

CHAPTER 380

CYCLE

CYCLE REGISTRATION RULES*G N 146/1957
5 cf 1987*

(SECTION 16)

[Commencement 31st August, 1957]

1. These Rules may be cited as the Cycle Registration Rules. Title.
2. In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires — Interpretation.
 - “Act” means the Cycle Act;
 - “Controller” means the Controller of Road Traffic;
 - “cycle” includes every description of bicycle, tricycle and velocipede.
3. (1) Application for the registration of a cycle shall be made to the Controller in the form set out in the Schedule to these Rules. Registration of cycle.
Schedule.
 - (2) On the application form the applicant shall fill in all particulars except the date of issue of the licence and the registration number of the licence which shall be filled in by the issuing officer.
 - (3) On any change of ownership of a cycle, the new owner shall apply for registration of the cycle in the manner provided in the last foregoing rule and shall produce to the Controller a receipt or bill of sale signed by the previous owner of the cycle. The new owner shall present such a receipt or bill of sale to the Controller within fourteen days from the date on which he acquired the cycle. An unidentified or unclaimed cycle found by the police and sold by them may be transferred only upon production of a certificate of the Commissioner of Police.
4. (1) In any case where a cycle is registered under these Rules, there shall be issued to the applicant a registration plate which shall be two and one-half inches in Registration plate.

width across the top, three and one-quarter inches in width across the bottom and three and one-eighth inches in height. Registration plates shall be provided with slots at the side and a metal strap and seal for fastening of plates to cycles. Plates shall bear the following particulars —

- (a) year of registration;
- (b) registration number;
- (c) the word “Bahamas”.

(2) The colour of the registration number and lettering shall be different from that of the plate and shall be changed each year.

Position of
registration plate

5. A registration plate issued under the foregoing provisions of these Rules shall be affixed to the fork under the rear of the seat of the cycle in respect of which the issue is made in the following manner —

- (a) with the metal strap placed through the slots at the side of the plate, passed around the fork and sealed;
- (b) with the numbers on the plate upright;
- (c) with the numbers facing to the rear of the cycle; and
- (d) with the numbers in no way being obscured or rendered undistinguishable,

and the plate shall not be affixed to any other cycle.

Issue of new
registration plate

6. (1) In any case where a registration plate issued to any person under these Rules is lost or destroyed, it shall be the duty of the person to whom the plate was issued to notify the Controller without delay.

(2) The Controller upon payment to him of the prescribed fee may issue a new registration plate to any person —

- (a) who notifies him in accordance with paragraph 1 of this rule; or
- (b) who hands in to him for exchange a worn or defaced registration plate,

and any such new registration plate may have the same or a different registration number as the previous plate.

Brakes

7. Every cycle shall be fitted with an effective braking system with an adequate brake on the rear or driving wheel of the cycle which shall be maintained in good working order.

8. Every cycle shall be equipped with a bell which shall be affixed to the cycle in such a position that it can easily be operated by a person riding the cycle.

Bells

9. (1) Every cycle shall be fitted with an electric torch or specific bicycle light not less than two inches in diameter which shall face forward on the front of the cycle.

Lights

(2) The light shall be carried and lit during the period when the cycle is in use for the time from one-half hour after sunset until one-half hour before sunrise.

(3) Every cycle shall be fitted with a reflector or reflecting tape on the back mudguard so as to be clearly visible from the rear. The reflector or tape shall be at least one and three-eighths inches in diameter.

10. Any person guilty of an offence under these Rules shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding twenty dollars.

Penalty

5 cf 1987, s 2

SCHEDULE (Rule 3)

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF CYCLE

I hereby make application for the registration of a cycle:

- 1. Licence year
 - 2. Surname of applicant
 - 3. Given name of applicant
 - 4. Address
 - 5. Signature of applicant
 - 6. Manufacturer's name
 - 7. Description of cycle
 - 8. Serial number of cycle
 - 9. Number of licence
- Date

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Signature of issuing officer.