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ORDINANCE 11 OF 1987.

**AN ORDINANCE**

TO PROVIDE FOR FITTING AND WEARING OF SEAT BELTS.

K. W. HAYR,  
ADMINISTRATOR

*12th May, 1987.*

**BE** it enacted by the Administrator of the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia as follows:—

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Fitting and Wearing of Seat Belts Ordinance, 1987. Short title.
- 2.—(1) In this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires — Interpretation.

“front seat” means the seat occupied by the driver of a motor vehicle and any other seat alongside the driver’s seat. In the case of a motor vehicle which has more than two front seats only the driver’s seat and the seat furthest from the driver’s seat shall be taken into consideration for the purposes of this Ordinance ignoring any other seat in the middle of such seats;

“motor vehicle” means—

- (a) a private or public Service motor vehicle of not more than eight passenger seats; and
- (b) a light goods vehicle the weight of which unladen does not exceed forty hundred weights;

“Republican Law” means the Road Safety Law of the Republic and includes any law amending or substituted for the same, and any subsidiary legislation or other Statutory Instrument made under such law; Law No. 174/86.

“seat belt” means a belt specially constructed for restraining and immobilising the body of a person sitting in a motor vehicle which belt complies with the specifications of one of the standards prescribed by the Chief Officer in an Order issued by him under the provisions of Section 3 of this Ordinance;

Ordinance 4  
of 1984.

“standard” has the meaning assigned to it by the Standards and control of Quality Ordinance.

(2) Expressions not otherwise defined in this Ordinance, unless the context otherwise requires, shall have the meaning assigned to them in the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Ordinance.

Ordinances  
8 of 1973,  
5 of 1982,  
2 of 1983  
and 11 of 1985.

Standard of  
seat belts.

3.—(1) The Chief Officer may, by Order published in the Gazette, specify the standards of seat belts to be used for the purposes of this Ordinance and in addition may specify the National and International Organizations which shall be recognized for the purposes of this Ordinance (hereinafter referred to as “a Recognized Organization”).

(2) A Certificate issued by or on behalf of a Recognized Organization as to the compliance or non-compliance of such standards in relation to specific seat belts, shall be accepted in the Areas for the purposes of this subsection.

(3) The Chief Officer may, by Order published in the Gazette, specify the form of a certificate which shall be used by, and the office of persons who may issue such certificates on behalf of a Recognized Organization :

Provided that, whether or not such Order is made, a Court may take judicial notice of such a certificate or a certified copy thereof if such certificate or copy appears to the Court to be genuine.

(4) The Chief Officer may issue Orders controlling any matters in relation to the fitting and wearing of seat belts. These Orders may provide different methods of control in relation to different classes of vehicles, persons or classes of persons and may include such exceptions as the Chief Officer may in his opinion consider appropriate.

Inspection of  
seat belts.

4. The Registrar may, at any time, require the owner of any motor vehicle or the owners of any class of motor vehicles to present such motor vehicle or vehicles for inspection to ascertain whether the seat belts fitted in such motor vehicles are securely fitted and conform to one of the specified standards.

Fitting of  
seat belts.

5.—(1) No motor vehicle shall be registered after the date fixed by the Chief Officer, by an Order published in the Gazette, unless it is fitted with seat belts properly secured on fixed points in the motor vehicle and designed to be used by the driver and any other person sitting on the front seat other than the driver's seat.

(2) Every motor vehicle shall, after the date fixed by the Chief Officer, by an Order published in the Gazette, be fitted with seat belts properly secured on fixed points in the motor

vehicle and designed to be used by the driver and any other person sitting on the front seat other than the driver's seat :

Provided that, save with the licence of the Registrar, the provisions of subsection (2) of this Section shall not apply to motor vehicles, where, in the opinion of the Registrar, the fitting of seat belts is either technically impossible or extremely difficult.

6.—(1) Any person driving a motor vehicle on a road or other public place and any person, over the age of ten years, riding on a front seat of such motor vehicle shall, after the date fixed by the Chief Officer by an Order published in the Gazette, wear a seat belt :

Wearing of  
seat belts.

Provided that, after such date, a child over the age of five years but under the age of ten years may only be carried on a front seat of a motor vehicle moving on any road or public place if such child wears a special seat belt which by construction, is suitable for children of such age and the type of such seat belt is approved by the Registrar.

(2) A child under the age of five years, shall not occupy in any manner a front seat or any part of the front portions of a motor vehicle whilst such vehicle is moving on a road or public place.

7.—(1) The provisions of subsection (1) of Section 5 shall not apply to —

Exemptions.

- (a) a person issued with an exemption certificate by the Registrar following presentation of a signed medical certificate by a Practitioner as defined in the Medical Practitioners Ordinance to the effect that for medical reasons the wearing of a seat belt by such person is not advisable :

Ordinance  
10 of 1964.

Provided that such exemption certificate may be valid either indefinitely or for a specific period of time ;

- (b) a person who has his permanent residence outside the Island of Cyprus and who drives or rides a motor vehicle imported temporarily into the Areas or the Republic and not fitted with seat belts, provided that such exemption shall not extend beyond a period of six months following the date of such importation ;
- (c) any person or class of persons who may be exempted by an Order issued under the provisions of subsection (2) of Section 3.

8.—(1) With the exception of an owner who is a lender of a motor vehicle subject to a hire-purchase or credit sale agreement every owner or any person having control of a motor vehicle who refuses, fails or neglects to comply with the provisions of subsection (2) of Section 5 shall be guilty of an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months or to a fine not exceeding one hundred and fifty pounds or to both such imprisonment and fine.

Offences  
and penalties.

(2) Any person who acts in contravention of subsection (1) of Section 6 shall be guilty of an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months

or to a fine not exceeding two hundred and fifty pounds or to both such imprisonment and fine.

(3) Any person who drives a motor vehicle on a road or other public place who allows or permits any person including a child to act in contravention of the provisions of Section 6 shall be guilty of an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to the penalties provided in subsection (2) of this Section.

Disqualification from holding or obtaining a driver's licence.

9. The Court may in addition to any other penalty imposed under the provisions of Section 8, order that a person convicted of an offence under the provisions of subsections (2) and (3) of Section 8, may be disqualified from holding or obtaining a driving licence for a period not exceeding three months as from the date of such conviction.

Recognition of powers exercisable by Republican officers.

10. Section 21 of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Ordinance shall apply in relation to any power exercisable by the Registrar or Deputy Registrar of Motor Vehicles of the Republic (by whatever named) or by any other officer of the Republic under the provisions of the Republican law as defined in this Ordinance, to like extent as it applies in relation to power exercisable by the same or other officers of the Republic under the provisions of the Republican Law as defined in the said Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Ordinance.

Ordinances 8 of 1973, 5 of 1982, 2 of 1983 and 11 of 1985.

Regulations.

11. The Administrator may make Regulations to be published in the Gazette for the better carrying out of the provisions of this Ordinance.

D.K.A. REYNOLDS,

12th May, 1987.

Chief Officer.

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