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THE ROAD TRAFFIC ENACTMENT, 1954
(NO. 12 of 1954)

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC (INTERNATIONAL
CIRCULATION) REGULATIONS, 1977**

(Made under section 88 of the Enactment)

In exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 88 of the Road Traffic Enactment, 1954, His Highness the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan in Council hereby makes the following Regulations:

PART I
PRELIMINARY

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Road Traffic **Citation.**
(International Circulation) Regulations, 1977.

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise **Interpretation.**
requires, the following words shall have the meanings hereby
respectively assigned to them -

“abroad” means any place outside the State;

“1949 Convention” means the United Nations Convention
on Road Traffic concluded at Geneva on the 19th day
of September, 1949;

“International Driving Permit” means a driving permit in
the form prescribed in the 1949 Convention issued by
the competent authority in Brunei or the competent
authority of a country which is a party to such
Convention;

“Domestic Driving Permit” means a document issued
under the law of a country which is a party to the
1949 Convention and authorising the holder to drive
motor vehicles or a specified class or description of
motor vehicle in that country;

“Enactment” means the Road Traffic Enactment, 1954;

“Registration Certificate” means a certificate or book issued under the law of a country which is a party to the 1949 Convention and containing the serial number or registration number, the name or trade mark of the maker of the motor vehicle, the maker’s identification or serial number, the date of first registration and the full name and permanent place of residence of the owner.

3. His Highness the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan may by notification in the Gazette appoint any Licensing Officer as a Registration Authority for the purposes of these Regulations.
- Appointment of
Registration
Authority.**

PART II

BRUNEI MOTOR VEHICLES AND DRIVERS GOING ABROAD

4. Any person who desires to use abroad a motor vehicle registered in the State must be in possession of a registration certificate and the motor vehicle must comply with the conditions prescribed in the 1949 Convention.
- Brunei cars going
abroad.**

5. (1) Subject to paragraph (2) a Registration Authority may issue for use abroad in a country which is a party to the 1949 Convention an International Driving Permit in the form set out in the First Schedule.
- Brunei
drivers going
abroad.**

(2) An International Driving Permit shall not be issued to any person unless he satisfies the Registration Authority that—

- (i) he is not under eighteen years of age; and that
- (ii) he is the holder of a driving licence authorising him to drive motor vehicles of the class or type which he would be authorised by the International Driving Permit applied for to drive.

(3) There shall be chargeable on the issue of an International Driving Permit a fee of \$15.00

(4) No International Driving Permit shall be issued until the applicant shall have paid to the Registration Authority the fee prescribed by this regulation.

PART III

MOTOR VEHICLES ARRIVING IN THE STATE FROM ABROAD

6. (1) Any person making only a temporary stay in the State who brings a motor vehicle into the State from a country abroad which is a party to the 1949 Convention and who desires to obtain an International Circulation Permit under these Regulations in respect of that vehicle shall apply to the Registration Authority by means of an application in the form set out in the Second Schedule to these Regulations. The registration certificate in respect of the motor vehicle shall be forwarded with the application.

**Application for
International
Circulation
Permits.**

(2) No person shall be exempt under the provisions of Regulation 18 from the payment of the fees for licences for motor vehicles, unless he is the holder of an International Circulation Permit.

7. (1) International Circulation Permits shall be in the form set out in the Third Schedule.

**Form of Inter-
national Circula-
tion Permits.**

(2) The International Circulation Permit shall be carried upon the motor vehicle in like manner as if it were a licence for a motor vehicle issued under the provisions of section 8 of the Enactment and the provisions of the Road Traffic Regulations, in respect of the fixing and display of identification marks for such licence, and the form of holder thereof, shall apply accordingly.

(3) The Registration Authority may if it thinks fit supply to the person to whom an International Circulation Permit is issued if he desires a holder therefor and make a charge for it.

8. A registration certificate containing such particulars relative to the motor vehicle in respect of which it is issued as the Licensing Officer may from time to time direct shall be issued to every owner of a motor vehicle in respect of which an International Circulation Permit is issued. The registration certificate shall be produced for inspection by the owner at any reasonable time upon request by a police officer or any officer authorised in writing in that behalf by the Licensing Officer.

**Registration
Certificate.**

9. (1) No person shall deface or mutilate any International Circulation Permit or registration certificate or alter or obliterate any entry made therein or make any addition thereto or make or exhibit any imitation thereof.

**Defacing of
International
Circulation
Permits or Certifi-
cate of registra-
tion.**

(2) If an International Circulation Permit or registration certificate issued by the Registration Authority under these Regulations has been lost, destroyed or accidentally defaced, the owner of the motor vehicle shall apply to the Registration Authority for the issue to him of a duplicate permit or registration certificate, as the case may be, and the Registration Authority, upon being satisfied as to such loss, destruction or defacement, and where the permit or registration certificate has been accidentally defaced, upon the surrender of the permit or registration certificate so defaced, may issue a duplicate on payment of a fee of two dollars, and a duplicate so issued shall have the same effect as the original permit or registration certificate.

10. Upon receipt by the Registration Authority of an application duly made in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 6(1) of these Regulations for an International Circulation Permit, the Registration Authority to whom such application is made may, if it is satisfied that the owner is making only temporary stay in the State and that the motor vehicle in respect of which the application is made has been brought by the owner into the State from a country abroad which is a party to the 1949 Convention —

**Issue of Inter-
national Circula-
tion Permits.**

- (i) issue to the owner an International Circulation Permit;
- (ii) enter thereon before issue thereof —
 - (a) the registration letter or letters and registration number of the vehicle;
 - (b) the date to which the International Permit is valid; and
 - (c) a stamp or other sufficient mark indicating the Registration Authority by whom the permit is issued and the date of issue;
- (iii) prepare and issue to such owner the registration certificate with the appropriate particulars entered thereon;
- (iv) retain the application:

Provided that no International Circulation Permit shall be issued by the Registration Authority unless and until there has been produced to the Authority in respect of the motor vehicle aforesaid a certificate of insurance, certificate of security or certificate of foreign insurance which complies with the requirements of the Motor Vehicle Insurance (Third Party Risks) Enactment (Cap.90) and which is valid for the period of the permit for which application has been made.

11. The identification mark of a motor vehicle in respect of which an International Circulation Permit is issued shall be —

- (i) the identification mark for international circulation issued in respect of the motor vehicle in the country of origin; or
- (ii) where the country of origin has not allotted an identification mark, such identification mark as the Licensing Officer may determine.

**Identification
marks of vehicles
brought into the
State from abroad.**

12. (1) An Identification mark as prescribed in Regulation II of these Regulations shall be carried by the motor vehicle in respect of which an International Circulation Permit has been issued and shall be exhibited in like manner as if it were an identification mark assigned in accordance with section 5 of the Enactment, and in conformity with the Road Traffic Regulations, in respect of the size, form, lettering and numbering of registration numbers:

**Carrying of
Identification
marks.**

Provided that if the identification mark or the plate on which it is exhibited does not conform as to form, colour, dimension, lettering, numbering or otherwise with the provision set out in the Road Traffic Regulations it shall conform in these respects with the law of the country by which the identification mark of such motor vehicle was allotted except that in all cases the letters shall be in Roman characters and the figures in ordinary European numerals.

(2) A Registration Authority may if he thinks fit supply at the request of the owner of a motor vehicle to which an identification mark is assigned under these Regulations plates bearing the identification mark of the vehicle inscribed thereon and make a charge for them.

13. An International Circulation Permit shall be valid for such period not exceeding ninety days from the date upon which the motor vehicle in respect of which such permit is issued was last brought into the State from abroad.

**Validity of Inter-
national Circula-
tion Permits.**

14. If a vehicle in respect of which an International Circulation Permit has been issued is broken up, destroyed or sold or otherwise transferred to a person other than the person to whom such permit was issued during the period for which such permit is valid, the person to whom such permit was issued shall forthwith inform the Regulation Authority by whom the permit was issued of such breaking up, destruction sale or other transfer, and, in the case of a sale or other transfer, of the name and address of the person to whom the motor vehicle has been so sold or transferred, and shall at the same time surrender to the said Registration Authority the permit and registration certificate issued in respect of the said vehicle.

**Surrender of
Permits, etc., on
the breaking up,
etc. of vehicle.**

15. If on or before the expiry of an International Circulation Permit the motor vehicle in respect of which the permit has been issued is about to be removed from the State to a place abroad the person to whom such permit was issued shall forthwith or before such vehicle is so removed as aforesaid, as the case may be, surrender the permit and registration certificate to the Registration Authority issuing such permit and certificate.

Surrender of permit, ect., on removal of vehicles from the State.

16. When any motor vehicle in respect of which an International Circulation Permit has been issued is broken up, destroyed or removed to a place abroad or sold or otherwise transferred from the owner to some person in the State, the identification mark assigned to the motor vehicle under Regulation II(ii) shall become void.

Identification marks to become void on breaking up etc., of vehicle.

17. At any time during the period of validity of his International Circulation Permit any person may surrender such permit to the Registration Authority by whom it was issued and such permit shall thereupon cease to be valid.

Surrender of International Circulation Permit at any time.

18. Any person who shall obtain an International Circulation Permit under, and shall otherwise comply with, these Regulations shall be exempt during the period for which such permit is valid from the fees payable in the State in respect of that motor vehicle under the Road Traffic Regulations.

Exemption from payment of fees.

19. (1) Any Person to whom an International Circulation Permit has been issued in respect of a motor vehicle shall, before using that vehicle in the State at any time after such permit has ceased to be valid, apply for and obtain a special licence under the provisions of this Regulation:

Application for licence on expiry of International Circulation Permit.

Provided that such special licence may be expressed to expire not later than ninety days from the date of expiry of the International Circulation Permit.

(2) For the purposes of this Regulation the Road Traffic Regulations shall be modified as follows: —

- (i) if the owner satisfies the Licensing Officer of the registration area within which he is temporarily residing that the vehicle is not ordinarily kept within any registration area and that he has no principal place of business or permanent postal address in the State, application for a licence may be made to the said Licensing Officer and a licence issued by that Licensing Officer;
- (ii) the owner shall, together with his declaration, forward to such Licensing Officer the International Circulation Permit (unless already surrendered to the Registration Authority) and registration certificate issued to him;
- (iii) the identification mark to be assigned by the Licensing Officer shall, if the person making the application in pursuance of this Regulation so desires, be the identification mark of the vehicle under Regulation II.

PART IV

DRIVERS ARRIVING IN THE STATE FROM ABROAD

20. (1) It shall be lawful for any person, resident abroad and intending to make only a temporary stay in the State, who holds an International Driving Permit or a Domestic Driving Permit, to drive in the State a motor vehicle of any class or description that he is authorised by such permit to drive notwithstanding that he is not the holder of a driving licence issued under Part IV of the Road Traffic Enactment, 1954.

**Holder of
International
Driving Permits or
Domestic Driving
Permits may drive
motor vehicles.**

(2) Part IV of the Road Traffic Regulations, 1956, shall not apply to any person authorised to drive a motor vehicle under paragraph (1) of this regulation.

PART V

GENERAL

21. Any officer authorised by the Registration Authority is empowered to perform any duty or exercise any power of the Registration Authority for the purpose of carrying these Regulations into effect. **Power of Registration Authority to authorise officers.**
22. The Registration Authority shall establish and maintain in such form as the Controller may direct records of motor vehicles in respect of which International Circulation Permits are issued under these Regulations. **Records of vehicles and licences.**
23. These Regulations shall not apply to any motor vehicle used for the carriage of goods for the purposes of any trade or business or for the carriage of passengers for hire or reward. **Saving.**
24. Regulations 78 and 100 of the Road Traffic Regulations, 1956, are hereby repealed. **Repeal.**

Made this 11th day of May, 1977.

JUDIN ASAR
*Clerk of Councils,
Brunei*

FIRST SCHEDULE

FORM OF INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT
UNDER THE 1949 CONVENTION

Page 1

STATE OF BRUNEI

INTERNATIONAL MOTOR TRAFFIC
INTERNATIONAL DRIVING PERMIT

Issued at

Date

Seal or stamp of
authority

(Signature of issuing authority)

Page 2

This permit is valid in the territory of all the Contracting States, with the exception of the territory of the Contracting State where issued, for the period of one year from the date of issue, for the driving of motor vehicles included in the category or categories mentioned on page 3.

LIST OF THE CONTRACTING STATES

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It is understood that this permit shall in no way affect the obligation of the holder to conform strictly to the laws and regulations relating to residence or to the exercise of a profession which are in force in each country through which he travels.

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Particulars concerning the Driver:

1. Surname
2. Other names
3. Place of birth
4. Date of birth*
5. Permanent place of residence

Motor vehicles for which the permit is valid:

Motor cycles, with or without a sidecar, invalid carriages and three-wheeled motor vehicles with an unladen weight not exceeding 400 kg. (900 lbs). A

Motor vehicles used for the transport of passengers and comprising, in addition to the driver's seat, at most eight seats, or those used for the transport of goods and having a permissible maximum weight not exceeding 3,500 kg. (7,700 lbs). Vehicles in this category may be coupled with a light trailer. B

Motor vehicles used for the transport of goods and of which the permissible maximum weight exceeds 3,500 kg. (7,700 lbs). Vehicles in this category may be coupled with a light trailer. C

Motor vehicles used for the transport of passengers and comprising, in addition to the driver's seat, more than eight seats, vehicles in this category may be coupled with a light trailer. D

Motor vehicles of categories B, C, or D, as authorized above, with other than a light trailer. E

"Permissible maximum weight" of a vehicle means the weight of the vehicle and its maximum load when the vehicle is ready for the road. "Maximum load" means the weight of the load declared permissible by the competent authority of the country of registration of the vehicle.

“Light trailers” shall be those of a permissible maximum weight not exceeding 750 kg (1,650 lbs).

EXCLUSION

Holder of this permit is deprived of the right to drive in

(Country)

by reason of

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Exclusion

Seal or stamp Place

(Countries)

of authority Date

Signature

Should the above space be already filled, use any other space provided for “Exclusion”.

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of authority | Photograph |
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of authority | Seal or stamp
of authority |
| D | Seal or stamp
of authority |
Signature of holder ** |
| E | Seal or stamp
of authority | |

EXCLUSION

(Countries)

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* or approximate age or date of issue

** or thumb impression.

Second Schedule
(Regulation 6)

DECLARATION AND APPLICATION FOR ISSUE OF
AN INTERNATIONAL CIRCULATION PERMIT

I request that you will issue to me a permit for the motor vehicle described below:

1. Description of motor vehicle (e.g. motor car, motor cycle, etc.)
2. Make of motor vehicle
3. Chassis Number
4. Engine Number
5. Shape
6. Colour
7. Number of seats
8. Letters and numbers on the identification plates (if any)

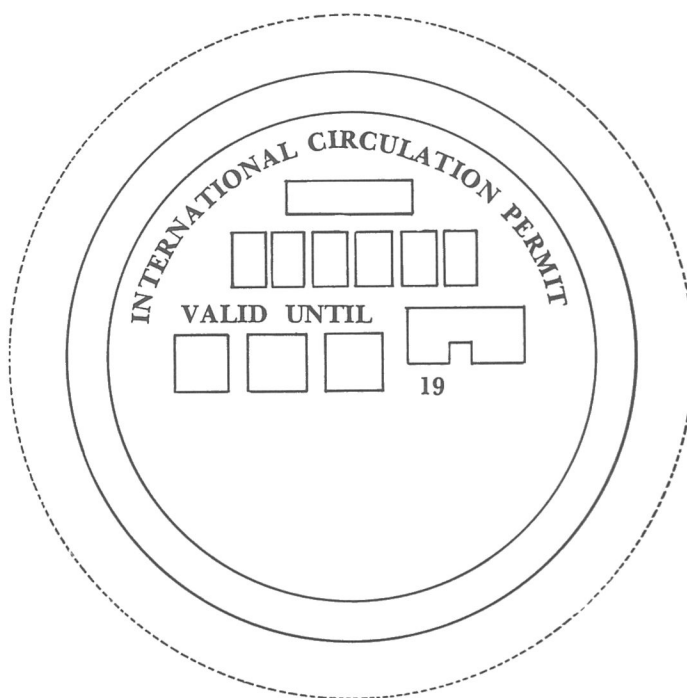
I undertake to deliver the permit on or before its expiry to the Authority by whom it was issued; I declare that I intend to make only a temporary stay in the State of Brunei; I understand that if I use the motor vehicle on public roads in the State of Brunei at any time when I hold no valid International Circulation Permit, I shall become liable to the ordinary registration and/or licence fees and I declare that I have held no International Circulation Permit during the last twelve months except as follows:

Where issued
Approximate period for which used
Signature of owner
Name in full
(in BLOCK CAPITALS)
Passport No.
Date and place of issue

Address in Brunei
Permanent place of residence
(Home address)
Place of entry
Date of entry
Permit No.Date of issueDate of expiry
Country where the motor vehicle is registered
Certificate of Insurance/Cover Note No.issued by
..... on expiring on

Third Schedule
(Regulation 7)

FORM OF INTERNATIONAL CIRCULATION PERMIT



The form is a circular permit with a dashed outer border and a solid inner border. The text "INTERNATIONAL CIRCULATION PERMIT" is written in a semi-circle along the top inner edge. Below this text is a horizontal rectangular box. Underneath the box is a row of six small vertical rectangular boxes. Below these boxes is the text "VALID UNTIL". Under "VALID UNTIL" is a row of three small square boxes followed by a larger rectangular box with a notch on its right side. Below the notch is the number "19".