7.9	Imaduwa (Exit-A9)																200	250	500	059	800
km 12.4	ewubanniq (8A - tix3)															200	250	400	059	800	950
km 16	Baddegama (\text{\text{TA}} - itxH)														250	350	450	009	850	1000	1150
km 12	Kurundugahahetepm: (Exit - A6)													250	350	200	009	750	1000	1150	1300
km 22	Welipenna (SA - iixH)												300	450	650	800	850	1000	1250	1400	1550
km 11	Bodangoda (FA - fixH)											250	450	009	750	006	1000	1150	1400	1550	1700
km 21	Gelenigama (EA - fixit)										300	450	700	850	1050	1200	1250	1400	1650	1800	1950
km 8	Kahathuduwa (SA - itxH)									200	400	200	800	950	1150	1300	1350	1500	1750	1900	2050
km 6	Kottawa (Ex - fix)								200	250	450	009	850	1000	1200	1350	1400	1550	1800	1950	2100
km 5.1	Athurugiriya (Exit - C1)							200	250	350	550	959	950	1100	1250	1400	1500	1600	1850	2000	2150
km 4.8	Kaduwela (Exit - C3) \ Kotalawala (Exit - C2)						200	250	300	400	009	750	1000	1150	1350	1500	1600	1700	1950	2100	2250
	Kadawatha (Exit - C4)					200	250	300	350	450	059	800	1050	1200	1400	1550	1650	1750	2000	2150	2300
6.7km 16.5 km 9.35	Peliyagoda (Exit - B1)				400	700	750	800	850	950	1150	1300	1550	1700	1900	2050	2150	2250	2500	2650	2800
	Kerawalapitiya (Exit - B2)			300	200	400	450	200	550	059	850	1000	1250	1400	1600	1750	1850	1950	2200	2350	2500
km 7.3km	Ja - Ela (Exit - B3)		300	400	200	700	750	800	850	950	1150	1300	1550	1700	1900	2050	2150	2250	2500	2650	2800
8.7	Katunayake (Exit - B4)	300	450	009	059	850	006	950	1000	1100	1300	1450	1700	1850	2050	2200	2300	2400	2650	2800	2950
Distance		Ja - Ela	Kerawalapitiya	Peliyagoda	Kadawatha	Kaduweh / Kotahwala	Athurugiriya	Kottawa	Kahathuduwa	Gelenigama	Dodangoda	Welipema	Kurundugahahetepma	Baddegama	Pimaduwa	Imaduwa	Kokmaduwa	Godagama	Aparekka	Beliatta	Kasagala

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.