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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia presents its compliments to all Embassies, International and Regional Organizations residing in Addis Ababa and has the honour to inform that the Addis Ababa City Government Justice Bureau has implemented new road traffic safety regulation since December 21, 2009.

In this regard, the Ministry herewith attached a copy of the brochure of the implemented regulation for the esteemed Embassies, International and Regional organizations easy reference.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to all Embassies, International and Regional organizations residing in Addis Ababa the assurances of its highest consideration.



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INTRODUCTION

Due to the fact that the current road traffic accident in the City has reached a Critical level, the Addis Ababa City Government has issued a new Road Traffic Safety Regulations.

The Significance of the new Regulations

- ⇒ One of the major cause for the existence of the problem is that the previous Regulations lack Compatibility with the current development of the City, the new type of offences that are emerged as a result of technology advancement and the increase in number of Vehicles and residents in the city.
- ⇒ In addition to this the previous regulations have been violated frequently by drivers due to problems that are related to bad attitude & behavior, and lack of ethics as well.

Therefore, it is found necessary to come up with new legal framework that includes the new types of traffic offences that are not sanctioned by the previous regulations and enact a regulation that goes in line with the current level of development and modern traffic system.

Some of the newly included Road Traffic Offences

In the new Regulations, new type of Traffic offences that are not sanctioned by the previous traffic Regulations are included and some of these are:-

- ✦ Driving Vehicle while talking in the mobile telephone.
- ✦ Driving Vehicle while drunk, having taken drug or "chat" or smoking "shisha".
- ✦ Driving Vehicle while watching Television or Video films.
- ✦ Driving Vehicle without fastening the seat belt of the Vehicle.
- ✦ Performing trade activities on the road.
- ✦ Erecting or building a bill board that prevents proper site of drivers beside or in the center of road.
- ✦ Selling animals on the road or moving animals from place to place in a condition that hinders the proper traffic movement.
- ✦ Giving or Letting others give money to those begging on road.
- ✦ Buying or letting others buy from those undertaking trade activities on road.

- ✦ Letting children below the age of seven sit on the front seat of the vehicle while driving.
- ✦ Sprinkling water on pedestrians while driving.

Keeping Records

The Addis Ababa City Government police Commission and the Addis Ababa branch Transport Office shall record the offences and penalties of drivers with the view to facilitate the implementation of what are provided for by these regulations.

Volunteer

Students or any other members of the Society who are properly trained by the police commission are given power to perform traffic control activities.

According to this a volunteer shall discharge the function of filling up forms given from school, providing report to the traffic controller and recording the plate number of the Vehicle.

**Violence
Against Road
Traffic Safety
Regulations
hurts us all.
ACT NOW!**

Determination of Offences and Penalties

There are 7 category of offence within the new regulations and level of offences are laid down under each category depending on the gravity of the offence. And regarding to this, depending on the gravity of the offence committed, one shall be punished as follows:-

- ✓ For 1st category of Offences *Birr 60*
- ✓ „ 2nd „ „ „ *Birr 80*
- ✓ „ 3rd „ „ „ *Birr 100*
- ✓ „ 4th „ „ „ *Birr 120*
- ✓ „ 5th „ „ „ *Birr 140*
- ✓ „ 6th „ „ „ *Birr 160*
- ✓ „ 7th category based on the type of offence *Birr 300-700.*

Repealed Laws

The Addis Ababa City Government previous regulation, No.5/1997, No.23/1999 and No.4/2004 are hereby repealed and substituted the new regulations that may be cited as the “Road Traffic Safety Regulations of the Addis Ababa City Government No.27/2009.”

The New Regulations shall apply to all places, within the boundary of Addis Ababa City, where any Traffic movement takes place or to all parking lots

Obligation and Duty to Cooperate

The new regulations is being under implementation, beginning from December 21/2009. Therefore, the residents of Addis Ababa City are under obligation to Cooperate for the proper implantation of the Regulations and directive to be issued in accordance with the regulations.

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Road Traffic Safety
Regulations of the
Addis Ababa City**



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