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ROAD TRANSPORT (VEHICLE REGISTRATION) ACT 1999

ROAD TRANSPORT (VEHICLE REGISTRATION) REGULATIONS 2000

Subordinate Law No. 12 of 2000

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

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Explanatory Statement

The objects of this Regulation are:

- (a) to establish a system for the registration of both light and heavy vehicles that is consistent with the uniform national road legislation envisaged by the National Road Transport Commission Act 1991 of the Commonwealth; and
- (b) to provide for vehicle standards that are applicable to registerable vehicles and for their inspection by authorised persons.

The vehicle standards prescribed by Schedule 1 to the Regulations are substantially the same as those presently contained in the ACT Inspection Manual for Light Vehicles and the ACT Inspection Manual for Heavy Vehicles (which are referenced in Schedule 1).

The registration regulations provide:

- (a) that certain vehicles are exempt from the registration provisions (Part 2.2);
- (b) eligibility and information requirements to be met by an applicant seeking registration (Part 3.1 - 3.2);
- (c) details regarding information to be kept in the Motor Vehicle Registration Register (Part 3.3);
- (d) requirements in relation to registration documents and number plates (Parts 3.4 - 3.5);
- (e) registration renewal requirements (Part 3.6);
- (f) details of the obligations of registered operators where registration status is altered, including changes in personal details, transfer of vehicle registration and surrender and cancellation of registration (Parts 4.1 - 4.3);
- (g) for the authorised use of unregistered vehicles, including the use of unregistered vehicle permits and Traders Plates (Parts 5.1 and 5.2);
- (h) compliance standards for complying and non-complying vehicles (Part 6.2);
- (i) details concerning the authorised inspections scheme and the defect notice system (Parts 6.3 and 6.5);
- (j) a number of miscellaneous provisions (Chapter 7) and transitional arrangements as a consequence of introducing the national scheme requirements (Chapter 8).
- (k) details concerning the applicable standards about construction and performance that a vehicle is required to comply with for registration purposes (Schedule 1) and specification requirements for particular vehicle inspection equipment (Schedule 2);

These Regulations are made under the *Road Transport (Vehicle Registration) Act 1999*.