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The National Transport Authority, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by sections 7 and 20 of the Taxi Regulation Acts 2013 and 2016 (No. 37 of 2013 as amended), hereby makes the following Regulations to make exceptional provision, having regard to the Covid-19 pandemic, and in order to mitigate the adverse economic consequences likely to result from the spread of that disease and to mitigate its impact on essential public transport services:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Small Public Service Vehicle (Emergency Measure Covid-19) (No. 2) Regulations 2020.
2. Regulation 4 shall come into operation on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 2021 and shall cease to have effect on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December 2021.
3. In these Regulations, “Covid-19” means a disease caused by infection with the virus SARS-CoV-2 and specified as an infectious disease in accordance with Regulation 6 of, and the Schedule to, the Infectious Diseases Regulations 1981 (S.I. No. 390 of 1981) or any variant of the disease so specified as an infectious disease in those Regulations.
4. The Taxi Regulation (Small Public Service Vehicle) Regulations 2015 (S.I. No. 33 of 2015) are amended -
  - (a) by substituting at Regulation 31(1)(a) “eleven” for “ten”;
  - (b) by substituting at Regulation 31(1)(b) “sixteen” for “fifteen”.



GIVEN under the Seal of the National Transport Authority,  
18 December 2020.

FRED BARRY,  
Chairperson, National Transport Authority.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation.)*

The purpose of the Small Public Service Vehicle (Emergency Measure Covid-19) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 is to temporarily amend Regulation 31 of the Taxi Regulation (Small Public Service Vehicle) Regulations 2015, Maximum Permissible Age Requirements. This amendment is made as an exceptional provision and emergency measure resultant from the Covid-19 pandemic, noting that public transport, specifically including small public service vehicles, is deemed by Government to be an essential service.

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