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MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND AVIATION

S.I. No. 38 of 2017

**ROAD TRAFFIC ACT
(CHAPTER 220)**

**ROAD TRAFFIC (SURRENDER OF NUMBER
PLATES) ORDER, 2017**

The Minister, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 27 of the Road Traffic Act (Ch. 220), makes the following Order—

1. Citation and commencement.

- (1) This Order may be cited as the Road Traffic (Surrender of Number Plates) Order, 2017.
- (2) This Order shall come into force on the 1st May, 2017.

2. Surrender of plates.

Number plates of—

- (a) passenger vehicles being private motor vehicles to which regulation 6(2)(a) of the Motor Vehicle and Speed Limit Regulations applies;
- (b) motor-trucks;
- (c) motor-cycles;
- (d) public service vehicles;
- (e) motor vehicles imported under bond excepting vehicles imported by tourists for periods not exceeding six months,

shall be surrendered to the Controller for replacement during the period to be determined by the Minister in accordance with paragraph 5.

3. Colours of new plates.

- (1) Number plates surrendered pursuant to paragraph 2 shall, subject to paragraph 4, be replaced by plates bearing—
 - (a) in the case of the vehicles referred to—
 - (i) in subparagraph (a) of paragraph 2, black numbers and letters on an aquamarine background with the name of one of the islands of The Bahamas embossed thereon; and
 - (ii) in subparagraphs (b) and (c) of paragraph 2, yellow numbers and letters on a royal blue background with the name of one of the islands of The Bahamas embossed thereon;

- (b) in the case of public service vehicle that is used as a taxi cab, the word "Taxi" and the relevant island at the top of the plate, the respective license plate identification prefix as prescribed in the *First Schedule* followed by four numbers, the word "Bahamas" at the bottom of plate embossed thereon on upon a gold background with black letters and numbers;
- (c) in the case of a public service vehicle that is used as a limousine vehicle, the word "Limousine" and the relevant island at the top of the plate, the respective license plate identification prefix as prescribed in the *First Schedule* followed by four numbers, the word "Bahamas" at the bottom of plate embossed thereon on a black background with yellow letters and numbers;
- (d) in the case of a public service vehicle (Jitney) that is used as an omnibus on a public scheduled service, the word "Jitney" and the relevant island at the top of the plate, the respective license plate identification prefix as prescribed in the *First Schedule* followed by four numbers, the word "Bahamas" at the bottom of the plate embossed thereon on a green background with yellow letters and numbers;
- (e) in the case of a public service vehicle that is used as an omnibus operating on a private scheduled service, the words "Private Schedule" and the relevant island at the top of the plate, the respective license plate identification prefix as prescribed in the *First Schedule* followed by four numbers, the word "Bahamas" at the bottom of the plate embossed thereon on a green background with white letters and numbers;
- (f) in the case of a public service vehicle that is used as an omnibus operating privately chartered services, the words "Private Charter" and the relevant island at the top of the plate, the respective license plate identification prefix as prescribed in the *First Schedule* followed by four numbers, the word "Bahamas" at the bottom of the plate embossed thereon on a green background with black letters and numbers;
- (g) in the case of a public service vehicle that is used as a self-drive vehicle, the words "Self Drive" and the relevant island at the top of the plate, the respective license plate identification prefix as prescribed in the *First Schedule* followed by four numbers, the word "Bahamas" at the bottom of the plate embossed thereon on a yellow background with black letters and numbers;
- (h) in the case of a public service vehicle that is used as a tour car, the words "Tour Car" and relevant island at the top of the plate, the respective license plate identification prefix as prescribed in the

First Schedule followed by four numbers, the word “Bahamas” at the bottom of the plate embossed thereon on a white background with red letters and numbers;

- (i) in the case of a bonded vehicle referred to in subparagraph (e) of paragraph (2) of the principal Order, the name of one of the islands of The Bahamas and the respective license plate identification prefix as prescribed in the *First Schedule*, on orange background with black letters and numbers and the words “Bonded Vehicle” embossed thereon;
 - (j) in the case of vehicle with trial plates, the name of one of the islands of The Bahamas and the respective license plate identification prefix as prescribed in the *First Schedule* followed by four numbers embossed thereon on a white background with aqua letters and numbers.
- (2) The Controller shall issue a licence disc having thereon the month and the year of the current licensing year in an abbreviated form, expiration date, make and model of the vehicle, owner's licence plate number and a matrix bar code.

4. Fees for number plates and licence discs.

- (1) The fee for a set of number plates issued in replacement of plates surrendered under paragraph 2 shall be fifteen dollars.
- (2) The fee for a licence disc issued under subparagraph (2) of paragraph 3 shall be ten dollars for the current licensing year.

5. Period for surrender of number plates.

The Minister may by Order, amend the Second Schedule to provide the period of surrender of particular number plates.

6. Repeal.

The Road Traffic (Surrender of Number Plates) Order, 1996¹ is hereby repealed.

¹S.I. No. 22 of 1996.

FIRST SCHEDULE

LICENSE PLATE IDENTIFICATION PREFIX

(Paragraphs 3(1)(b),(c),(d),(e),(f),(g),(h),(i) and (j))

ISLAND	TYPE OF VEHICLE								
	Taxi	Limousine	Public Schedule Omnibus	Private Schedule	Private Charter Omnibus	Self Drive	Tour Car	Bonded	Trial
	LICENSE PLATE IDENTIFICATION PREFIX								
Abaco	TA	LA	JA	PA	CA	SA	RA	BV	OT
Andros	TD	LD	JD	PD	CD	SD	RD	BV	OT
Bimini	TB	LB	JB	PB	CB	SB	RB	BV	OT
Berry Islands	TY	LY	JY	PY	BY	SY	RY	BV	OT
Cat Island	TC	LC	JC	PC	CC	SC	RC	BV	OT
Crooked Island	TO	LO	JO	PO	CO	SO	RO	BV	OT
Eleuthera	TE	LE	JE	PE	CE	SE	RE	BV	OT
Exuma	TX	LX	JX	PX	CX	SX	RX	BV	OT
Grand Bahama	TG	LG	JG	PG	CG	SG	RG	GB	OT
Harbour Island	TH					SH			
Inagua	TI	LI	JI	PI	CI	SI	RI	BV	OT
Long Island	TL	LL	JL	PL	CL	SL	RL	BV	OT
New Providence	TN	LN	JN	PN	CN	SN	RN	BV	OT
Mayaguana	TM	LM	JM	PM	CM	SM	RM	BV	OT
Rum Cay	TR	LR	JR	PR	CR	SR	RR	BV	OT
San Salvador	TS	LS	JS	PS	CS	SS	RS	BV	OT
Spanish Wells						SW			

SECOND SCHEDULE

Period for Surrender of Number Plates

(Paragraph 5)

- (1) Number plates of passenger vehicles being private motor vehicles which bear yellow numbers and letters on a royal blue background with the name of one of the islands of The Bahamas embossed thereon shall continue to be surrendered to the Controller for replacement between the 21st day of October, 2016 and the 31st day of October, 2017.
- (2) Number plates of public vehicles in paragraph 3(1), subparagraphs (b), (c), (d), (e), (f), (g) (h), (i) and (j) shall be surrendered to the Controller between the 1st day of May, 2017 and the 31st day of May, 2017.

Made this 28th day of April, 2017.

Signed

GLENYS HANNA-MARTIN
Minister responsible for Road Traffic