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THE TRAFFIC ACT

(Cap. 403)

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by section 119(g) of the Traffic Act, the Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Infrastructure makes the following Rules—

THE TRAFFIC (MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION) RULES, 2026

PART I—PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

1. These Rules may be cited as the Traffic (Motor Vehicle Inspection) Rules, 2026, and shall come into operation on the 1st July, 2026.

Citation and commencement.

2. In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires—

Interpretation.

“all-terrain vehicle” means a wheeled or tracked vehicle designed for travel primarily on unprepared surfaces including open country but does not include an implement of husbandry or construction machinery and which is not intended for use on public roads;

“Authority” means the National Transport and Safety Authority established under section 3(1) of the National Transport and Safety Authority Act;

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“centre” means a motor vehicle testing centre including a motor vehicle testing centre operated by the Authority and a privately-owned motor vehicle testing centre;

“inspection test” means the assessment of a motor vehicle to determine whether or not the motor vehicle conforms to Regulations and standards governing safety;

“Inspector” means a person licensed by the Authority to conduct inspection tests;

“inspection sticker” means a certificate, including a decal, issued by the Authority or a licensed private motor vehicle inspection centre that shall be affixed to a motor vehicle indicating the fitness status of the motor vehicle after an inspection test;

“inspector licence” means a licence issued by the Authority indicating that the person is authorised to conduct inspection tests;

“mobile motor vehicle testing unit” means a mobile motor vehicle testing unit owned by the Authority or by a private party licensed by the Authority to conduct motor vehicle testing;

“privately-owned motor vehicle testing centre” means a privately-owned place of business licensed by the Authority to conduct motor vehicle testing and includes a privately-owned mobile motor vehicle testing unit;

“privately-owned mobile motor vehicle testing unit licence” means a licence issued by the Authority in respect of a privately-owned mobile motor vehicle testing unit; and

“salvage vehicle” means—

- (a) a motor vehicle which is damaged by collision, fire, flood, accident, trespass or other occurrence to the extent that the cost of repairing the motor vehicle for lawful operation on a public road exceeds the fair market value of the motor vehicle immediately prior to the damage; and
- (b) a motor vehicle that has been declared a salvage vehicle by an Inspector.

PART II—INSPECTION TESTS

3. (1) Subject to subrule (2), each motor vehicle, whether privately-owned or owned by a Government entity, once in each year, that is older than four years since the recorded date of manufacture shall be subjected to an inspection test.

Motor vehicle inspection tests.

(2) The following motor vehicles shall not be required to undergo inspection tests—

- (a) tractors used exclusively for agricultural purposes;
- (b) golf carts;
- (c) motorised pedal cycles; and
- (d) all-terrain vehicles:

Provided that the vehicles specified in paragraph (a), (b), (c) or (d) shall not be driven or operated on a public road unless they have undergone an inspection test.

(3) Each tractor used for the haulage of agricultural produce that is older than four years since the recorded date of manufacture shall, whether privately-owned or owned by a Government entity, once in each year, be subjected to an inspection test.

4. (1) Each public service vehicle, commercial vehicle, driving school vehicle, vehicle owned by the national government and vehicle

Annual inspection tests.

owned by a county government shall, once in each year, undergo an inspection test by the Authority.

(2) Despite sub-rule 3(1), each public service vehicle, commercial vehicle and school vehicle shall, regardless of the age of the vehicle, once in each year, undergo an inspection test by the Authority.

5. Each school vehicle shall, at least once every year, undergo an inspection test by the Authority.

Inspection of school vehicles.

6. Each new commercial vehicle, public service vehicle, driving school vehicle, school vehicle and locally assembled vehicle shall undergo an inspection test by the Authority before the motor vehicle is registered.

Pre-registration inspection tests.

7. Any motor vehicle that has been involved in an accident may be subjected to an inspection test by the Authority.

Accident inspection tests.

8. Any motor vehicle that undergoes any change in its length, height, width, maximum payload, colour, engine or any other structural or mechanical change shall undergo an inspection test by the Authority after the change.

Change-of-particulars inspection tests.

9. These Rules shall not affect the right of a police officer in uniform or an Inspector to inspect any motor vehicle in accordance with section 105(1) of the Act.

Police inspection tests.

10. (1) Any motor vehicle that is intended to be re-registered shall undergo an inspection test conducted by the Authority before it is re-registered.

Re-registration, alternative and transfer inspection tests.

(2) Any motor vehicle that undergoes an alternative motor vehicle transfer shall undergo a motor vehicle test by the Authority before the motor vehicle can be transferred.

(3) Any motor vehicle that is missing from the Authority's online records shall undergo an inspection by the Authority before the details relating to that motor vehicle are entered into the Authority's online records.

PART III—SALVAGE VEHICLES

11. (1) Salvage vehicles shall be classified as follows—

Classification of salvage vehicles.

(a) Category A or Actual Loss Category which is a salvage vehicle that has been found to be unsuitable for use on a public road or the salvage vehicle is beyond repair; and

- (b) Category B or Structural Damage Category which is a salvage vehicle that has suffered damage that is detrimental to the motor vehicle's structural rigidity, but which is repairable.

(2) The determination of the classification of a salvage vehicle under sub-rule (1) shall be made by an Inspector.

12. (1) A person shall not operate any Category B salvage vehicle on a public road unless—

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inspection tests.

- (a) it has been repaired to a degree that it is capable of being safely operated on a public road;
- (b) it has undergone an inspection test and been certified as being safe to be operated on a public road; and
- (c) the registration details of the motor vehicle have been submitted to the Authority for endorsement to reflect the salvage status of the motor vehicle.

(2) A Category A salvage vehicle—

- (a) shall not be operated on a public road; and
- (b) shall be de-registered by the Authority and its number plates withdrawn.

(3) A Category B salvage vehicle shall have its number plates retained by the Authority and shall not be operated on a public road.

(4) The Authority shall return the number plates of a Category B salvage vehicle and permit its operation on public roads only after it has undergone repairs to make it roadworthy and it has undergone a motor vehicle inspection by the Authority.

(5) An insurance company, or any entity or individual who fails to report to the Authority that a vehicle has been classified as a salvage vehicle commits an offence.

(6) A person who operates motor vehicle that should be classified as a salvage vehicle without the salvage status of the vehicle being endorsed on its registration details commits an offence.

PART IV—INSPECTION STANDARDS

13. (1) Each inspection test shall be conducted in accordance with—

Standards.

- (a) Kenya Standard KS 1515 or similar standard approved by the Kenya Bureau of Standards; and

(b) the standards set out in the Second Schedule.

(2) The Authority shall provide each operator of a motor vehicle inspection centre with a system for the submission of inspection test results in respect of each motor vehicle that has undergone an inspection test.

PART V—INSPECTION STICKERS

14. (1) An inspector shall issue an inspection sticker and inspection report in respect of each motor vehicle that passes an inspection test.

Inspection stickers and reports.

(2) No person shall operate a motor vehicle on a public road unless the motor vehicle is affixed with a valid inspection sticker.

(3) Any person who operates a motor vehicle on a public road that does not have affixed to it a valid inspection sticker commits an offence and shall be liable, on conviction, to the penalty specified in section 118(2) of the Act.

15. (1) An inspector shall issue a defect inspection sticker and defect inspection report in respect of each motor vehicle that does not pass an inspection test.

Defect inspection stickers and reports.

(2) A defect inspection report shall specify the repairs that require to be undertaken on a motor vehicle that fails an inspection test.

16. (1) The owner of a motor vehicle that fails an inspection test shall cause the repairs specified in the defect inspection report to be made to the motor vehicle before it is presented for re-inspection.

Re-inspection tests.

(2) Where a vehicle that failed an inspection test is presented for re-inspection within fourteen days after the issuance of the defect inspection report at the motor vehicle inspection centre where the failed inspection test had been undertaken, the re-inspection test shall be undertaken at no cost to the motor vehicle owner.

(3) Where a vehicle that failed an inspection test is presented for re-inspection after the expiry of fourteen days after the date of the issuance of the defect inspection report or it is presented for re-inspection at a different motor vehicle inspection centre, the owner of the motor vehicle shall bear the cost of the re-inspection test.

(4) The owner of a motor vehicle that failed an inspection test shall not—

(a) operate the motor vehicle on any public road after the failed inspection test except for the purposes of taking the vehicle

to a place where the repairs specified in the defect inspection report shall be undertaken; and

- (b) in the case of a public service vehicle or commercial vehicle, the operation of the motor vehicle shall not be for the purposes of the carriage of passengers or goods.

PART VI—MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTORS

17. (1) A person who wishes to be appointed as an inspector for the purposes of these Rules shall apply to the Authority in writing. Inspectors.

(2) An application under subrule (1) shall be accompanied by the fee specified in the First Schedule.

(3) A person is qualified to be appointed as an inspector if that person—

- (a) possesses, at a minimum, a diploma in motor vehicle engineering, mechanical engineering or automotive engineering from an institution recognised in Kenya;
- (b) has at least three years relevant experience in the motor vehicle industry;
- (c) has successfully undertaken an entry training course authorised by the Authority; and
- (d) has a valid driving licence.

(4) The Authority shall issue each qualified person with an inspector's licence.

(5) An inspector's licence shall be valid for a period of one year from the date of issuance and shall be renewed in accordance with subrules (1) and (2).

(6) An inspector shall conduct inspection tests in accordance with these Rules and, in respect of each motor vehicle presented for an inspection test, verify the registration details before conducting the test.

(7) Each inspector shall be solely responsible for the results of an inspection test uploaded onto the system provided by the Authority.

18. An inspector shall, when performing the functions of an inspector under these Rules, produce his or her inspector's licence when requested to do so. Production of inspector's licence.

19. (1) The Authority may suspend, revoke or refuse to renew an inspector's licence if— Suspension and revocation of inspectors' licences.

- (a) the inspector conducts inspections in a manner contrary to these rules;
- (b) the inspector engages in corrupt practices when conducting inspections including soliciting and receiving a bribe in respect of an inspection.

(2) The Authority may refuse to issue an applicant with an inspector's licence if the applicant made a false statement in respect of an application for an inspector's licence under rule 16(1).

(3) A person aggrieved by the decision of the Authority may within seven days seek for a review of the decision of the Authority and the Authority shall convey its decision within fourteen days.

(4) A person who is dissatisfied by the decision of the Authority after the review under subrule (3) may appeal against the decision to the Transport Licensing Appeals Board.

20. The Authority may conduct random checks of inspectors to determine whether or not the inspectors are complying with these Rules.

Random inspection by Authority.

PART VII—MOTOR VEHICLE TESTING CENTRES

21. (1) A person who intends to operate a private motor vehicle testing centre shall apply to the Authority for a licence and pay the fee prescribed in the First Schedule.

Private motor vehicle testing centres.

(2) Whenever it becomes necessary, the Authority shall, by notice in at least one newspaper with a nationwide circulation, invite applicants for licences to operate private motor vehicle testing centres and shall specify in such notice the requirements to be met for issuance of the licences.

22. (1) The Authority shall issue an applicant with a licence under these Rules if the person can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Authority that the person has the requisite land, infrastructure, capital and equipment to establish and operate a motor vehicle testing center.

Licenses issued for privately-owned motor vehicle testing centres.

(2) The Authority shall not issue a person with a licence under these Rules—

- (a) if that person is a licensed motor vehicle assembler; and
- (b) if that person is engaged in the business of repairing motor vehicles.

(2) A licence issued in respect of a private motor vehicle testing centre shall not be transferrable or assignable to any other person.

(3) Each licensed private motor vehicle testing centre shall—

- (a) at all relevant times, have the necessary equipment for conducting inspections;
- (b) be capable of conducting inspection tests in accordance with these Rules and the applicable standards; and
- (c) not issue a motor vehicle inspection sticker in respect of any motor vehicle unless that vehicle has undergone an inspection test in accordance with these Rules and the applicable standards.

(4) A licence issued in respect of a privately owned motor vehicle testing centre shall authorise—

- (a) inspection tests in the premises named in the licence; and
- (b) inspection of the category or classes specified in the licence.

(5) Despite any other provision of these Rules, the owner or operator of a public service vehicle shall not be issued with a licence to operate a private motor vehicle testing centre.

23. (1) A licence issued in respect of a private motor vehicle testing centre shall be valid for a period of five years from the date of issuance.

Validity of licences.

(2) The holder of a licence issued in respect of a private motor vehicle testing centre may apply to the Authority for renewal of the licence and pay the fee prescribed in the First Schedule.

(3) The Authority may, before renewal of a licence, inspect or cause the inspection of the premises in respect of which the application for renewal of a licence is made and where the premises do not comply with these Rules or the applicable standards, may refuse to renew the licence until the premises attains compliance.

(4) Where the premises do not comply with these Rules or the applicable standards, the Authority may refuse to renew the licence until the premises attains compliance.

24. The holder of a licence issued in respect of a private motor vehicle testing centre shall be responsible for the operation of the centre and ensure that—

Responsibilities of licensees.

- (a) inspection stickers are only issued in respect of motor vehicles that have undergone an inspection test at the centre;
- (b) only licensed inspectors conduct inspection tests at the centre;
- (c) each inspector conducting inspection tests at the centre is issued with a copy of the relevant standards;
- (d) keep and maintain a record of each inspection test conducted at the centre;
- (e) produce when requested by the Authority or a person authorised in that respect copies of the record of each inspection test conducted at the centre;
- (f) the centre is at all times be equipped with the necessary equipment for conducting inspections; and
- (g) the Authority is notified of any motor vehicle presented for an inspection test in respect of which the registration details are inaccurate or contain inconsistencies.

25. (1) The Authority may revoke the licence of the holder of a licence issued in respect of a privately-owned motor vehicle testing center, or suspend the licence where—

Suspension and
revocation of
licences.

- (a) the licensee made false statements or representations in respect of the application for the license; or
- (b) the licensee contravenes any of the provisions of these Rules.

(2) A person aggrieved by the decision of the Authority may within seven days appeal to the Transport Licensing Appeals Board established under section 39 of the National Transport Safety Authority Act.

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26. (1) Each private motor vehicle testing centre shall keep—

Records.

- (a) a copy of the licence of each inspector conducting inspection tests at the centre; and
- (b) a copy of each certificate and record of inspection test issued by the centre.

(2) Each private motor vehicle testing centre shall keep the records required under subrule (1)—

- (a) for at least five years; and

(b) in the format and medium prescribed by the Authority.

27. (1) The Authority may inspect a private motor vehicle testing centre and its operations to— Inspection of centres.

- (a) ascertain the state of compliance with these Rules and the applicable standards;
- (b) ascertain the adequacy of the records management systems of the centre;
- (c) ascertain the qualifications of the inspectors conducting inspection tests at the centre; and
- (d) investigate any complaint made against the centre or an inspector conducting inspection tests at the centre.

(2) The Authority may, without prior notice but during normal business hours, enter a private motor vehicle testing centre to conduct an inspection for the purposes specified in subrule (1).

28. Each operator of a private motor vehicle testing centre shall, in respect of each inspection test— Fees.

- (a) charge the fees prescribed by the First Schedule in respect of the relevant motor vehicle inspection test; and
- (b) display the fee schedule in a prominent place in the centre.

29. (1) Each person who wishes to have a private motor vehicle inspected in accordance with these Rules shall pay to the Authority the booking fee specified in the First Schedule in respect of the motor vehicle before submitting the vehicle to the private motor vehicle testing centre to conduct the inspection. Booking fees.

(2) A person who has paid the booking fee specified in sub-rule (1) shall present proof of the payment to the private motor vehicle testing centre at the time of submitting the vehicle for inspection.

(3) The operator of a private motor vehicle inspection centre shall not conduct an inspection unless the proof of payment of the booking fee required under sub-rule (1) is presented.

PART VIII—OFFENCES AND PENALTIES

30. (1) A person commits an offence if that person—

- (a) operates or, as the owner of a motor vehicle, allows another person to operate on a public road or a public place a motor vehicle for which an inspection test is required has not been conducted;

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- (b) affixes on a motor vehicle an inspection sticker that has been issued in respect of a different motor vehicle;
- (c) alters, without the authorisation of the Authority, an inspection report issued by a motor vehicle testing centre; or
- (d) performs any act that is intended to circumvent the requirements of these Rules.

(2) A person convicted of an offence under subrule (1) shall be liable, in addition to any other penalties prescribed under the Act, to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or a fine not exceeding twenty thousand shillings or to both.

FIRST SCHEDULE [rr. 16(2), 20(1),
22(2), 28(1)(a), 29(1)]

Fees

A. Motor vehicle inspection fees

S/No.	Type of inspection	Booking fee (NTSA) Ksh.	Max inspection fee (Centre) Ksh.
1.	Inspection of motorcycles and three-wheeled motor vehicles	200	300
2.	Inspection of motor vehicles with engine capacity of less than 3,000 cubic centimetres or electric vehicles with battery capacity of less than 150 kilowatt hours	1,000	1,000
3.	Inspection of motor vehicles with engine capacity exceeding 3,000 cubic centimetres or electric vehicles with battery capacity of more than 151 kilowatt hours	1,000	1,000
4.	Inspection of trailers weighing less than 5 tonnes	1,000	1,000
5.	Inspection of trailers weighing more than 5 tonnes	1,000	1,000
6.	Inspection of commercial vehicles weighing less than 5 tonnes	1,000	1,000
7.	Inspection of commercial vehicles weighing more than 5 tonnes	1,000	1,000
8.	Accident vehicle inspections	1,000	

B. Application fees

<i>S/No.</i>	<i>Type of application</i>	<i>Fee (Kshs.)</i>
1.	Inspector's licence, annual	2,000
2.	CLUSTER 1: Motor vehicle inspection centre (Nairobi City, Kiambu, Mombasa, Nakuru, Machakos, Nyandarua, Meru, Kisumu, Bungoma, Kakamega, Narok, Nyeri, Murang'a, Kisii, Uasin Gishu, Bomet, Elgeyo/Marakwet, Nandi, Kilifi, Trans Nzoia, Homa Bay, Kajiado and Embu)	1,000,000
3.	CLUSTER 2: Motor vehicle inspection centre (Nyamira, Kitui, Makueni, Kirinyaga, Migori, Siaya, Baringo, Busia, Kericho, Kwale, Laikipia, Turkana, Tharaka-Nithi, Vihiga, Taita/Taveta, West Pokot, Garissa, Wajir, Mandera, Marsabit, Tana River, Lamu, Samburu and Isiolo)	500,000
4.	Private motor vehicle inspection mobile unit	300,000

SECOND SCHEDULE [r. 12(1)(a)]

List of Standards for Motor Vehicle Inspection Tests

<i>S/No.</i>	<i>Standard</i>	<i>Description</i>
1.	KS 2295-2	Maximum road speed limiters for motor vehicles, Part 1: Performance and installation requirements
2.	KS 2295-2	Maximum road speed limiters for motor vehicles, Part 2: Specification for system and component requirements
3.	KS 372	Road vehicle – Passenger vehicle body constructions – Specifications
4.	KS 1515	Code of Practice for Inspection of Road Vehicles
5.	KS 2499	Road Vehicles – Inspection Centre Evaluation – Code of Practice
6.	KS EAS 1047	East African Standard Vehicle Exhaust Emission Limits
7.	KNWA 2460	Code of Practice for Motor Vehicles Garages for Repair and Services

Made on the 9th February, 2026.

DAVIS CHIRCHIR,
Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport.

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 14

THE NATIONAL TRANSPORT AND SAFETY AUTHORITY ACT

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THE NATIONAL TRANSPORT AND SAFETY (OPERATION OF
COMMERCIAL VEHICLES) REGULATIONS, 2026

ARRANGEMENT OF REGULATIONS

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THE NATIONAL TRANSPORT AND SAFETY AUTHORITY ACT

(Cap. 404)

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by section 54 of the National Transport and Safety Authority Act, the Cabinet Secretary for Roads and Transport makes the following Regulations—

THE NATIONAL TRANSPORT AND SAFETY AUTHORITY
(OPERATION OF COMMERCIAL VEHICLES) REGULATIONS,
2026

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Transport and Safety Authority (Operation of Commercial Vehicles) Regulations, 2026, and shall come into operation as follows—

Citation and commencement.

- (a) paragraphs (d) and (h) of regulation 9, on the 1st July, 2026; and
- (b) all the other regulations, on the date these Regulations are published in the *Gazette*.

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—

Interpretation.

“carrier or operator” means the corporate body or person with operational responsibility over the commercial vehicle on a day-to-day basis either as the registered owner of the vehicle or pursuant to the terms of a contract or franchise agreement with the registered owner of the vehicle;

“corporate body” means a limited liability company registered under the Companies Act and includes a co-operative society registered under the Co-operative Societies Act and a society registered under the Societies Act;

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Cap. 108.

“owner” means the registered owner of the commercial vehicle;

“retro-reflective markings” means the markings on a surface or a device from which, when directionally illuminated, a relatively large portion of the incident radiation is retro-reflected;

“third-party insurance cover” means an insurance policy by that name issue in respect to a public service vehicle pursuant to the provisions of the Insurance (Motor Vehicle Third-Party Risks) Act; and

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“underride protection device” means a device installed on or near the rear or side of a commercial vehicle that prevents or limits the

distance that the front end of a vehicle striking the rear of the vehicle with the device will slide under the rear of the impacted vehicle.

3. The object and purpose of these Regulations is to provide a framework for the regulation, management and safe operation of commercial vehicles.

Object and purpose of the Regulations.

4. These Regulations shall apply to all commercial vehicles whose tare weight is above three thousand and forty-eight kilogrammes operating on a public road in Kenya.

Application of the Regulations.

5. A commercial vehicle shall be deemed to be a workplace within the meaning assigned to “workplace” under section 2 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act.

Commercial vehicles to be workplaces under Cap. 236A.

6. (1) A commercial vehicle owner, carrier or operator shall not operate or permit another person to operate a commercial vehicle without a valid commercial vehicle operator licence issued by the Authority.

Licensing of commercial vehicle owners, carriers and operators.

(2) A commercial vehicle operator licence shall be valid for one year and shall be renewed annually upon payment of the prescribed fee contained in the First Schedule.

(3) A person applying for a commercial vehicle operator licence shall submit an application together with copies of the following documents—

- (a) certificate of registration as company under the Companies Act, or a co-operative society under the Co-operative Societies Act, a business name under the Registration of Business Names Act or national identification for individuals;
- (b) Personal Identification Number certificate issued under the Tax Procedures Act;
- (c) physical address of office.

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Cap. 490.
Cap. 499.

Cap. 469B.

7. A holder of a commercial vehicle operator licence shall—

Responsibilities of commercial vehicle owners, carriers and operators.

- (a) maintain the commercial vehicle in a proper and fit mechanical condition for the safe operation of the vehicle and shall keep maintenance record for each of the commercial vehicles for a minimum of two years;

- (b) only employ qualified drivers for the operation of the commercial vehicles;
- (c) undertake regular road safety awareness of the employed drivers;
- (d) put in place mechanisms to ensure that employed drivers do not drive for more than the maximum driving hours prescribed under section 66A of the Traffic Act;
- (e) submit a preliminary report of any accident that results in death to the Authority within twenty hours of the occurrence of the accident that shall include—
 - (i) the driver's details;
 - (ii) the vehicle registration details;
 - (iii) the maintenance record of the vehicle; and
 - (iv) the circumstances, if known, that led to the accident.

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8. (1) A person shall not operate a commercial vehicle in respect of which a valid commercial vehicle road licence has not issued by the Authority.

Licensing of commercial vehicles.

(2) A commercial vehicle road licence shall be valid for one year and shall be renewed annually.

(3) An applicant for a commercial vehicle road licence shall submit the application to the Authority and submit the following—

- (a) a copy of a valid commercial vehicle operator licence in the name of the applicant;
- (b) a valid inspection certificate issued not more than thirty days before the date of the application; and
- (c) proof of ownership of the commercial vehicle in respect of which the commercial vehicle road licence is being applied for.

9. (1) Each commercial vehicle shall—

Commercial service vehicles.

- (a) have at minimum, a third-party insurance cover;
- (b) have a valid vehicle inspection certificate;
- (c) have installed a speed limiter conforming to the applicable Kenyan Standard as stipulated by the Kenya Bureau of Standards;

- (d) have installed a vehicular telematic system conforming to the Kenya standard KS 2295:2023 as stipulated by the Kenya Bureau of Standards;
- (e) have retro-reflective contour markings with a minimum width of two inches that conform to Kenya standard KNWA 3006:2024 as stipulated by the Kenya Bureau of Standards as illustrated in the Second Schedule;
- (f) carry an efficient fire extinguisher that is maintained in perfect order and be carried in such a position to be readily available for use at any time;
- (g) carry a first aid kit sufficient to deal with any reasonable emergency; and
- (h) have installed underride protection devices on the rear and side of commercial vehicles where applicable conforming to the applicable Kenyan Standard as stipulated by the Kenya Bureau of Standards.

(2) The carrier or owner of a commercial vehicle or trailer shall cause to be painted or otherwise marked in the English language in a conspicuous position on the right or offside of every such vehicle in letters of not less than one inch in height which shall all times be kept clearly legible—

- (a) the name and address of the owner of the vehicle;
- (b) the registered tare weight of the vehicle; and
- (c) the maximum weight that the vehicle is authorised to carry.

10. (1) A driver of a commercial vehicle shall—

- (a) ensure that they are duly licensed to drive the class of commercial vehicle that they are driving;
- (b) not exceed the prescribed maximum driving hours;
- (c) adhere to traffic laws, regulations and safety standards while driving; and
- (d) conduct pre-inspection and post-inspection trips to check for mechanical issues, safety hazards and ensure compliance of the vehicle with regulation 7 and immediately report any issue to the owner or carrier or operator of a commercial vehicle.

Commercial
service vehicle
drivers.

(2) In case of a breakdown the driver shall immediately place on the road not less than fifty metres from the commercial vehicle two reflecting triangles of such construction and dimensions as may be prescribed, one ahead of the vehicle and one behind it, so that each reflecting triangle is clearly visible to drivers approaching the commercial vehicle from ahead or behind as the case may be.

11. (1) All cargo transported by a heavy commercial vehicle must be contained, covered, immobilised or secured so that it cannot leak from, spill from, blow off, fall from, fall through or otherwise be dislodged from the vehicle.

Loading and cargo
securement.

(2) Any portion of a load of—

- (a) sand, gravel, crushed stone, ore, or salt, or any mixture of them, or whole stones;
- (b) waste; or
- (c) shredded scrap metal,

that is carried by a vehicle on a public road and not enclosed by the vehicle or a load container must be covered with a covering that meets the following requirements.

(3) The covering required under subregulation (2) shall—

- (a) be made of tarpaulin, canvas, wire mesh, netting or other material capable of containing the load within the vehicle or load container; or
- (b) be secured to the vehicle or load container in such manner that it cannot separate from the vehicle or load container.

(4) A commercial vehicle load shall—

- (a) not endanger the safety of other road users and vehicles;
- (b) not cause damage to public roads or structures along the road;
- (c) not obstruct the driver's view or jeopardise the vehicle's stability or operation; and
- (d) not cover or obscure lights, reflectors or the vehicle's registration plate.

12. (1) No carrier or owner shall request, require or allow a driver to park and no driver shall park on undesignated parking areas including but not limited to roadsides, road reserves, roadways, bridges or tunnels.

Parking.

(2) For purposes of subregulation (1), where no designated areas have been provided, the driver shall ensure that the vehicle is parked at least two metres from the edge of the road or roadside so as not to block pedestrian ways or obstruct the view of other road users or affect the safe operation of the road.

13. (1) The Authority may conduct safety audits on any carrier, operator or owner and the commercial vehicle driver.

Safety audits.

(2) The safety audits shall include—

- (a) an examination of the qualification of the driver of a commercial vehicle;
- (b) an examination of the duty status of the driver of a commercial vehicle; and
- (c) an examination of the maintenance records of the commercial vehicle.

14. (1) The Authority or a road authority may tow or remove a heavy commercial vehicle that has stalled or broken down on a road or arrange for a third party to tow or remove such a vehicle at the owner's, operator's or carrier's expense if, in the opinion of the Authority, such a vehicle poses a risk to the safety of other road users.

Power of Authority to tow stalled vehicles.

(2) The cost referred to in subregulation (1) shall be recoverable as a civil debt:

Provided that the Authority or the road authority shall ensure that any person engaged to tow or remove the stalled commercial vehicle on the road shall charge a standard fee that is reasonable and based on the distance travelled from the place where the commercial vehicle broke down or stalled to the place directed for delivery by the Authority.

15. (1) The Authority may suspend or revoke any licence issued under these Regulations in instances where the licence holder fails or neglects to comply with the provisions of these Regulations.

Power of Authority to suspend or revoke licences issued under these Regulations.

(2) Before the Authority suspends or revokes any licence, the Authority shall ensure that the licence holder has been given adequate notice in writing of the intended action and reasons thereof and opportunity to defend themselves.

16. A person aggrieved by a decision of the Authority taken under these Regulations may, within fourteen days of receiving the decision, appeal to the Appeals Board.

Appeals.

17. A person who operates or drives a heavy commercial vehicle in breach of any provision of these Regulations commits an offence and is liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding twenty thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or both.

Offences and penalties.

18. The National Transport and Safety Authority (Operation of Commercial Vehicles) Regulations are revoked.

Revocation.
Sub. Leg.

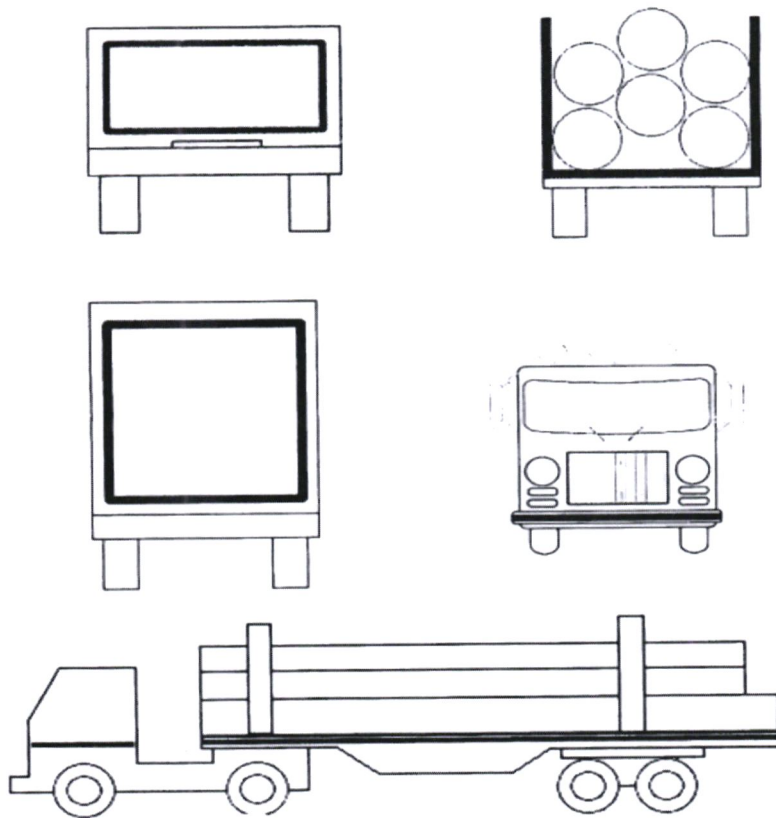
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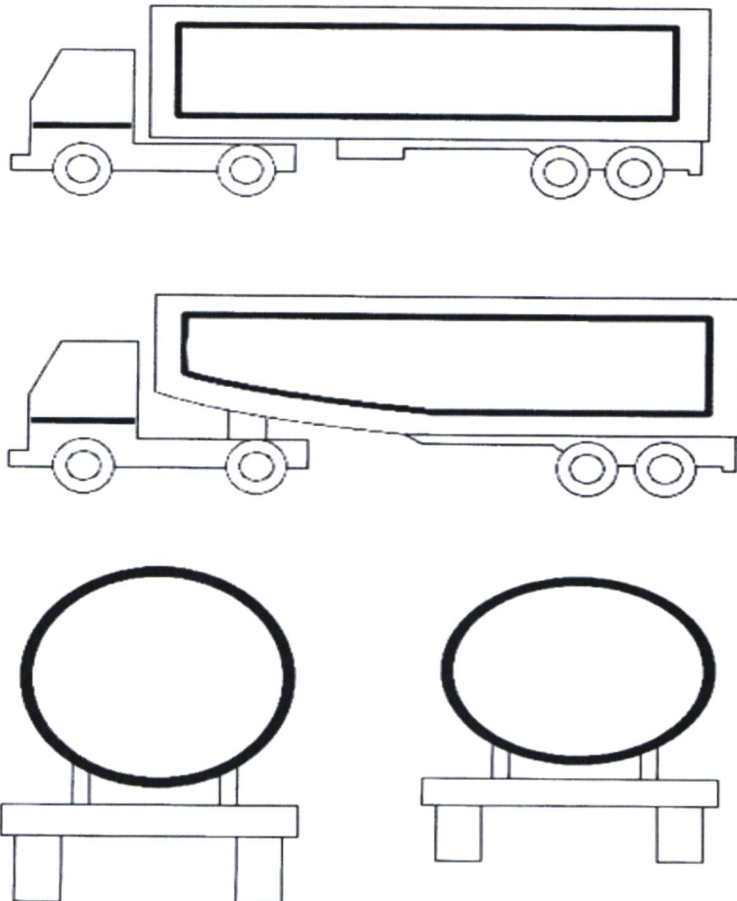
	<i>Application</i>	<i>Fee</i>
1.	Application and renewal fee for a commercial vehicle operator licence	Ksh. 2,000
2.	Application and renewal fee for commercial vehicle road licence per vehicle	Ksh. 500

SECOND SCHEDULE

[r. 9(1)(e)]

Retro-reflective markings for heavy commercial vehicles and their trailers





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