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Government Notifications

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MOTOR TRAFFIC ACT (CHAPTER 203)

REGULATIONS made by the Minister of Transport, Highways and Urban Development under sections 141, 143, 144, 157A, 168 and 190 read with section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203).

BIMAL NIROSHAN RATHNAYAKA,
Minister of Transport, Highways and
Urban Development.

Colombo,
19th March, 2026.

Regulations

The Motor Traffic (Expressway) Regulations, No. 2 of 2011 published in *Gazette* Extraordinary No. 1717/14 of August 03, 2011 as amended by regulations published in *Gazette* Extraordinary No. 2054/8 of January 15, 2018 and *Gazette* Extraordinary No. 2455/29 of September 25, 2025 are hereby further amended by the insertion immediately after regulation 8D thereof of the following regulation:-



"8DA. Notwithstanding anything in the provisions of sub-regulation (1) of regulation 8D, the application of the provisions of regulations 8A, 8B and 8C in respect of the following classes of motor vehicles shall cease during the period commencing from March 20, 2026 and ending on June 19, 2026:-

- (a) the driver or owner of a motor car driven or used on or entered into an expressway which has not been fitted by the manufacturer with an individual safety seat belt as specified in regulation 8E for the rear centre seat at the time of coming into operation of regulations 8A, 8B and 8C;
- (b) the driver or owner of a light motor coach, motor coach, heavy motor coach, dual-purpose vehicle, light motor lorry, heavy motor lorry or motor home vehicle driven or used on or entered into an expressway which has not been fitted by the manufacturer with individual safety seat belts as specified in regulation 8E for the rear centre seats or several rear seats at the time of coming into operation of regulations 8A, 8B and 8C;
- (c) the driver or owner of a dual-purpose vehicle, light motor coach, motor coach or heavy motor coach engaged in daily office transport service or school transport service and driven or used on or entered into an expressway which has not been fitted by the manufacturer with individual safety seats belt as specified in regulation 8E for the rear centre seats or several rear seats at the time of coming into operation of regulations 8A, 8B and 8C."

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