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REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**Act No. 5 of 2013**

[L.S.]

AN ACT to amend the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic  
Act, Chap. 48:50

*[Assented to 7th May, 2013]*

ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as Enactment  
follows:

1. This Act may be cited as the Motor Vehicles and Short title  
Road Traffic (Amendment) Act, 2013.

Interpretation  
Chap. 48:50

**2.** In this Act, “the Act” means the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act.

Section 12 amended

**3.** Section 12 of the Act is amended—

(a) by inserting after subsection (3), the following subsection:

“ (3A) The Licensing Authority shall—

(a) on the application by a diplomat or diplomatic organization for the registration of a motor vehicle in his or its name; and

(b) upon being satisfied that the provisions of this Act and the Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third-party Risk) Act and Regulations made thereunder, have been complied with,

register the motor vehicle as a diplomatic motor vehicle and forthwith enter particulars of the vehicle in the register and shall assign to the vehicle special identification marks to be carried on the registration plates of the vehicle.”; and

(b) by inserting after subsection (9), the following subsection:

“ (10) In this section—

“diplomat” means a diplomatic agent, consular officer or an official of an

i n t e r n a t i o n a l  
organization or agency  
who is certified in writing  
by the Minister with  
responsibility for foreign  
affairs as being entitled  
to enjoy privileges and  
immunities under the  
Privileges and Immunities  
(Diplomatic, Consular and  
I n t e r n a t i o n a l  
Organization) Act;

Chap. 17:01

“diplomatic organization”  
means a diplomatic  
mission, consular post or  
a regional or  
i n t e r n a t i o n a l  
organization or agency  
that is certified in  
writing by the Minister  
with responsibility for  
foreign affairs as being  
entitled to enjoy privileges  
and immunities under  
the Privileges and  
Immunities (Diplomatic,  
Consular and International  
Organization) Act.”.

4. Section 15 of the Act is amended—

Section 15 amended

(a) in subsection (1)—

- (i) in paragraph (d), by deleting the word “or”;
- (ii) in paragraph (e), by deleting the fullstop and substituting a semi-colon; and

(iii) by inserting after paragraph (e), the following paragraphs:

“(f) the owner of a motor vehicle registered under section 12(3A) is no longer entitled to enjoy privileges and immunities under the Privileges and Immunities (Diplomatic, Consular and International Organization) Act; or

(g) an application is made to transfer a motor vehicle registered under section 12(3A) to a person who is not entitled to enjoy privileges and immunities under the Privileges and Immunities (Diplomatic, Consular and International Organization) Act.”; and

(b) by inserting after subsection (1), the following subsection:

“(1A) Where the registration of a motor vehicle is cancelled under paragraph (f) or (g), the Licensing Authority may register that motor vehicle under section 12(3).”.

Passed in the Senate this 9th day of April, 2013.

N. ATIBA-DILCHAN

*Clerk of the Senate*

Passed in the House of Representatives this 19th day  
of April, 2013.

J. SAMPSON-MEIGUEL

*Clerk of the House*