

ROAD TRAFFIC ACT

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Chapter one. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Art. 1. (1) This Act settles the rules for traffic on roads open for public use, the requirements for the vehicles participating in the traffic, the requirements for capacity of the drivers, the rights and the obligations of the participants in the traffic and of the respective services and officials, as well as the compulsory measures to be applied and the penalties for violation of the provisions of this Act and of the normative acts issued pursuant to it.

(2) The purpose of this Act is the protection of the life and the health of the participants in the traffic on the roads, the facilitation of their movement, the protection of the property of corporate bodies and individuals, as well as of the environment against pollution by vehicles.

Art. 2. (1) Open for public use shall be every road, which conditions for using it are equal for all participants in the traffic. The persons managing the roads, not opened for public use shall be obliged to mark them.

(2) Everybody shall have the right to travel on the roads which are opened for public use, observing the established traffic rules.

(3) This Act shall also apply for roads which are not opened for public use, unless other legal provisions or the owner or the administration, managing the road do not determine otherwise. The competence of the control bodies under this Act shall not cover the roads which are not opened for public use.

Art. 3. (1) (suppl., SG 85/04) The persons who manage the roads keep them in good shape by the necessary marking and signalling for the respective class of road, shall organise the traffic on them in such a way as to provide conditions of fast and secure movement and protection of the environment against pollution by above the standard noise by vehicles.

(2) (suppl. SG 43/02; suppl. – SG 51/07) For organising the road traffic shall be used light signals, road signs and road marking on the traffic road and the roadside installations, which are put only after assigning by the owner or the administration, managing the road, under conditions and by order, determined with the ordinance of para 3. The light signals, road signs and road markings on the traffic road (carriageway) and the roadside installations shall constitute a unified system in conformity with the one prescribed by the Convention on Road Signs and Signals, and shall be placed in such a way as to be easily recognised.

(3) (amend. SG 43/02; amend. – SG 68/13, in force from 02.08.2013; amend. – SG, 14/2015) The conditions and the order of organising the road traffic, opened for public use, shall be determined with an ordinance of the Minister of Regional Development and Public Works.

Art. 4. If necessary the road traffic shall be directed by persons authorised for it.

Chapter two. ROAD TRAFFIC RULES

Section I. General rules

Art. 5. (1) Every participant in the traffic:

1. must not, by his behaviour, create danger and obstructions for the traffic, must not endanger the life and the health of people and cause damages to property;

2. must protect the environment by not throwing out and leaving on the road objects or substances, as well as take measures for their removal or for warning the remaining participants in the traffic when it endangers them.

(2) The driver of the vehicle shall be obliged:

1. to be careful and cautious to the vulnerable traffic participants which are the pedestrians and the drivers of two wheel vehicles;

2. (amend., SG 85/04) not to impede by his vehicle the other traffic participants and the residents of the roadside real estates by the vehicle driven by him, observing the current standards for noise and harmful emissions of exhaust gasses of the vehicle, as well as other standards and

requirements for protecting the environment.

3. (new – SG 43/02; amend. – SG 51/07; revoked - SG 54/10)

4. (New - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) not to perform maneuvers, resulting in constant sudden shift of lanes.

(3) (new - SG 54/10) The driver of a vehicle shall be prohibited:

1. (amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017, amend. - SG 77/17, in force from 26.09.2017) to drive a vehicle with blood alcohol content over 0.5 per mille and/or after use of narcotic substances or their analogues;

2. to drive a suspended vehicle.

Art. 6. The traffic participants shall:

1. comply their behaviour with the signals of the officials authorised to regulate or control the traffic on the roads, as well as with the light signals, the road signs and the road marking;

2. fulfil the orders of the persons authorised to regulate or control the traffic regardless of the light signals, the road marking and the traffic rules.

Art. 7. (1) In case of discrepancy between the signals of the regulating officer and the light signals or the road signs regarding the priority the traffic participants shall be obliged to observe the signs of the regulation officer.

(2) If there is a discrepancy between the light signals and the road signs regarding the priority the traffic participants shall be obliged to observe the light signals.

(3) When there is discrepancy between the road signs and the marking of the road the traffic participants shall be obliged to observe the road signs.

(4) When there is discrepancy between a road sign placed on movable stand on the traffic lane and the remaining traffic signs the traffic participants shall be obliged to observe the road sign placed on the movable stand.

(5) (new – SG 51/07) In case of construction or repairs, where there is temporary road marking, placed with the purpose of traffic organisation for a certain time period, the participants in the traffic shall consider the temporary road marking.

Art. 8. (1) The drivers of vehicles shall use the right half of the road along the traffic except in the cases when a road sign or a light signal indicates otherwise.

(2) When, at a certain place of the road simultaneously is permitted the passing of non-rail and rail vehicles the driver of the non-rail vehicle shall be obliged to let through the rail vehicle regardless of its location and direction of movement.

Art. 9. (1) Prohibited on the roads open for public use is the traffic of chain vehicles and the use of tyres with prongs. Traffic of vehicles with snow chains is permitted only when the road conditions require that.

(2) (new – SG 51/07; amend. – SG 68/13, in force from 02.08.2013; amend. – SG, 14/2015) The procedure and terms for traffic of chain vehicles and vehicles having tyres with spikes of the armed forces shall be determined by an ordinance of the Minister of Defence and the Minister of Regional Development and Public Works.

(3) (prev. text of para 2 – SG 51/07) The placing of objects or carrying out activity within the range of the road, not related to its purpose, can only be possible upon permit by the owner or the

administration, managing the road.

Section II.

Signals for regulation of the traffic by the authorised officials. Traffic lights. Road signs. Road marking

Art. 10. (1) Every person authorised to control the traffic on the roads, called hereinafter "traffic controller", shall wear obligatory identification signs by which the participants in the traffic can easily recognise him and see him well both during the day and during the night. He can use truncheon and police whistle and when he controls the traffic during construction and repair works on the road - a red flag.

(2) Signals of the traffic controller are the following positions of his body and arms:

1. right hand, lifted vertically means "ATTENTION, STOP!"; this does not regard those drivers who, at the moment of giving this sign, after having permit to pass, are so close to through the traffic controller that they cannot stop without creating danger for the traffic; when this signal is given at crossroads the participants in the traffic who have entered the crossroads must leave it;

2. arm or arms stretched horizontally to the side - after making this gesture the traffic controller may drop his hand(s). The signal means:

a) "PASSING IS PERMITTED" for the drivers located against the left or the right shoulder of the traffic controller and will go ahead or will turn right as well as for the pedestrians who want to pass in front or behind the traffic controller;

b) "PASSING IS PROHIBITED" for all remaining participants in the traffic;

3. right arm stretched horizontally ahead means:

a) "PASSING IS PERMITTED" for the drivers of vehicles located against the left shoulder of the traffic controller and for the pedestrians who want to pass behind his back;

b) "PASSING IS PROHIBITED" for all remaining participants in the traffic.

(3) Besides the signals under para 2 the traffic controller can use additional understandable gestures for giving other instructions and orders to the participants in the traffic.

Art. 11. (1) At railroad crossing the movement of the vehicles can be controlled by a railroads employee who shall give the following signals for stopping the vehicles before the crossing:

1. during the day - horizontally stretched ahead and across the axle of the road arm holding a red flag;

2. during the night - red light describing a semicircle.

(2) The signals of the railroads employees shall be obligatory for the drivers of vehicles approaching the crossing on both sides.

Art. 12. (1) For control of the traffic of the vehicles at crossroads, pedestrian crossings, narrow and other sectors of the road shall be used traffic lights giving signals by steady and flashing light of red, yellow and green colour.

(2) For control of the traffic of the vehicles on a separate road lane shall be used traffic lights above the lane giving signals by steady light of red and green colour.

(3) For controlling the traffic of the vehicles of the regular public transport shall be used traffic lights with four light sectors which give signals by steady light of moonlight colour. The meaning of the light signals shall be defined according to the location of the light sectors.

(4) For controlling the movement of the pedestrians shall be used traffic lights giving signals by

steady and flashing lights of red and green colour.

(5) For prohibiting the crossing by vehicles of railroad crossing shall be used a signal of flashing red light. This signal can also be used before draw-bridges, on ferry boats, ports and places where vehicles with special regime of movement come out on the road.

(6) (new – SG 60/12, in force from 08.08.2013) At intense traffic junctions shall be installed devices reading light signal's duration.

Art. 13. (1) For warning the participants in the traffic about dangers on the road, for assigning various prescriptions to them - regarding priority, prohibitions, application of special rules, the actions of obligatory nature, for giving directions, destination, sites, as well as for providing additional information to the participants in the traffic placed on the road shall be the necessary road signs, additional and other devices for signalling.

(2) For directing the movement of vehicles and pedestrians on the road, for marking definite sectors of the traffic lanes and for providing useful information to the participants in the traffic the respective road marking shall be placed on the traffic lane and the objects within the range of the road.

Art. 14. (1) (prev. art. 14, amend. SG 43/02; amend. – SG 51/07; amend. – SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009; amend. – SG 68/13, in force from 02.08.2013; amend. – SG, 14/2015) The Minister of Regional Development and Public Works, in co-ordination with the Minister of Interior and the Minister of Transport, Information Technology and Communications, shall determine with an ordinance the conditions and the order for use of the road traffic lights, the road signs, the road marking and the other means for signalling at organising the road traffic, open for public use.

(2) (new – SG 43/02; amend. – SG 68/13, in force from 02.08.2013; amend. – SG, 14/2015) The Minister of Regional Development and Public Works shall, together with the Minister of Interior, determine with an ordinance the order for establishing and safeguarding of the sections with concentration of traffic accidents on roads.

Section III.

Position of the non-rail vehicles on the road

Art. 15. (1) On the road the driver of a vehicle shall move as far right as possible on the traffic lane and when the road lanes are marked by road marking he shall use the farthest right free lane.

(2) The provisions of para 1 shall not apply and the driver of the vehicle can use the most suitable for him road lane in the following cases:

1. (revoked – SG 51/07)

2. (amend. – SG 51/07; amend. - SG 54/10) in populated areas, on a road with two or more traffic lanes in one direction, marked by road marking or road sign on which is permitted the traffic of vehicles with a speed no higher than 80 km/h;

3. when the entering in the road lane is permitted by a light signal.

(3) The number of the road lanes shall be determined by the road marking or by a road sign and if there none - by the drivers, according to the width of the traffic lane, the width of three and more wheel vehicles and the necessary distance between them.

(4) When there is a road, traffic lane, road lane or alley designated for movement of definite vehicles the drivers of these vehicles shall be obliged to drive along them.

(5) When there is no specially designated for them road lane or alley the cyclists and drivers of other non-motor vehicles can use for movement the roadside on the right of the road at the direction of

the traffic if it is fit for that and if it does not create obstruction for the other participants in the traffic.

(6) (new – SG 51/07) Where a road lane is signed for traffic only for vehicles of the regular public transport of passengers, the traffic of other road vehicles shall be prohibited.

(7) (new - SG 54/10; amend. - SG 37/15) The crossing and parking of vehicles in parks, gardens and playgrounds within populated areas outside the accordingly marked places shall be prohibited.

Art. 16. (1) On a traffic road of two-way traffic prohibited to the driver of the vehicle shall be:

1. when the traffic road has two lanes - to enter and drive along the lane for the opposite traffic except for overtaking or going round;

2. when the traffic road has three lanes - to enter and drive along the farthest left lane; the entering and the movement on the middle lane is permitted only for overtaking and going round;

3. when the traffic road has four and more lanes - to enter and drive on the lanes for the opposite traffic.

(2) On a road with two or three independent traffic roads it shall be prohibited to the driver of a vehicle to enter the farthest left road.

Art. 17. On a road with three and more traffic lanes for one way traffic, indicated by a road sign, it shall be prohibited to the driver of a vehicle which cannot develop or which is not allowed to develop speed maximal for the road, to enter the farthest left lane of this direction, except for turning or going round.

Art. 18. (1) The driver of a slow vehicle shall be obliged to drive on the farthest right lane except in turning or going round.

(2) When there is a lane indicated by a road sign, designated for slow vehicles the drivers of such vehicles shall be obliged to use this lane.

Art. 19. (amend. - SG 77/17, in force from 26.09.2017) (1) When there is railway on the street, the drivers of vehicles staying on it shall be obliged to leave it as fast as possible for approaching vehicle of the regular public transport in order to let it through.

(2) When there is a specific lane on the road designed for the movement of rail vehicles the movement of road vehicles on it shall be prohibited, except for road vehicles from the regular public passenger transport.

Section IV.

Speed and distance. Reduction of the speed

Art. 20. (amend. SG 43/02) (1) The drivers shall be obliged to control permanently the road vehicles they drive.

(2) (amend. – SG 51/07) The drivers of vehicles shall be obliged at selecting the speed of movement to comply with the atmospheric conditions, with the relief of the locality, with the condition of the road and of the vehicle the cargo, with the character and the intensity of the traffic, with the concrete visibility conditions in order to be able to stop in front of each obstacle which can be foreseen. The drivers shall be obliged to reduce the speed, and if necessary, to stop in all cases, where danger for

traffic occurs.

Art. 21. (1) (amend. SG 43/02; amend. - SG 54/10; amend. and suppl. – SG 47/12) In choosing the driving speed the driver of a vehicle shall be prohibited to exceed the following speed values in km/h:

Vehicle	Populated area	Rural area	Motorway	High-speed road
Category A	50	80	100	90
Category B	50	90	140	120
Category C, D	50	80	100	90
Categories B + E, C + E, D + E	50	70	100	90
Category T	50	50	-	-
Category M	45	45	-	-
Self-propelled machines	40	40	-	-

(2) When the speed value, which must not be exceeded, is different from the ones under para 1, it shall be indicated by a road sign.

Art. 22. (1) The driver of a vehicle must not drive, without valid reason, with a too low speed, thus obstructing the traffic of the other vehicles.

(2) Driver of a vehicle which goes with a low speed, thus causing the formation of a column of vehicles, must let them through at the first possibility.

(3) Prohibited to the driver of a vehicle shall be to drive with a low speed without switched on emergency lights.

Art. 23. (1) The driver of a vehicle shall be obliged to drive at such a distance from the vehicle driving in front of him that he can avoid hitting it when it reduces the speed or abruptly stops.

(2) To facilitate the overtaking on the two-lane roads outside populated areas the drivers of vehicles or of compositions of vehicles longer than 7 meters, with exception of the cases when they overtake, must keep such a distance between their vehicles and the other vehicle driving ahead of them, so that the overtaking vehicles can safely take the place between them.

Art. 24a. (new – SG 51/07; amend. - SG 54/10) (1) In order to limit the speed of traffic shall be used artificial bumps or other means that shall be built or mounted on the traffic road.

(2) The Minister of Regional Development and Public Works and the Minister of Interior shall determine in an ordinance the conditions for construction or mounting artificial bumps and other speed limiting means on the roads and the requirements thereto.

(3) The construction or mounting of artificial traffic bumps on the republic roads outside populated areas shall be prohibited.

Art. 24a. (new – SG 51/07) In order to reduce the speed of traffic, speed bumps or other facilities can be built on traffic lane, determined by an ordinance of the Minister of Regional Development and Public Works and the Minister of Interior.

(2) (amend. - SG 68/13, in force from 02.08.2013, amend. - SG 14/2015) The Minister of Regional Development and Public Works and the Minister of the Interior shall establish by an ordinance the terms for construction or installation on the roadway of speed bumps and other traffic speed

limitation means and the requirements thereto.

(3) Construction or installation of speed bumps on the roadway on national roads outside the settlements shall not be allowed.

Section V. Manoeuvres

Art. 25. (1) (suppl. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) Driver of a vehicle who intends to make any manoeuvre whatsoever, such as for instance overtaking a vehicle, going out of the line of parked vehicles or enter between them, turn left or right on the traffic road, shifting to another lane, turn left or right in order to enter another road or roadside real estate must be convinced, before starting the manoeuvre, that he will not create danger for the participants in the traffic who drive after him, before him, or who pass by him, and to fulfil the manoeuvre conforming with their position, direction and speed.

(2) In carrying out manoeuvre which involves entering, entirely or partially, a neighbouring lane the driver shall be obliged to let through the vehicles driving on it. When such manoeuvre must be accomplished simultaneously by two vehicles from two neighbouring lanes the driver of the vehicle on the right lane shall have priority.

Art. 26. Before turning or starting any manoeuvre whatsoever, involving departure to the side, the driver shall be obliged to give, in due time, a signal easy enough to comprehend. The signal shall be given by lights of the vehicle, and for the vehicles which have no lights or they are damaged - by hand. The signal given by the lights must be switched on during the whole time of the manoeuvre and be stopped immediately after the conclusion of the manoeuvre. The signal given by hand can be stopped immediately before starting the manoeuvre.

Art. 27. If there is an isle or an obstacle on the road the driver of the vehicle can pass on its left or right side except in the cases when:

1. a road sign indicates the side of passing;
2. the isle or the obstacles are located in the middle of the road for two-way traffic; in this case the driver shall be obliged to pass on its right side.

Section VI. Signals given by the participants in the traffic

Art. 28. (1) For warning the other participants in the traffic about his intention to manoeuvre the driver of the vehicle shall give the following signals:

1. left indicator or left arm stretched horizontally to the side - for left turn or left deviation;
2. right indicator, right arm, stretched horizontally to the side, or left arm bent at the elbow and pointed upwards - for right turn or for right deviation.

(2) As additional signal for manoeuvre can be used the switching of the lights and, outside the populated areas - sound signal.

Art. 29. The signal for stopping used by the driver of a vehicle which has no stop lights or they are damaged, by left or right arm stretched up.

Art. 30. The using of sound signal in populated areas is prohibited except for prevention of traffic accident.

Art. 31. For warning about danger the participants in the traffic the driver can give emergency signal by simultaneous switching of all light indicators.

Art. 32. (1) Before entering the traffic road the pedestrians can signal their intention by an arm - left or right, stretched up or across the road.

(2) The signal under para 1 does not relieve the pedestrians from the obligation, before entering the traffic road, to conform with the distance to the approaching vehicles and their speed.

Art. 33. (amend. SG 43/02) When crossing the traffic road for movement of children a signal can be made with a truncheon "Stop! Children", by a red flag or by an arm.

Art. 34. (1) A vehicle with a special regime of movement shall give simultaneously light signal by flashing light or red light and a special sound signal.

(2) Vehicle, which due to the specific nature of movement presents obstruction or danger for the other participants in the traffic on the road shall be indicated by a yellow flashing or blinking light.

Section VII. Right or Left Turning

Art. 35. (1) The right turning shall be made from the farthest right lane in the direction of the, and when the lanes are marked for driving in the respective direction - from a lane determined for right turn.

(2) When the turning radius of the vehicle is larger than the radius of the turn the turning can begin from another part of the traffic road, but the driver of the turning vehicle shall be obliged to let by the vehicles passing on his right side.

(3) (amend. - SG 54/10) In turning right for entering a two-way road the driver of the vehicle shall turn in such a way as to enter the shortest possible road on the right side of the traffic road.

(4) Right turn on red is allowed only in the presence of a respective road sign or light signal as the driver shall be obliged to let by the pedestrians, not to obstruct the traffic and to turn when he is convinced that the road is free for passing.

Art. 36. (1) The left turn shall be made from the farthest left lane in the direction of the traffic and when the lanes are marked for driving in the respective direction - from a lane determined for left turn.

(2) For left turn for entering a road of two-way traffic the driver of the vehicle shall turn in such a way that he will enter in the shortest possible way the right part of the traffic road.

Art. 37. (1) For left turn for entering another road the driver of the turning non-rail vehicle shall be obliged to let by the opposite vehicles. Lead by the same rule among themselves shall also be the drivers of the rail vehicles.

(2) The driver of non-rail vehicle turning left or right for entering roadside territory, such as yard, enterprise, garage, parking, gas station and the like, shall be obliged to let by the vehicles and the pedestrians travelling on the road he leaves.

(3) The driver of vehicle coming from a road from the roadside territory, such as yard, enterprise, garage, parking, gas station and the like, shall be obliged to let by the pedestrians and the vehicles driving on this road.

Section VIII. U-turn. Reverse movement.

Art. 38. (1) The U-turn shall be made on the left from the farthest left lane in the direction of the traffic.

(2) In overtaking the driver of the vehicle shall leave the lane on which he is driving, shall enter the neighbouring lane entirely or partially, pass by the vehicle driving in the same direction and shall return to the lane he left.

(3) Where the place is not wide enough, the U-turn may also start from the other part of the traffic road, however, the driver of the turning vehicle shall be obliged to let through the alongside driving vehicles on his/her left.

(4) In case of U-turn on a crossroad reverse movement shall not be allowed.

Art. 39. The U-turn is prohibited on a pedestrian crossing, railway crossing, bridge, over bridge, tunnel, subway, in bad visibility under 50 meters.

Art. 40. (1) Before starting reverse movement the driver shall be obliged to convince himself that the road after the vehicle is free and he will not create danger or difficulties for the remaining participants in the traffic.

(2) During the reverse driving the driver shall be obliged to constantly watch the road behind the vehicle, and if it is not possible, he shall be obliged to provide a person who will signal dangers.

Section IX. Overtaking

Art. 41. (1) The vehicles shall be overtaken by their left side.

(2) In overtaking, the driver of the vehicle will leave the lane on which he drives, shall enter the neighbouring lane entirely or partially, shall pass by the vehicle driving in the same direction and shall return to the lane he has left.

Art. 42. (1) Driver who undertakes overtaking shall be obliged:

1. before giving a sign, to convince himself that another vehicle is not overtaking him and that the vehicle driving after him or the one which is going to overtake has not given a signal for change of direction to the left;

2. after giving the signal he is convinced that there is enough visibility, free road at a distance

enough for overtaking and he can take a place on the lane in front of the overtaken vehicle, without forcing him to reduce the speed or change the direction.

(2) Driver who overtakes shall be obliged:

1. during the overtaking to provide enough side distance between his and the overtaken vehicle;
2. when, during overtaking, he enters the lane designated for the opposite traffic not to create danger or obstacle for the vehicles driving on it;
3. to be convinced that by driving with safe speed he can carry out the overtaking in a short time.

(3) The driver of the overtaken vehicle shall be obliged not to increase the speed and not to obstruct the overtaking in any other way whatsoever.

Art. 43. The overtaking of vehicles, with exception of mopeds and motor cycles without side-car is prohibited:

1. when the visibility distance, restricted due to the nature of the road or reduced due to a fog, snowing or other similar, is less than the necessary for overtaking at a chosen driving speed;
2. at crossroads with equal roads;
3. at railroad crossing without barrier;
4. in using the lane for opposite traffic when the overtaking vehicle cannot return safely to the lane it left;
5. before pedestrian crossing when the overtaken vehicle obstructs the visibility to the pedestrian crossing;
6. (new – SG 51/07) before and on signalised pedestrian crossing.

Art. 43a. (new – SG 51/07) Overtaking and going round a rail vehicle from left side shall be prohibited.

Section X. Passing each other

Art. 44. (1) In passing each other the drivers of the vehicles of the opposite traffic shall be obliged to provide enough side distance between the vehicles.

(2) If passing each other is not safe due to the presence of obstacles or narrowing of the traffic road the driver whose lane is occupied shall be obliged to reduce the speed or to stop in order to let by the opposite traffic.

Art. 45. (1) On mountain roads and on roads of big longitudinal slope of the traffic road the driving of the descending vehicle shall be obliged to stop and let by the climbing vehicle.

(2) (amend. SG 43/02) This rule shall not apply in the cases when the places for passing each other are so located that the driver of the climbing vehicle could stop at the place for passing each other ahead of him without a necessity of reverse driving.

(3) When passing each other is impossible without reverse driving this manoeuvre must be made by:

1. the driver of the single vehicle with respect to the compositions of vehicles and of the articulated vehicles;
2. the driver of the lighter vehicle with respect to the heavier;

3. the driver of the lorry with respect to the bus.

(4) When the vehicles are of the same category obliged to reverse driving shall be the driver of the descending vehicle, except in the cases when it is obvious that this is safer for the climbing vehicle, as well as when the latter is closer to the specially provided place for passing each other.

Art. 46. When the width of the road does not allow passing each other of the vehicles without additional measures for safety the driver of the vehicle must drive at such a speed as to be able to stop at a distance not larger than half of the length of the road within the zone of his visibility.

Section XI. Passing through crossroads

Art. 47. Driver of vehicle approaching crossroads must drive at such a speed that, if necessary, he can stop and let through the participants in the traffic with priority.

Art. 48. At crossroads of equivalent roads the driver of the vehicle shall be obliged to let through the vehicles located or approaching on his right side and the driver of non-rail vehicle shall be obliged to let through the rail vehicles regardless of their location and direction of movement.

Art. 49. Driver of vehicle coming out from a dirt road to a pavement road shall be obliged to let through the traffic and pedestrians on the pavement road.

Art. 50. (1) At crossroads where one of the roads is signalled as a priority road the drivers of vehicles on the other roads shall be obliged to let through the vehicles on the priority road.

(2) When at a crossroad it is indicated that the road with priority changes its direction, the drivers who are on this road shall be guided among themselves by the rules of Art. 48. By the same rules shall be guided among themselves the drivers of vehicles who are not on the priority road.

Art. 50a. (new – SG 51/07) Prohibited shall be the entering in a crossroad even in case the signal of the traffic light is permitting, if the situation in the crossroad will force the driver to stop in it or to impede the cross traffic.

Section XII. Railroad crossing

Art. 51. (1) Every participant in the traffic must pay particular attention in approaching railroad crossing and passing through it.

(2) The driver of a vehicle, when approaching railroad crossing, must drive at such a speed which allows, if necessary, to stop before the crossing.

(3) The stopping of the vehicles shall be obligatory before the railroad crossing which has no barrier.

(4) If there are not any other instructions given by the road signs or by the road marking the vehicles shall stop before the railroad crossing at a distance not less than 2 meters before the first rail

and if there is a barrier - at 1 meter from them.

Art. 52. Prohibited to the participants in the traffic shall be prohibited to pass the railroad crossing:

1. lowered barriers, lowering barriers or lifting barriers, regardless of whether the respective device gives sound or light signals prohibited the entry in the crossing;
2. at flashing red light of the traffic lights or switched sound signalling, regardless of the position of the barriers.

Art. 53. (1) Before passing the railroad crossing every participant in the traffic shall be obliged, regardless of the position of the barriers, of the light and sound signals, to be convinced that rail vehicle is not approaching and the passing through the crossing is safe.

(2) The driver of a vehicle must not start the passing of the railroad crossing if he is not convinced that stopping on the rails will not be necessary, or at a distance less than 2 meters from them, due to the technical particularities of the vehicle, the traffic conditions and other foreseeable reasons.

Art. 54. (1) In case of a compulsory stopping of the vehicle on the rails or at a distance less than 2 meters before the first or after the last rail the driver shall be obliged:

1. to take the passengers out of the vehicle at a safe distance;
2. to take measures for moving the vehicles out of the range of the railroad and, if this is impossible, to do everything necessary for warning the drivers of the rail vehicles from both sides about the created danger.

(2) The warning for stopping rail vehicle during the day shall be made by a circular movement of the arm holding easily noticeable object of bright colour and during the night - a lantern or a burning torch.

Section XIII.

Motorway and high-speed road. Roadway (title amend.– SG 47/12)

Art. 55. (1) (amend. SG 43/02; amend. - SG 54/10; suppl. – SG 47/12) On a road marked as motorway or as a high-speed road by the respective road sign shall be permitted only the driving of automobiles and motorcycles whose constructive maximal speed exceeds 50 km/h. The driving of other vehicles, as well as the walk of pedestrians, leading animals and entering by automobiles towing vehicles by flexible connection is prohibited.

(2) (suppl. – SG 47/12) Driving vehicles with advertising purpose, for technical tests of automobiles and motorcycles, organising demonstrations and advertising and other processions shall be prohibited on motorways and high-speed roads.

Art. 56. (amend.– SG 47/12) A driver who enters a motorway or a high-speed road shall be obliged to let through the vehicles driving there, and he who wants to leave the motorway or high-speed road must, in due time, take the place on the respective lane for exit.

Art. 57. (amend. SG 43/02) When the motorway has three and more lanes for one way traffic

the drivers of automobiles with admissible maximum weight over 3.5 t, as well as the drivers of compositions of vehicles, whose total length, including the load, is longer than 7 m, shall be permitted to drive only on the farthest right and on the neighbouring lane. The entering and the driving on the other lanes is prohibited, including for overtaking.

Art. 58. While driving on a motorway, prohibited to the driver shall be:

1. to stop the vehicle for a stay or for parking outside the places specially marked for it;
2. to make U-turns, to drive in the reverse, to enter the dividing strip or cross it, including at places where it is interrupted;
3. (amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) to drive or stop in the lane for emergency stopping, except in the event of damage to the vehicle or health problems of the driver or of the passengers in the vehicle;
4. (new - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) to drive in the opposite traffic lane.

Art. 58a. (New - SG 47/12) Prohibited for drivers on a high-speed road shall be:

1. to stop the vehicle for a stay outside the specially designated areas;
2. to make U-turns, to drive in the reverse, to enter the dividing strip or cross it, including at places where it is interrupted.
3. (New - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) to drive in the opposite traffic lane.

Art. 59. (1) The driver of a vehicle forced to stop due to circumstances beyond his control he can do that on the lane for emergency stopping, outside the traffic lane, as during the night and in poor visibility he shall signal the stopped vehicle by a warning light reflecting triangle or switched on emergency lights. If unable to remove the failure and continue driving he shall be obliged to take measures for towing the vehicle from the motorway in the fastest possible way.

(2) Vehicle which was damaged during driving on a motorway can be towed by a flexible connection only to the closest exist of the motorway.

Art. 59a. (New - SG 47/12) (1) A driver of motor vehicle on a high-speed road, forced to stop due to circumstances beyond his control, is allowed to do so on the emergency stop area outside the traffic lane, provided that at night-time and when visibility is reduced the driver shall give signals of the stopped vehicle by a warning reflective triangle or by hazard warning flashers turned on. If it is not possible to fix the failure and proceed, the driver shall be obliged to take measures to pull the vehicle out of the high-speed road in the fastest possible way.

(2) A vehicle which was damaged while moving on a high-speed road can be towed by a flexible connection only to the nearest high-speed road exit.

Art. 60. The provisions of Art. 55, 57, 58 and 59 shall also apply for the driving on the roadways indicated as such by the respective road sign.

Section XIV. Special rules for driving in residential areas

Art. 61. The residential area is a separate, specially constructed territory of a populated area which is indicated as such at the entries and exits by road signs and where special rules of driving are in

force.

Art. 62. The following special rules shall be in force in the residential areas:

1. the pedestrians can use for walking, and the children can play along its entire width, without unnecessarily obstructing the traffic;
2. (amend. - SG 54/10) the drivers of vehicles shall be obliged to drive at a speed not higher than 20 km/h, not endangering the pedestrians and not creating obstruction for them;
3. the parking in the residential zone shall only be permitted at specially marked places;
4. when leaving a residential zone to another road the drivers of vehicles shall be obliged to let through the participants in the traffic driving on it;
5. (new – SG 51/07; revoked - SG 54/10)

Section XV. Special rules for driving in tunnels

Art. 63. When driving in a tunnel the beginning of which is marked by a road sign the driver shall be obliged:

1. (revoked – SG 60/12, in force from 07.08.2012)
2. to extinguish the engine in case of compulsory stopping in the tunnel if this stopping is not for a brief time.
3. (New - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) to have the short lights switched on.

Art. 64. Prohibited in driving in the tunnel shall be the reverse driving, the U-turn, the stopping for a stay or the parking.

Section XVI. Stops of vehicles of the regular public transport vehicles

Art. 65. In driving on a lane by a stopping, stopped or pulling out vehicle from marked by a road sign tram, trolley or bus stop the driver of the non-rail vehicle shall be obliged to reduce the speed in due time in order to be able to stop if necessary.

Art. 66. (1) In approaching the right side of a tram, stopping or stopped at a stop marked by a road sign the driver of the non-rail vehicle shall be obliged to stop at one meter behind the tram.

(2) In approaching a stop at which there is an isle on the traffic road the driver of the non-rail vehicle shall be obliged to reduce the speed if it is necessary to stop in order to provide for the pedestrians safe passing across the traffic road between the sidewalk and the isle.

Art. 67. The driver of non-rail vehicle shall be obliged to reduce the speed and, if necessary, to stop in order to enable the vehicles of the regular public transport to make the necessary manoeuvres in connecting with their pulling off from the marked stops. This does not relieve the drivers of vehicles of the regular public transport from taking the necessary safety precautions.

Art. 68. (1) When the stops are formed by a special extension of the traffic road the driver of the non-rail vehicle of the regular public transport shall be obliged to stop at this extension and if there is none as close as possible to the limit of the traffic road.

(2) The driver of the vehicle of the regular public transport shall be obliged to provide possibility for safe ascending and descending of the passengers.

(3) The ascending of passengers on the vehicle of the regular public transport and the descending from it shall be permitted only at the stops when the vehicle is immobile.

Art. 69. Other vehicles can stop for ascending or descending passengers at a stop of the regular public transport vehicles only if they do not create obstruction for the vehicles for which the stop is designated. The stay of the taxi cabs awaiting passengers is prohibited.

Section XVII. Using lights

Art. 70. (1) When driving during the night and in reduced visibility the vehicles and the trams must have short or long lights on, dimensional lights and lights for the rear registration table.

(2) The using of long lights shall be prohibited:

1. in passing each other; in this case the switching from long to short lights shall be done when the distance between the vehicles is no less than 150 m or at the moment when the opposite driver gives a signal by switching the lights;

2. for driving in lighted sectors of the road;

3. for driving behind another vehicle at a distance less than 50 m.

(3) (amend. - SG 61/06; amend. – SG 60/12, in force from 07.08.2012) At day-time vehicles shall drive with their lights for daytime driving or short lights switched on.

Art. 71. (1) Every animal-drawn vehicle must have two white or yellow light reflectors on the front, two red light reflectors on the back and for movement during the night and in reduced visibility - on the left back - lighting object of white or yellow, well distinguished light. The light reflectors must be located symmetrically on both sides of the vehicle.

(2) Every wheelbarrow, drawn or pushed, when moving during the night and in poor visibility must have at least one white or yellow well distinguished light on the front and at least one red light on the back. The source of these lights can be one, located on the left part of the wheelbarrow. The lights shall not be obligatory for wheelbarrows of width less than 1 m.

Art. 72. Every vehicle on the traffic road or a composition of vehicles to which the above requirements do not apply must have at night at least two white or yellows well distinguished lights on the front and two red lights on the back.

Art. 73. (amend. SG 43/02) On a road out of settlement at night and in poor visibility every vehicle and its trailer stopped on the traffic road must be indicated by turned on dimensional lights.

Art. 74. (1) Additional fog lights can be used only for considerably poor visibility due to fog,

snowfall, rain or other similar conditions. These lights cannot be used independently.

(2) Additional back fog light of red colour shall only be used when the visibility is reduced under 50 m.

Art. 74a. (new – SG 51/07) The emergency signal can be being turned on in order to warn the other participants in the traffic of various dangers in case the motor vehicle has stopped as a result of breakdown or because it has been involved in a traffic accident and it cannot be removed immediately and constitutes a hindrance to the other participants in the traffic.

Art. 75. (suppl. – SG 51/07) During the day the motorcycles and mopeds shall drive with short lights on the front and dimensional light on the back.

Art. 76. Prohibited is the using of other lights except those stipulated by this Act and the normative acts issued on its grounds.

Art. 77. If blinded the driver shall be obliged to reduce the speed and to stop if necessary.

Art. 78. For night driving and reduced visibility outside populated areas the shepherd of a herd on the traffic road must indicate it on the side of the traffic by a lighted lantern.

Section XVIII. Special rules for some participants in the traffic

Art. 79. In order to participate in the traffic on the roads open for public use every bicycle must have fit:

1. brakes;
2. bell and no other sound signal;
3. device for white or yellow easily distinguishable light on the front and red light reflector on the back; admitted shall be the placing of a device for red light on the back;
4. white or yellow light reflectors or light reflecting elements on the sides of the wheels.

Art. 80. (amend. – SG 60/12, in force from 07.08.2012) Cyclists shall be obliged:

1. to wear reflective waistcoats when cycling outside settlements, at nighttimes and poor visibility;
2. to move as close as possible to the right border of the traffic lane.

Art. 81. Prohibited to the driver of a two-wheel vehicle shall be:

1. to drive in parallel with another two-wheel vehicle;
2. to drive the vehicle without holding the wheel, as well as to release the pedals controlling the vehicle;
3. to drive in the immediate vicinity of another vehicle or hold on it;

4. to carry, draw or push object which hinder the driving of the vehicle and create danger for the other participants in the traffic;

5. to drive the vehicle on the areas designated only for pedestrians; this prohibition does not regard cyclist of age below 12.

Art. 82. Prohibited is the movement of cyclists in a group for training if in front and behind the group there is no automobile or motorcycle escort.

Art. 83. (1) The drawing of damaged vehicle shall be carried out by a flexible connection, by solid connection or by a vehicle with special equipment.

(2) (amend. SG 43/02) The drawing of damaged vehicle with admissible maximal weight over 5 t shall be carried out only by solid connection or by a special vehicle.

(3) The drivers of the drawing and the drawn vehicle shall be obliged to coordinate in advance among themselves signals for mutual understanding during the driving and especially the stopping signal.

Art. 84. (amend. - SG 54/10; suppl. – SG 47/12) In drawing the permitted maximal driving speed is 40 km/h and for drawing by solid connection on motorway or high-speed road - 70 km/h.

Art. 85. (1) In drawing by solid connection the draw-bar must be of length from 2 to 4 meters and to be coloured across by red and white strips. The drawn vehicle must have fit driving wheel.

(2) In drawing by flexible connection its length must be from 4 to 6 meters and to be indicated, in at least two places, by red flags. The vehicle drawn by flexible connection must have fit driving wheel and brake system.

Art. 86. (supple. - SG 54/10) While in motion the drawing vehicle must have short lights on and hazard lights, and the drawn vehicle - emergency signal or warning light reflecting triangle on the back. For driving at night or in conditions of reduced visibility and failure in the light system the drawn vehicle must have a red light on the left back side.

Art. 87. Prohibited is:

1. the transportation of passengers in the drawn vehicle;
2. the drawing of two-wheel vehicles and motorcycles with side cars and their using for drawing;
3. the drawing of vehicle or vehicle with trailer or vice versa;
4. the drawing in reduced visibility under 50 m;
5. the drawing by flexible connection on slippery roads.

Art. 88. Organised processions and competitions on the roads open for public use can be carried out only upon permit of the managers of the road and upon preliminary coordination of the routes, the conditions and the time of holding them with the bodies of the Ministry of Interior.

Art. 89. The movement of processions shall be carried out in a column on the farthest right free traffic lane. The width of the column cannot be larger than the width of one traffic lane.

Art. 90. Prohibited to the remaining participants in the traffic is to cross the procession.

Art. 91. (1) Vehicles with special regime of driving are the automobiles and motorcycles which, while driving give simultaneously light signal of flashing blue and/or red light and a special sound signal.

(2) The special regime of driving shall be used only when necessary.

(3) (amend. SG 43/02; suppl., SG 85/04; amend. - SG 82/06; amend. - SG 102/06 amend. and suppl. - SG 109/07, in force from 01.01.2008; amend. – SG 69/08; amend. – SG 102/08; amend. – SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009; amend. – SG 48/11, in force from 24.06.2011; suppl. – SG 53/14, amend. and suppl. - SG 81/16, in force from 01.01.2017; suppl. – SG 86/16, suppl. - SG 7/18, suppl. – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019) Special regime of driving shall use the motor vehicles of: Emergency medical unit, State Agency "National Security", the chief and district directorates of the Ministry of Interior, the National Assembly, the National guard service, Chief Directorate "Guarding" and Chief Directorate "Execution of the penalties" of the Ministry of Justice, Protection Bureau to the Chief Prosecutor, the Service "Military Police" to the Minister of Defence, Military police units of the Bulgarian Army, of some offices to the Ministry of Interior, determined by the Minister of Interior, the Executive Agency "Automobile Administration" appointed by the Executive Director for control, the Commission for Counteracting Corruption and on Seizure of Illegally Acquired Property in carrying out operative-investigative activities the National Toll management at the Road Infrastructure Agency, determined by the Chairperson of the Agency's Management Board, and structures of the State Commission on Information Security, designated by the Chairperson of the commission.

(4) (new – SG 43/02) The Minister of Interior shall determine with an ordinance the conditions and the order, under which is used special regime of driving for the motor vehicles.

Art. 92. (1) The driver of a vehicle with special driving regime can:

1. pass at prohibiting signal of the traffic lights or pass without stopping in the presence of a road sign requiring it, but only after reducing the speed enough to be able to do that safely;

2. exceed the permitted maximal driving speed inasmuch as it would not threaten somebody's life or property;

3. not observe the organisation of the traffic when it regards the traffic direction and turning in definite directions;

4. park or stay regardless of the provisions of this Act; during this time he can give only light signals.

(2) The provisions of para 1 do not release the drivers of vehicles with special regime of driving, as well as the drivers of the automobiles escorted by them, from the obligation to drive safely.

Section XIX.

Stay. Parking. Road vehicle, stopped due to trouble (title amend. SG 43/02)

Art. 93. (1) A vehicle is considered staying when it stops for an indefinite time, necessary for ascending and descending of passengers or for loading and unloading in the presence of the driver.

(2) Parked is a vehicle stopped beyond the circumstances which characterise it as stay, as well as beyond the circumstances related to the necessity of stopping in order to avoid a conflict with another participant in the traffic or a collision with an obstacle or in observing the traffic rules.

Art. 94. (1) For a stay outside the populated areas the vehicles will stop outside the traffic road. When this is impossible the stopping for a stay shall be carried out in parallel to the axle of the road to the farthest right of the traffic road.

(2) For parking outside the populated areas the vehicles will stop outside the traffic road. The parking on the traffic road is prohibited.

(3) (amend. SG 43/02; amend. and suppl. – SG 51/07) For a stay or parking in the populated areas the vehicles shall stop as possibly to the right of the traffic road at the traffic direction and in parallel to the axle of the road. Stay and parking of vehicles with admissible maximal weight up to 2.5 tons shall be admitted on the sidewalks, only on the places, determined by the owners of the road or by the administration, in parallel to the axle of the road, if between them and the side of the buildings remain a distance of at least 2 meters for the pedestrians passing.

(4) (amend. SG 43/02) On a road shall also be admitted a stay on the left side at the direction of the traffic if it does not obstruct the driving of the vehicles.

Art. 95. (1) (prev. text of Art. 95 – SG 51/07) The driver and the passengers can open the door or leave it open, ascend or descend the vehicle stopped for a stay or parking upon becoming convinced that they will not create danger for the remaining participants in the traffic.

(2) (new – SG 51/07) Ascending and descending of children up to 12 years of age to and into an automobile, which has stopped on the traffic road, shall only be carried out on the side of the sidewalk or hard shoulder.

Art. 96. The driver of a vehicle stopped for a stay or parking shall be obliged to take measures preventing its starting on its own.

Art. 97. (1) On a road outside a populated area the driver of a vehicle of three or more wheels, stopped on the traffic road due to a failure, shall be obliged to move it immediately out of it.

(2) On a road in a populated area the driver of a vehicle of three or more wheels stopped on the traffic road due to a failure shall be obliged to move it immediately to a place where the parking is permitted or outside the traffic road.

(3) In the cases under para 1 and 2, when the movement is impossible, the driver shall be obliged to indicate the damaged vehicle by a warning light reflecting triangle or in another suitable way, so that it can be noticed in time by the drivers of the approaching vehicles.

(4) (amend. – SG 51/07; amend. - SG 54/10) The warning light reflecting triangle shall be placed at a distance not less than 30 m from the damaged vehicle, on the traffic lane occupied by it and against the traffic direction of the vehicles passing by it. On motorways and roads with permitted driving speed over 90 km/h the warning light reflecting triangle shall be placed at a distance not less than 100 m.

(5) As additional signal for indicating the damaged vehicle can be used emergency lights or dimensional lights.

(6) The rules under Art. 4 and 5 shall also apply for the vehicles which have stopped for assistance.

(7) (new – SG 51/07) At carrying out fire fighting, emergency and rescue activities on the traffic road, the drivers of vehicles with special regime of movement shall mark additionally the place by light-reflecting cones.

Art. 98. (1) The stay and the parking shall be prohibited:

1. at a place where the vehicle creates danger or is an obstacle for the traffic or covers for the other participants in the traffic a road sign or signal;
2. by staying or parked vehicle on the side of the traffic;
3. in tunnels and subways, on bridges, over-bridges, narrowed sectors of the road and in sectors of limited visibility;
4. on tramways and railroads or in such vicinity to them which can obstruct the movement of the rail vehicles;
5. on pedestrian or bicycle crossings, no less than 5 meters before them;
6. at crossroads and no less than 5 meters from them;
7. on the traffic road where the distance between the vehicle and the road marking, prohibited for crossing, is less than 3 m or a road sign prohibits the overtaking;
8. on a road lane designated for driving slow vehicles, indicated by a road sign.

(2) Besides in the cases under para 1 the parking shall be prohibited:

1. (amend. – SG 51/07) in front of entrances of parks, theatres, cinemas, as well as in other places where vehicles can possibly enter or exit;
2. on the traffic road and on the sidewalk immediately in front of the entrances of housing buildings and garages when this obstructs the access to them;
3. on the stops of the vehicles of the regular public passengers transport;
4. (amend. – SG 60/12, in force from 07.08.2012) on the places determined for the persons with permanent disabilities.
5. (new, SG 85/04, amend. - SG 81/16, in force from 01.01.2018; amended as regards the date of entry into force in SG 81/16 – SG 98/16, in force from 01.01.2017, amend. - SG 97/17, in force from 01.01.2018) on the road – for registered vehicles, the registration certificate which has been withdrawn or returned to the to the Ministry of Interior;
6. (new – SG 51/07) in front of the entrances and sidewalks adjacent to the kindergartens and schools.

Art. 99. (1) (amend. – SG 10/11) In populated areas the owner or the administration, managing the road can determine regions, roads or parts of roads as zones for paid or free parking in definite hours of the day and night.

(2) The parking lots under para 1 shall be marked by road signs, road marking and notices instructing the drivers on the parking conditions.

(3) (amend. - SG 37/15; amend. - SG 13/16, in force from 15.04.2016, amend. - SG 86/18, in force from 01.03.2019) The municipal council shall determine a parking fee for the areas under para 1, as well as the terms and procedure for payment thereof by drivers to the specialized unit of the municipality or to the legal person under Art. 14, para. 1, item 5 of the Public Procurement Act, to whom is granted the management of these sites, and shall adopt the annual investment plan.

Art. 99a. (new - SG 54/10) (1) (suppl. – SG 60/12, in force from 07.08.2012; suppl. - SG 37/15) Parking cards for spots dedicated to vehicles servicing persons with permanent disabilities and for benefitting from parking facilities shall be issued in a form according to the Appendix by the mayor of

the municipality or an official authorized by the mayor. The card shall be valid throughout the territory of the state.

(2) (suppl. – SG 60/12, in force from 07.08.2012) The parking card referred to in Para 1 shall meet the requirements for the standard Community model of the Annex to the Council Recommendation 98/376/EC of 4 June 1998 on a parking card for people with permanent disabilities.

(3) (suppl. – SG 60/12, in force from 07.08.2012) The parking card for spots dedicated to vehicles servicing persons with permanent disabilities and for benefitting from parking facilities issued by another Member State of the European Union shall be valid on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria if issued according to the requirements of the Recommendation referred to in Para 2.

Section XX. Obligations of the drivers of vehicles

Art. 100. (1) (prev. text of art. 100 – SG 6/04) The driver of a vehicle shall be obliged to carry:

1. (suppl. – SG 51/07) driving licence for the respective category and the control counterfoil thereto;
2. (suppl. – SG 51/07) certificate for registration of the vehicle he drives and the pulled by it trailer;
3. (amend. - SG 103/05, in force from 01.01.2006; suppl. – SG 51/07) document for Civil liability insurance of the motorists for the vehicle he drives and for the trailer pulled by it;
4. (amend. – SG 51/07; amend. – SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009) the transport documents determined by the Minister of Transport, Information Technology and Communications;
5. (new – SG 51/07) when leaving the territory of the state - valid international Civil Liability Insurance Certificate of the motorists for abroad - "Green card".
6. (New - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017, amend. – SG 2/18, in force from 20.05.2018) a document reflecting the date for the next periodical roadworthiness inspection to verify it, certifying that the motor vehicle driven by him and the trailer towed with it are allowed to go into traffic on the roads open to public use.

(2) (new, SG 6/04; amend. – SG 51/07; amend. – SG 39/11; amend. – SG 101/15, in force from 22.12.2015, suppl. - SG 11/17, in force from 31.01.2017, repealed – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019)

(3) (new – SG 51/07) The driver of a motor vehicle, which has not been stopped from movement, shall be obliged to stick in the lower left corner of the front windshield of the motor vehicle a valid sticker of a sign for concluded compulsory Civil Liability Insurance of the motorists and to carry a control counterfoil to the sign. In case the motor vehicle does not have a front windshield and it is not possible the sticker of the sign to be stuck in the indicated spot, the same sticker of the sign shall be stuck on the insurance policy, which shall be carried along by the driver of the motor vehicle, and, in the event of inspection, shall be presented together with the control counterfoil.

(4) (new – SG 51/07) Driver of a motor vehicle shall be obliged to keep:

1. (suppl. - SG 88/08, amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) the registration plates clean and refrain from placing or allowing anyone to place any objects, materials and substances on them;
2. the devices for lighting and the light signalling during manoeuvres clean, visible, regulated and in order;
3. the windows and the mirrors clean.

Art. 101. (1) (supple. - SG 54/10) In case of occurrence of damage or failure of the vehicle

during driving, which threatens the safety of the traffic the driver shall be obliged to stop and take measures for its removal. In such cases, if the stopped vehicle is located within the traffic road, the driver shall be dressed in a reflective vest when outside the vehicle.

(2) When the removal of the damage or the failure on the spot is impossible the driver can move the vehicle by its own running to the place for its removal but only upon taking the necessary precautions for the traffic safety.

(3) (Amend. – SG 2/18, in force from 20.05.2018) The provision of Para. 2 shall not apply in case of occurrence or detection of dangerous deficiencies.

(4) (New – SG 2/18, in force from 20.05.2018) Deficiencies and their classification shall be determined by the ordinance under Art. 147, Para. 1.

Art. 102. (amend. – SG 51/07, amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017, amend. - SG 11/17, in force from 31.01.2017, previous text of Art. 102 – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019) To a driver, owner or authorised user of a road motor vehicle shall be prohibited to give the vehicle:

1. (amend. - SG 77/17, in force from 26.09.2017) to a driver, who is with blood alcohol content over 0.5 per mille and/or after use of narcotic substances or their analogues, or to a person who is not an authorized driver or does not hold the relevant driving license valid for the category, to which the motor vehicle belongs.

2. (repealed – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019)

(2) (New – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019) The owner shall be obliged not to allow the movement of a road vehicle on a road covered by the paid road network, if the obligations for that vehicle have not been met for establishing the amount and the payment of the respective fee under Art. 10, Para. 1 of the Roads Act according to the category of the road vehicle. If a user is registered in the registration certificate, the obligation shall be exercised by him.

Art. 103. When signal for stopping is given by the control bodies the driver of a vehicle shall be obliged to stop lightly at the farthest right part of the traffic road or at the place indicated by the representative of the control body and fulfil his instructions.

Art. 104. (1) In case of approaching vehicle with special regime of movement the drivers of the remaining vehicles shall be obliged to vacate enough place on the traffic road and to stop if necessary in order to provide safe passage of both the signalling vehicle and the vehicles escorted by it.

(2) It shall be prohibited to the drivers of vehicles to drive immediately after the vehicles with special regime of movement or behind the vehicles escorted by them.

Art. 104a. (new – SG 43/02; amend. - SG 19/15) It shall be prohibited for a driver of motor vehicle to use mobile telephone during the driving of the vehicle except by means of device, allowing the use of the telephone without the participation of his hands.

Art. 104b. (new - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) The driver of a motor vehicle shall be prohibited from:

1. organizing or participating in illegal racing on the roads open for public use;
2. using roads open for public use for purposes other than in accordance with their purpose to transport people and cargo.

Art. 105. (amend. SG 43/02) (1) (amend. and suppl. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) Prohibited is the restriction of the visibility through the windscreen, rear and side windows in the vehicle ensuring the visibility of the driver onto the road, as well as the reduction of their transparency.

(2) (suppl. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017, amend. - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) Restriction of visibility and reduction of transparency of the glass other than that of the windshield and those of the front side doors shall be allowed only in the presence of rear-view mirrors on both sides of the vehicle.

(3) (new - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017, amend. - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) The reduction of the transparency of the glass under par. 1 shall be permitted only within the values defined in Regulation № 43 of the United Nations's Economic Commission for Europe.

Art. 106. (1) (prev. text of Art. 6 - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) The drivers of vehicles with animal traction, the shepherds of herds or animals must constantly direct the animals so that they do not create obstructions and danger for the traffic and not leave them without supervision within the range of the road.

(2) (new - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) In the nighttime, drivers of vehicles with animal traction must wear reflective vests.

Art. 106a. (New - SG 62/18, in force from 28.01.2019) Drivers shall be obliged to refuel the vehicles and/or self-propelled machinery they drive only at service stations which have tanks permanently fixed to a real estate.

Section XXI. Rules for movement of pedestrians

Art. 107. Pedestrian is every participant in the traffic on the road outside a vehicle and who does not work on the road. Considered pedestrians shall also be the persons:

1. who push or draw perambulator or wheelchair or another vehicle without engine and of width less than 1 meter;
2. who push bicycles, mopeds or motorcycle;
3. (amend. – SG 60/12, in force from 07.08.2012) with permanent disabilities who move by wheelchair moving by their muscle force or by a motor if they move with the speed of a pedestrian.

Art. 108. (1) The pedestrians shall be obliged to move on the sidewalk or the banquette of the traffic road.

(2) The pedestrians can move on the traffic road opposite to the traffic direction of the vehicles as close as possible to its left border:

1. when there is no sidewalk or banquette or it is impossible to use them;
2. in carrying or pushing large objects when this makes difficult the movement of other pedestrians.

Art. 109. (amend. – SG 60/12, in force from 07.08.2012) The people with permanent disabilities who move by wheelchair with the speed of the pedestrians can move on the traffic road keeping as close as possible to its right border.

Art. 110. Outside populated areas, in lack of banquette or sidewalk, or if it is impossible to use them, the persons pushing bicycles, mopeds or motorcycles shall be obliged to move on the traffic road keeping as close as possible to its right border.

Art. 111. (1) (amend. – SG 51/07) A group of pedestrians with a leader, an organised group of military personnel, a group of students and the like can move on the traffic road in rows of up to four, keeping as close as possible to its left border. In this case they must be indicated on the left side as follows:

1. during the day - by a red flag in the front and in the back;
2. during the night - by a white light in the front and by a red light in the end; when the length of the column is over 20 meters those walking on the left side at every 10 meters shall carry additional lighting object of white light.

(2) In case of reduced visibility or intensive traffic the movement of the group of pedestrians with a leader on the traffic road shall only be permitted for a single row column.

Art. 112. (1) (prev. art. 112 – SG 43/02; suppl. – SG 51/07) Organised group of children up to 10 years of age can move only on the sidewalk or the banquette, provided that the first and the last one shall wear light reflecting vests, and shall obligatory be led by at least two persons over 18 years of age. When crossing the traffic road the leader of the group shall be obliged to give, in due time, a signal with the truncheon "Stop! Children", by a red flag or by arm, in order to stop the traffic of vehicles.

(2) (new – SG 43/02) For ensuring the safe crossing of the lane for traffic of children each person over 18 years of age can make signal with truncheon "Stop! Children", with a red flag or with hand.

Art. 113. (amend. – SG 51/07) When crossing the traffic road the pedestrians shall be obliged to pass on pedestrian crossings, observing the following rules:

1. (amend. - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) before entering the traffic road to consider the approaching vehicles;
2. not to prolong unnecessarily the way and the time of crossing, as well as not to stop unnecessarily on the traffic road;
3. to observe the light signals and the signals of the regulating officer;
4. not to pass through fencings of parapets or chains.

(2) Outside populated areas and on two-lane roads in populated areas, in case there is no pedestrian crossing nearby, the pedestrians can cross the traffic road outside the places determined for that purpose, observing the rules laid down in para 1, items 1, 2 and 4.

Art. 114. Prohibited to the pedestrians shall be:

1. to enter the traffic road suddenly;
2. to cross the traffic road in case of restricted visibility;
3. to carry out trade and services on the traffic road.

Art. 115. (1) The pedestrians shall wait for the arrival of the vehicles of the regular public

transport on the sidewalk, on the safety island or at the places marked for the purpose, and if there are none - on the banquette.

(2) When a signal is given by a vehicle with special regime of movement the pedestrians shall be obliged to leave the traffic road. The crossing shall be permitted after the passing of the signalling vehicle and of the vehicles escorted by it.

Section XXII.

Behaviour of the drivers toward the pedestrians

Art. 116. (amend. and suppl. – SG 60/12, in force from 07.08.2012) The driver of a vehicle shall be obliged to be careful and cautious to the pedestrians, especially the children, the persons with permanent disabilities, in particular to the deafblind who move with white and red canes and to the elderly people.

Art. 117. When approaching a place where, on the road or in its vicinity, there are children the driver of the vehicle shall be obliged to reduce the speed and stop if necessary.

Art. 118. If a signal "Stop! Children", a red flag or raised arm is given by the leader of an organised group of children the drivers of vehicles shall be obliged to stop and wait for the passing of the children.

Art. 119. (1) When approaching a pedestrian crossing the driver of a non-rail vehicle shall be obliged to let through the pedestrians who have stepped on or are passing on the pedestrian crossing by reducing the speed or stopping.

(2) When driving round a vehicle stopped before a pedestrian crossing, the driver of a non-rail vehicle shall be obliged to drive at such a speed which allows him to stop in order to let through the pedestrians on the pedestrian crossing.

(3) (revoked – SG 51/07)

(4) (new – SG 51/07; suppl. - SG 54/10) The drivers of turning non-railroad vehicles shall be obliged to let through the pedestrians.

(5) (new - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) In case of a traffic accident on a road marking "pedestrian crossing" involving a pedestrian, when the driver has exceeded the maximum speed allowed or has violated another rule of the Road Traffic Act pertaining to the accident, the pedestrian shall not be deemed joint causer for the occurrence of the said accident.

Art. 120. (1) When the passing of pedestrians on pedestrian crossing is directed by traffic lights or by a traffic controller the driver of the vehicle shall be obliged:

1. when a signal is given, prohibiting the passing, to stop before the pedestrian crossing;
2. after a signal which permits the passing - to let through the pedestrians who are still on the pedestrian crossing;
3. not to enter a pedestrian crossing if he is not convinced that he will not be forced to stop and remain on the pedestrian crossing after a signal prohibiting its crossing.

(2) When a pedestrian, staying on the banquette or the sidewalk, signals by arm his intention to pass on the pedestrian crossing the driver of the non-rail vehicle shall be obliged, without creating

danger for the traffic, to stop in order to let through the pedestrian.

Art. 121. When there is water, mud or pebbles on the traffic road the driver of the vehicle shall be obliged to pass at such a speed as not to cause splashing or injuries to the pedestrians.

Art. 122. (suppl. SG 43/02) The driver of a vehicle, in approaching stopping, stopped or pulling out bus, marked by identification sign that it transports an organised group of children, shall be obliged to reduce the speed and if necessary to stop in order to provide the safety of the children.

Section XXIII. Behaviour in case of traffic accident

Art. 123. (1) The driver of a vehicle, a party to a traffic accident shall be obliged:

1. to stop, without creating danger for the traffic on the road, in order to establish what are the consequences of the accident;
2. when people are affected by the accident:
 - a) to inform the competent body of the Ministry of Interior;
 - b) (amend. – SG 53/14) to remain at the place of the accident and to wait for the arrival of competent bodies of the Ministry of Interior;
 - c) (amend. SG 43/02; amend. – SG 53/14) until the arrival of the authorities under letter "b", in accordance to the necessity, to take measures for the safety of the traffic and for rendering aid to the injured, if this does not represent a danger for him;
 - d) (amend., SG 70/04; amend. – SG 53/14) not to move the vehicle if it does not obstruct the traffic, as well as not to change its condition until the arrival of the authorities of the Ministry of Interior unless it is necessary for the transportation to a medical establishment of the injured in the accident, upon which he shall be obliged to return immediately to the place of the accident;
 - e) to take measures for the preservation of the traces of the traffic accident until their fixing or description by the competent bodies;
 - f) (new – SG 43/02) not to consume alcohol drinks till the arrival of the control bodies;
3. when only property damages are caused by the accident:
 - a) to render assistance for establishing the damages caused by the accident;
 - b) (amend. and suppl. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) if there is agreement between the participants in the accident regarding the circumstances related to it, they shall move the vehicles so as they do not block the traffic and shall fill out their data in a bilateral protocol of findings for the traffic accident;
 - c) if between the participants in the accident there is no agreement on the circumstances related to it they shall, without leaving the place of the accident, inform the respective control body of the Ministry of Interior on whose territory the accident has occurred and shall fulfil the instructions they are given.

(2) Every participant in a traffic accident shall be obliged, upon request by other participants in the traffic, submit data about his identity and his obligatory insurance "Civic responsibility" and, depending on the consequences to inform the owners of the property he has damaged as a result of the accident.

Art. 124. The driver of a vehicle, who is not a participant in a traffic accident, upon arrival at

the place of the accident, according to the necessity, shall be obliged:

1. (amend. SG 43/02) to take measures for providing the safety of the traffic and to render aid to the injured, if this does not represent a danger for him;
2. (suppl. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) to inform about the accident the bodies of the Ministry of Interior or the administration of the municipality, on whose territory the accident has occurred, if there are people harmed from the accident.

Art. 125. The control bodies of the Ministry of Interior shall be obliged to visit the place of the accident when:

1. there is a killed or injured person;
2. the accident has caused traffic congestion;
3. vehicle was involved in the accident, which carries dangerous cargo, which has been spilled on the road and as a result of it creates danger for the traffic;
4. (revoked - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017)
5. (amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017, amend. - SG 77/17, in force from 26.09.2017) a doubt exists that a participant in the traffic accident is with blood alcohol content over 0.5 per mille and/or after use of narcotic substances or their analogues, or is not certified with the rights necessary to drive a vehicle;
6. (amend. SG 43/02, suppl., SG 102/05; amend. - SG 109/07, in force from 01.01.2008) the accident is with participating a vehicle of the Ministry of Defence or of the Bulgarian Army; as well as of allied and/or of foreign armed forces, transiting or staying on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria; in this case service "Military Police" at the Minister of defence shall be informed;
7. (amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) among the participants in the accident exists disagreement regarding the circumstances related to it;
8. (new - SG 103/05, in force from 01.01.2006) the accident is with one participant and the vehicle is not in status to move by own drive due to the caused by the accident damages.

Art. 125a. (new – SG 43/02) (1) (new – SG 103/05, in force from 01.01.2006; amend. – SG 97/07; amend. - SG 102/2015, in force from 01.01.2016) The services of control of the Ministry of Interior shall issue a protocol of visit as per Art. 125 upon the place of the road-transport accident. On a monthly basis until the 25th day of the month the Minister of Interior shall provide to the Information center to the Guarantee Fund referred to in Art. 518 of the Insurance Code information, containing personalized data following the procedure of par. 2, on cases during the preceding month traffic accidents and on the participants thereof.

(2) (prev. text of Para 1 – amend., SG 103/05, in force from 01.01.2006) The Minister of Interior and the Commission of Finance Supervision shall determine with an ordinance the documents, the order of their drafting at occurrence of road-transport accidents, connected with the motor vehicles in the cases of Art. 125 and the procedure of informing as per Para 1.

(3) (prev. text of Para 2 - SG 103/05, in force from 01.01.2006) The Minister of Interior and the Minister of Health shall determine with an ordinance the conditions and the order for interaction between the control bodies and the health establishments at rendering aid to the injured in road accidents and the order for accounting them.

Section XXIV.

Special rules for transporting passengers and cargo

Art. 126. (amend. SG 43/02) When carrying cargo the weight of the loaded vehicle must not exceed the admissible maximum weight indicated in the registration certificate.

Art. 127. (1) The carried cargo must:

1. not create danger for the participants in the traffic;
2. be fixed and not to be dragged on the road;
3. not obstruct the visibility of the driver and not to reduce the stability and the possibility of steering the vehicle;
4. not cover the lights, the signal devices, the identification signs, the registration plates, the rear view mirrors and the signals given by arm.

(2) The cargo which can be spilled, as well as those which shine and create danger of blinding must be covered.

(3) When the cargo goes over the side of the most prominent part of the vehicle by more than 0.20 m, and if it is on the front or on the back - by more than 1 m, the cargo shall be marked by a red flag and in driving at night - by white light reflector or white light on the front and by red light reflector or red light on the back.

(4) (New – SG 2/18, in force from 20.05.2018) The Minister of Transport, Information Technology and Communications, in coordination with the Minister of the Interior, shall determine by an ordinance the conditions and the procedure for strengthening the goods carried.

Art. 128. When, during transportation, the cargo falls entirely or partially on the road the driver shall be obliged to take the necessary precautions for indicating the cargo and of the vehicle and for cleaning the traffic road.

Art. 129. The dangerous cargo shall be packed, labelled, marked and transported in compliance with the requirements of the European Agreement for international transportation of dangerous cargo on roads (ADR) (SG, No 73 of 1995).

Art. 130. (1) (amend. SG 43/02; amend. - SG 54/10; suppl. – SG 47/12) The admissible maximal driving speed of vehicles carrying dangerous cargo in populated areas shall be 40 km/h and outside populated areas - 50 km/h and on motorway and high-speed road - 90 km/h.

(2) The parking of vehicle carrying dangerous cargo shall only be permitted on parking lots determined for this purpose and if there not any - outside the traffic road, at least 200 meters from the populated areas or from indicated water supply zone.

Art. 131. Prohibited to the driver of long vehicle of vehicle carrying dangerous cargo is to stay on the traffic road and to drive in conditions of reduced visibility under 50 meters.

Art. 132. In transporting passengers the driver shall be obliged:

1. to carry out the transportation only by vehicles permitted for the purpose, in conformity with the load capacity indicated in the registration certificate;
2. (amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) before driving off and during the drive, to ensure that all conditions for their safe transportation have been provided;

3. to close the doors of the bus, trolley bus or tram before driving off and not to open them during driving;

4. to fix on the front and on the back of the vehicle identification sign in case of transportation of organised group of children; this requirement shall not regard the vehicles of the regular public transportation;

5. (new – SG 51/07) to stop for boarding/leaving of passengers on additional bus line only at the places designated determined for that purpose by the respective municipal council.

Art. 133. (1) (amend. – SG 51/07) Prohibited is the transportation of a larger number of passengers than the one indicated in the registration certificate of the vehicle.

(2) (amend. – SG 51/07) The transportation of children under 12 years of age shall be prohibited on the rear seat of a motorcycle or a moped unless a special seat is additionally fixed for the child.

Art. 134. (1) Prohibited is the transportation of passengers in camping trailers, cargo trailers, self propelled chassis, farm tractors and other farm machines, in the carriage of dumper lorries and in cargo cars of motorcycles.

(2) Transported in the carriage of a lorry can be persons who load, unload, accompany, receive or supply the transported cargo, providing their safety. Their number of every ton of pay load is one person, but not more than 8. These requirements do not regard the vehicles of the Ministry of defence.

Art. 135. (amend. – SG 51/07) The passengers shall be obliged to fulfil the instructions of the driver and of the personnel servicing the vehicle.

Art. 136. (revoked – SG 51/07)

Art. 137. Prohibited to the passengers shall be:

1. to stay immediately close to the driver and to obstruct his visibility; to stay on the steps or at other dangerous places; to open the doors during driving; to obstruct their closing and to bend outside the vehicle;

2. to travel in a vehicle carrying out public transportation of passengers with clothes and objects, including home pets which can pollute or hurt the other passengers;

3. to leave the vehicle stopped for inspection without the permit of the control body;

4. to throw or spill objects or substances which create danger for the traffic or pollute the road or the environment.

Section XXV.

Safety Belts, Protection Helmets and Child Restraint Systems (new– SG 51/07)

Art. 137a. (new – SG 51/07) (1) Drivers and passengers of motor vehicles of categories M1, M2, M3 and N1, N2 and N3, when in motion, shall use safety belts, with which the motor vehicles are equipped.

(2) The following persons are allowed not to use safety belts:

1. pregnant women;
2. the ones, whose physical status does not allow the use of safety belt;
3. (new - SG 60/12, in force from 07.08.2012) persons with permanent upper limb and/or locomotor disabilities who drive motor vehicles adapted to their needs;
4. (prev. item 3 - SG 60/12, in force from 07.08.2012) the drivers of taxi automobiles, when they transport passengers within settlements;
5. (prev. item 4 - SG 60/12, in force from 07.08.2012) the instructors – when driving an automobile with training purpose.

Art. 137b. (new – SG 51/07) (1) Child-restraint systems depending on the weight of the children, for whom they are designated, shall be classified in five mass groups:

1. (amend. - SG 54/10) group 0 - for children of a mass of less than 10 kg;
2. (amend. - SG 54/10) group 0+ - for children of a mass of less than 13 kg;
3. (amend. - SG 54/10) group I - for children of a mass of from 9 kg to 18 kg;
4. (amend. - SG 54/10) group II - for children of a mass of from 15 kg to 25 kg;
5. (amend. - SG 54/10) group III - for children of a mass of from 22 kg to 36 kg.

(2) Child-restraint system shall be subdivided into two classes:

1. an integral class comprising a combination of straps or flexible components with a securing buckle, adjusting device, attachments and in some cases a supplementary chair and/or impact shield, capable of being anchored by means of its own integral strap or straps;
2. a non-integral class that may comprise a partial safety restraint which, when used in conjunction with an adult safety belt which passes around the body of the child or restrains the device in which the child is placed, forms a complete child-restraint system.

Art. 137c. (new – SG 51/07) (1) The passengers in motor vehicles of categories M1, N1, N2 and N3, when in motion, shall use safety systems, with which the motor vehicles are equipped.

(2) (amend. - SG 19/15) Regarding children less than 150 cm in height occupying M1, N1, N2 and N3 vehicles fitted with safety systems shall be restrained by an integral or non-integral child-restraint system, within the meaning of Art. 137b, para 2, suitable for the child's mass in compliance with:

1. the classification under Art. 137b, Para 2 - regarding the child-restraint systems approved as set out in Art. 137d, Para 1, Item 1;
2. manufacturer's information regarding the height and maximum weight of the child, for which is intended the child-restraint system approved as set out in Art. 137d, Para 1, Item 2.
- (3) In M1, N1, N2 and N3 vehicles that are not fitted with child-restraint systems, children under three years of age may not be transported, and children aged three and over and less than 150 cm in height shall occupy a seat other than a front one.
- (4) In taxi automobiles that are not fitted with child-restraint systems, children less than 150 cm in height shall be transported on a seat other than a front one.
- (5) Transporting children in a rearward-facing child-restraint system shall not be admitted, in case the said system is fitted on a passenger seat, protected by a front air bag, unless the air bag has been deactivated.

Art. 137d. (new – SG 51/07; amend. - SG 19/15) (1) Child-restraint systems shall be approved in compliance with the requirements of:

1. Rule 44 rev. 03 of the United Nations Economic Commission of Europe or of ordinance

referred to in Art. 138, para 4 concerning approval of the type of new motor vehicles with regards to safety belts and restraint systems and approval of the type of safety belts and restraint systems, or

2. Rule 129 of the United Nations Economic Commission of Europe.

(2) The child-restraint systems shall be installed in compliance with the installation information (instructions of use) supplied by the child-restraint system manufacturer, wherein shall be indicated the manner and type of vehicles for its safe use.

Art. 137e. (new – SG 51/07) (1) (amend. - SG 19/15, amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) All occupants of M2 and M3 vehicles in use shall use the safety systems with which they are fitted, provided while they are seated. Child-restraint systems for children under the age of 12 years and under 150 cm in height shall be approved in accordance with Art. 137d, Para 1.

(2) Passengers in M2 and M3 vehicles shall be informed of the requirement to wear safety belts whenever they are seated and the vehicle is in motion. They shall be informed in one or more of the following ways:

1. by the driver;
2. by the conductor or by the official designated as group leader;
3. by audio-visual means;
4. by signs and/or the pictogram, prominently displayed at every seating position.

Art. 137f. (new – SG 51/07) The drivers and passengers on motorcycles shall use protection helmets.

Chapter three. VEHICLES

Art. 138. (amend. SG 43/02; amend. - SG 54/10) (1) On the roads, open for public using, shall be admitted vehicles meeting the requirements of this Act and of the acts of secondary legislation issued on the grounds thereof.

(2) The Executive Director of Executive Agency "Automobile Administration" shall be the competent authority approving the type of new vehicles, systems, components and separate technical units.

(3) The approval of the type of new wheel and tracked tractors for the agriculture and forestry, of trailers for them and the removable detachable machinery shall be carried out as set out in the Act on Registration and Control of Agricultural and Forestry Machinery.

(4) (amend. and suppl. – SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) The Minister of Transport, Information Technologies and Communications shall issue ordinances on the conditions and the order of approving the types of new road vehicles, systems, components and other technical units, for individual approval of new vehicles and regulations to ensure the implementation of EU regulations in the field of vehicles type approval.

(5) (amend. - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) The compliance of the vehicles, systems, components and separate technical units with the applicable technical requirements shall be established by carrying out procedures for:

1. approval of the types of new vehicles as follows:
 - a) EU type approval - for vehicles of category L;
 - b) EC type approval - for vehicles of categories other than L;
2. approval of the type of new vehicles produced in small series as follows:

- a) EU type approval - for vehicles of category L;
- b) EC type approval - for vehicles of categories other than L;
- c) national type approval;
3. individual approval of new vehicles;
4. type approval of new vehicles in terms of a system or technical features;
5. type approval of new systems, components and separate technical units;
6. EU or EC type approval of new vehicles, systems, components and separate technical units, in which new technologies or concepts have been incorporated;
7. approval of changes to the construction of the registered vehicles.

(6) (amend. – SG 68/13, in force from 02.08.2013; amend. – SG, 14/2015) The Minister of Economy shall, in co-ordination with the Minister of Transport, Information Technology and Communications, determine with ordinance the order for creating and the ways for marking identification code (VIN - code) on the vehicles, produced in the Republic of Bulgaria.

(7) (amend. - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) The placing on the market, the registration or the putting into service of new vehicles, for which type approval of the entire vehicle is required, shall be done based on a valid certificate of conformity.

(8) (amend. and suppl. – SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) The placing on the market or putting into service of new components or separate technical units for the road vehicles, for which type approval is required, shall be done with indicated designations in accordance with the requirements of an applicable regulatory act.

Art. 138a. (new - SG 54/10) (1) (amend. - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) For type-approval of new vehicles and of systems, components and separate technical units for new vehicles shall apply the procedures and the technical requirements determined in an applicable regulatory act.

(2) At filing an application for type approval procedures the manufacturer shall submit to the Executive Director of the Executive Agency "Automobile Administration" a declaration that he has not filed an application with another approving authority and no procedure for approval of the same type has been opened in another Member State of the European Union or in another state of the European Economic Area. A declaration shall be submitted in procedures for:

1. type approval of a new vehicle - basic, non-coupled, coupled and fully coupled;
2. type approval of a new vehicle regarding system/certain technical characteristics, of system, component or a separate technical unit;
3. national type approval of vehicles manufactured in small series;
4. individual approval of vehicles;
5. type approval of parts or equipment for vehicles.

(3) For special purpose vehicles the manufacturer shall fill also a declaration for origin of a base/non-coupled vehicle.

(4) Executive Agency "Automobile Administration" shall create and maintain a national information system for type approvals for vehicles, systems, components and separate technical units issued by it and for the information received about the type approval certificates that was provided by a competent authority of another Member State of the European Union.

Art. 138b. (new - SG 54/10) The Executive Director of Executive Agency "Automobile Administration" shall determine and notify the technical services that carry out or control the trials required for the approval and the performance of checks for compliance with the technical requirements and with the requirements for compliance of the production of vehicles, systems, components or separate technical units with the type approved.

Art. 138c. (new - SG 54/10) (1) (amend. - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) Technical services shall be legal entities or sole traders which comply with the requirements of an applicable regulatory act and/or of Art. 61 of Regulation (EU) № 168/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 January 2013 on the approval and market surveillance of two-, three- and four-wheel vehicles (OJ, L 60/52 of March 2, 2013), hereinafter referred to as "Regulation (EU) № 168/2013".

(2) (amend. - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) Compliance with the requirements under par. 1 shall be certified by an assessment report. The report may also include a certificate of accreditation under the standards specified in the applicable regulatory acts, and other documents issued by a competent authority of a Member - State of the European Union certifying the capability of the technical services to carry out the activities specified in the report.

(3) The assessment report referred to in Para 2:

1. (amend. - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) shall be drawn up by the Executive Agency "Automobile Administration" following a procedure for assessment of the technical service in compliance with the requirements of the applicable regulatory acts;

2. (amend. - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) shall be issued for the activities applied for by the technical service and shall have a scope including the assessment and/or check methods referred to in the applicable regulatory acts.

(4) (suppl. - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) The technical service, designated and notified by another Member - State of the European Union, shall be notified as technical service of the Republic of Bulgaria as well. The Executive Agency "Automobile Administration" shall recognize an assessment report, issued by a national authority of another Member – State, designated as competent under Art. 42 of Directive 2007/46/EC or under Art. 66, item 1 of Regulation (EU) № 168/2013, when the Technical Service will carry out tests and inspections on the territory of the country granting the evaluation report.

(5) The certificate of accreditation under par. 2 issued by the Executive Agency "Bulgarian Accreditation Service" or by the national accreditation body of the country - member of the European Union.

Art. 138d. (new - SG 54/10, amend. - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) (1) For the issuance of a certificate for designation as technical service, the person under Art. 138c, para. 1 or the technical service of Art. 138c, para. 4, or their authorized representatives shall submit an application to the Executive Director of the Executive Agency "Automobile Administration", accompanied by the documents referred to in the regulations under Art. 138, para. 4.

(2) The Executive Agency "Automobile Administration" shall hold a procedure for evaluating the technical competence of the candidate for designation as technical service and for its compliance with the requirements of the applicable regulatory acts.

(3) The procedure under para. 2 shall be held also to determine technical service under Art. 138c, para. 4, where it is applying for extension of the scope, referred to in the presented assessment report.

(4) In case of discrepancies and/or irregularities in the application or the documents attached thereto, within one month of receipt of the application the Executive Director of the Executive Agency "Automobile Administration" shall notify the applicant and provide him/her with a deadline for removal of the discrepancies and/or irregularities. This period may not be less than one month.

(5) Within 6 months of receipt of the application or of removal of the discrepancies and/or irregularities, the Executive Agency "Automobile Administration" shall prepare a report on the results of the assessment procedure.

(6) Within the deadline of para. 5, depending on the assessment in the report (positive or

negative), the Executive Director of the Executive Agency "Automobile Administration" shall issue the certificate for designation as technical service or, respectively with order, shall refuse to issue a certificate. The refusal order shall be subject to challenge under the order of the Administrative Procedure Code.

(7) The technical services shall be subject to periodic monitoring by the Executive Agency "Automobile Administration" and the technical services, whose accreditation certificates are included in the report under para. 5, shall be subject to supervision by the accreditation authority thereof as well.

(8) The assessment report under par. 5 shall be reviewed at least once every three years on a schedule determined by the Executive Director of the Executive Agency "Automobile Administration" and under the terms and conditions laid down by the regulations of Art. 138, para. 4.

(9) The technical services under Art. 138c, para. 4 shall provide the Executive Agency "Automobile Administration" a copy of the report for the repeated assessments carried out or for the revision of the assessment, as well as information about any changes in the notification and the reports of the supervisory inspections carried out in other countries - EU member states, in which they have been designated as technical services and for which the European Commission has been notified, within one week of their issuance. The Executive Agency "Automobile Administration" may require the technical service to provide a report on current accreditations of the service.

(10) The rights arising from the certificate for designation as technical service shall be terminated by an order of the Executive Director of the Executive Agency "Automobile Administration":

1. when in supervision under par. 7 it is established that the technical service no longer meets the requirements of Art. 138c, par. 1;
2. when the outcome of the procedure of review of the assessment report is negative;
3. where the assessment report has not been reviewed more than three years due to the fault of the technical service, or when a technical service of Art. 138c, para. 4 has not submitted copies of the reports for repeated reassessments or for revision of assessment;
4. upon request of the person under Art. 138c, par. 1;
5. in repeated violation of the procedures specified in the applicable regulation act.

(11) The order of the Executive Director of the Executive Agency "Automobile Administration" under par. 10 shall be subject to appeal under the Administrative-Procedure Code.

(12) The Executive Director of the Executive Agency "Automobile Administration" shall notify the European Commission on the terminated rights of the technical service.

(13) For the activities to do with assessment, supervision and re-assessment of technical services, the Executive Agency "Automobile Administration" shall collect fees in the amount determined by a tariff adopted by the Council of Ministers.

Art. 139. (1) The vehicles driving on the road must be:

1. technically fit;
2. (amend. – SG 68/13, in force from 02.08.2013; amend. – SG, 14/2015) of sizes, weight and loading on axle which do not exceed the norms established by the Minister of Regional Development and Public Works and carrying cargo which present danger for the participants in the traffic;
3. (new – SG 43/02) marking with the respective identification signs.
4. (new - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) with tires designed for winter conditions or with tires with a tread depth of not less than or equal to 4 mm during the period from November 15 to March 1.

(2) (new – SG 51/07) Three- and four wheel vehicles driving on the road shall also be equipped with:

1. safety triangle;

2. automobile first-aid kit;
3. fire extinguisher;
4. reflection vest.

(3) (amend. SG 43/02; prev. text of para 2, amend. – SG 51/07; amend. – SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009; amend. – SG 68/13, in force from 02.08.2013; amend. – SG, 14/2015) The driving of vehicles of size, weight and load on axle exceeding the norms determined by the order of para 1, item 2, as well as the movement of vehicles, transporting dangerous cargo shall be carried out by an order, determined by the Minister of Regional Development and Public Works, in coordination with the Minister of Transport, Information Technology and Communications, with the Minister of Environment and Waters and with the Minister of Interior.

(4) (new, SG 85/04; prev. text of para 3 – SG 51/07) Admitted shall be marking by signs for carrying out taxi services only if they are included in a list to a licence or a certificate for registration for carrying out taxi services of passengers.

(5) (new, SG 6/04; prev. para 3 – SG 85/04; prev. text of para 4 – SG 51/07; amend. – SG 39/11; amend. – SG 101/15, in force from 22.12.2015, amend. – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019) The movement of road vehicles on a road included in the scope of the paid road network shall be carried out after fulfillment of the respective obligations related to the establishment of the amount and payment of the tolls under Art. 10, Para. 1 of the Roads Act.

(6) (New – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019) The driver of a road vehicle shall be obliged, before traveling on a road covered by the paid road network, to pay the fee under Art. 10, Para. 1, item 1 of the Roads Act in cases where such is due according to the category of the road vehicle, except when the fee has been paid by a third party.

(7) (New – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019) The driver of a road vehicle of the category under Art. 10b, Para. 3 of the Roads Act shall be obliged, before traveling on a road covered by the paid road network, to purchase a route map for the sections of the paid road network which will be using, or to fulfill the respective obligations to establish the distance traveled and to pay the fee due under Art. 10, Para. 1, item 2 of the Roads Act, except where these obligations have been fulfilled by a third party.

Art. 140. (1) (suppl. - SG 11/17, in force from 31.01.2017, amend. – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019) On roads open for public using shall be admitted only engine driven vehicles and trailers which are registered and have registration plate on the places determined for them. On roads covered by the paid road network shall only be allowed road vehicles for which the obligations to establish the amount and payment of the tolls under Art. 10, Para. 1 of the Roads Act have been fulfilled.

(2) (amend. SG 43/02. SG 79/05; amend. – SG 51/07; amend. – SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009; amend. - SG 54/10, amend. - SG 81/16, in force from 01.01.2018; amended as regards the date of entry into force in SG 81/16 – SG 98/16, in force from 01.01.2017, amend. - SG 97/17 (*), amend. – SG 2/18, in force from 20.05.2018, suppl. – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019) The conditions and procedure for registration, reporting, stopping from the traffic and allowing back into traffic, temporary revoking, termination and re-registration of motor vehicles and trailers, drawn by them, and the order for provision of data for registered road vehicles shall be determined by the Minister of Interior in co-ordination with the Minister of Transport, Information Technology and Communications and with the Minister of Defence. The ordinance shall also define the cases in which the motor vehicles and the trailers, drawn by them, at initial registration shall be inspected for technical fitness and their equipment. The motor vehicles stopped from movement and the trailers drawn by them shall be set into movement by the same bodies after removal of the reason for their stopping.

(3) The order of registration and taking account of the vehicles, property of foreign individuals and corporate bodies, shall be coordinated with the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

(4) (suppl., SG 85/04, amend., SG 79/05; amend. - SG 102/06; amend. – SG 102/08; amend. –

SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009) The road vehicles of the divisions of the armed forces and armour, undercarriage and chain machinery, the tugs and special machinery of the Ministry of Interior shall be registered and taken account of by an order determined by the respective minister. The form, the size and the type of the registration plates of these road vehicles of the armed forces shall be coordinated with the Minister of Interior.

(5) (new – SG 51/07) Road vehicles whose registration is out of the national register shall be registered in the national register of motor vehicles after the original documents for registration are provided by the country, where the vehicles are registered.

(6) (new – SG 51/07; amend. - SG 36/08; amend. – SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009; amend. – SG 68/13, in force from 02.08.2013; amend. – SG, 14/2015, amend. – SG 58/17, in force from 18.07.2017) As an exception, wheel tractors, tractor trailers and other self-propelled machinery, registered according to the Act on Registration and Control of the Agricultural and Forestry Machinery, may drive on roads, open for public use following a procedure, determined by an ordinance, issued by the Minister of Agriculture, Foods and Forestry, the Minister of Interior and the Minister of Regional Development and Public Works.

(7) (new - SG 9/17, in force from 27.07.2017) Historic vehicles shall be registered under conditions and procedures specified by the ordinance under para. 2. When registering a historic vehicle shall be presented a proof of ownership and an identification card issued by the International Federation for antique cars or by other organization authorized by it in the territory of a Member - State.

Art. 141. (1) (amend. SG 43/02) For each registered motor vehicle or trailer shall be issued registration certificate of indefinite or temporary validity in a form, approved by the Minister of Interior, which shall contain the data about the vehicle according to the ordinance of Art. 140, para 2.

(2) Duplicate of the registration certificate of a vehicle shall be issued when the certificate is lost, stolen or destroyed, for which the owner of the vehicle shall sign a declaration.

(3) (new - SG 88/08; amend. - SG 100/10, in force from 01.07.2011) A declaration on the circumstances under Para 2 may be filed electronically, signed with a qualified digital electronic signature.

Art. 142. (amend. - SG 50/16, in force from 01.07.2016) (1) The Minister of Interior shall determine the procedure for officially providing data on the registered vehicles to interested parties. The registration office shall be required, when transmitting data from the registry, to keep records containing information about the transmitted data, the time of transmission, data on the applicant of the request and the purpose for which they want the data.

(2) The right of free access in real time shall have all state bodies, organizations and legal entities which process the data by virtue of a law or an act of the Minister of Interior.

(3) The Minister of the Interior shall each month publish data on the registered vehicles in the open data portal pursuant to the Access to Public Information Act.

Art. 143. (1) (amend. – SG 51/07) A vehicle shall be registered in the name of his owner by the identification number of the vehicle.

(2) (amend. – SG 51/07) Prohibited is the deletion and/or the forgery of the identification number and the number of the engine of the vehicle.

(3) (amend. – SG 51/07, suppl. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) Vehicle with forged, deleted or damaged identification number shall not be registered until the establishment of the identification number marked by the producer, except for a vehicle abandoned, seized or confiscated in

favour of the state and provided for the needs of a budget organization, where the registration of a vehicle shall be done after affixing a new identification number, under an order determined by an ordinance of the Minister of Interior.

(4) The restoration of the identification number shall be made by an order determined by the Minister of Interior.

(5) (new – SG 79/05) Subject to registration shall not be:

1. (amend. - SG 97/17) new vehicles, for which the requirement for type approval has entered in force and not is not approved under the order of Art. 138, Para 4;

2. (amend. - SG 59/18) tractors for the agriculture and the forestry, which shall be registered under the procedure of the Act on Registration and Control of Agricultural and Forestry Machinery.

3. road vehicles which are not imported observing the established by the law order;

4. road vehicles with changes of the construction, which do not meet the requirements of Art. 146;

5. road vehicles, announced for enquiry, till the matter of ownership is clarified.

(6) (prev., 5 – SG 79/05; amend. - SG 61/06, amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) Cancelling the registration of a registered vehicle shall be made by indication on the registration certificate upon application by the owner and returning of the registration plates. Together with the application the owner of the vehicle shall provide documents that it was accepted for dismantling or declaration for its storage in private property according to a sample approved by an order of the Minister of Environment and Waters and coordinated with the Minister of Interior.

(7) (amend. SG 43/02, prev. 6 – SG 79/05; amend. - SG 61/06, amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) Cancelling the registration of an abandoned registered vehicle shall be carried out upon written notification of the control services determined by the mayors of municipalities according to Art. 167, Para 2, Item 3 and returning of the registration plates. In this case documents that the vehicle was accepted for dismantling shall be provided.

(8) (new - SG 61/06, amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) Cancelling the registration of an abandoned registered vehicle which registration plates are not present and may not be found according to the legitimate order shall be carried out upon written notification of the control services determined by the mayors of municipalities according to Art. 167, Para 2, Item 3 where the vehicle shall be identified by the number of the frame or other identification number. In this case documents that the vehicle was accepted for dismantling shall be provided.

(9) (new – SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) Official cancellation of the registration of a registered vehicle shall be done with a marking in the automated information system upon notification by the competent authority for the registration of vehicles from another country, upon destruction or confiscation in favour of the state, upon notification from the control services under Art. 167, para. 2, item 3, as well as upon establishing that the vehicle is registered with forged, deleted or damaged identification number.

(10) (new – SG, 102/2015, in force from 01.01.2016) Automatically suspended shall be the registration of vehicles, for which a notification has been received from the Guarantee Fund under Art. 574, Para. 11 of the Insurance Code, and the owner of the vehicle shall be notified. Automatically terminated registration of the vehicle shall be restored automatically upon provision of data on concluded insurance by the Guarantee Fund under Art. 574, Para. 6, or at the request of the owner upon presentation of a valid "Motor Third Party Liability" drivers' insurance.

(11) (new - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) Official cancellation of the registration of a registered vehicle shall be done with a marking in the automated information system in the cases provided for in Chapter Six. In this case, the license plates with the number and Part 2 of the registration certificate of the vehicle shall be seized along with drafting the act of establishment the administrative violation.

(12) (new - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) Restoring an officially terminated

registration of a vehicle under the order of para. 11 shall be carried out in an order determined with the ordinance of Art. 140, para. 2.

(13) (new - SG 51/07, previous para. 9 - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) Change in registration of vehicles with imposed distraint or other legal restriction shall be done upon revocation or written authorization from the authority which decreed the collateral or from other competent authority.

(14) (new - SG 9/17, in force from 27.07.2017) At the request of the owner, the registered road vehicle may be re-registered as a historic vehicle under the conditions and procedures for registration of such vehicles, determined with the ordinance of Art. 140, para. 2. In this case, the original documents for registration provided during the initial registration of the vehicle may be returned to the owner.

(15) (new - SG 77/17, in force from 26.09.2017) Ex officio, with a notice in the automated information system, the registration of a registered motor vehicle shall be terminated of an owner who fails to fulfill his obligation to register the vehicle within two months of the acquisition.

(15a) (New – SG 2/18, in force from 03.01.2018) The manipulation of the motor vehicle's mileage indicator shall be prohibited, except for the change of the mileage indicator in case of an established damage, which shall be certified by a declaration by the person repairing the device, indicating the date of repair, the indication of the old mileage indicator and the indication of the mileage indicator fitted anew.

(16) (New - SG 97/17, in force from 06.06.2018, amend. – SG 2/18, in force from 06.06.2018) The Ministry of Interior and the Executive Agency “Automobile Administration” shall exchange data on registered vehicles and their periodic technical inspections.

(17) (New - SG 97/17, in force from 06.06.2018) In the cases where a dangerous technical malfunction is established during a periodical technical inspection, the Executive Agency “Automobile Administration” shall notify the Ministry of Interior for the temporary revoking of registration of the malfunctioning vehicle.

(18) (New - SG 97/17, in force from 06.06.2018) Upon receipt of the notification under Para. 17, marked in the automated information system of the Ministry of the Interior, the registration of the malfunctioning vehicle shall be temporarily revoked and the owner of the vehicle informed.

(19) (New - SG 97/17, in force from 06.06.2018) After the removal of the dangerous technical failure and after the malfunctioning vehicle under Para. 17 has undergone a periodic technical inspection, the Executive Agency “Automobile Administration” shall notify the Ministry of Interior, and the use of the vehicle shall be resumed without a new procedure for its registration.

(20) (New - SG 97/17, in force from 06.06.2018, amend. – SG 2/18, in force from 06.06.2018) The conditions, order and ways of exchange of information under Para. 16, the data type and formats and the classifiers used shall be determined by the ordinance under Art. 140, Para. 2.

(21) (New - SG 97/17, in force from 06.06.2018) For the purposes of vehicle registration, information exchange may be carried out with the Member States of the European Union on the legal status of vehicles and before registration of a vehicle – an inspection to be carried out in the Member State of the European Union, in which it was registered. In order to facilitate this exchange, the inspection may be carried out by using an electronic network incorporating data from the national electronic databases.

Art. 144. (1) The ownership of the vehicles shall be transferred by a written contract.

(2) (suppl. SG 43/02; amend. - SG 54/10) In case of transferring the ownership of registered automobiles, of registered trailers with capacity over 10 tonnes, of registered wheel tractors and of registered motorcycles with volume of the engine over 350 cm³ the signatures of the parties must be notary certified.

(3) (new - SG 77/17, in force from 26.09.2017) Transfer of the ownership of a registered vehicle to a person without a permanent address or address registration in the Republic of Bulgaria shall

be carried out under the procedure of para. 2 after termination of registration of the vehicle and return of registration plates to the relevant registration service of the vehicle.

(4) (new - SG 77/17, in force from 26.09.2017) The Ministry of Interior and the Notary Chamber shall exchange information electronically about the vehicles registered in the country and the contracts concluded.

(5) (new - SG 77/17, in force from 26.09.2017) In the case of a vehicle transaction, the transferee may request the preparation of the registration certificate in advance if the registration plates will not be replaced and the information is submitted to the Ministry of the Interior together with the information on the concluded contract.

Art. 145. (1) (revoked - SG 77/17, in force from 26.09.2017)

(2) (amend. - SG 77/17, in force from 26.09.2017) The acquirer of a registered vehicle shall be obliged within one month to register the acquired vehicle at the Vehicles Registration Office at the permanent address or registered address of the owner, except when the vehicle has been acquired by a trader for the purpose of sale.

(3) (revoked - SG 77/17, in force from 26.09.2017)

(4) (new - SG 88/08, amend. - SG 77/17, in force from 26.09.2017) The provision of Para. 2 shall also apply to the acquisition of the ownership of a vehicle outside the Republic of Bulgaria or to the acquisition of the ownership by public sale.

Art. 146. (1) (prev. art. 146, amend. SG 43/02; suppl., SG 85/04; amend. – SG 51/07 ; amend. – SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009; amend. - SG 54/10) Changes of the construction of the registered vehicles and individual approval of road vehicles registered outside the Member States of the European Union or another contracting party to the Agreement for the European Economic Area, shall be introduced under terms and by an order determined with an ordinance by the Minister of Transport, Information Technology and Communications.

(2) (amend. – SG 51/07; amend. - SG 36/08 ; amend. – SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009, amend. – SG 58/17, in force from 18.07.2017) Change in the construction of wheel tractors and the trailers, drawn by them, shall implemented under conditions and by order, determined with an ordinance by the Minister of Agriculture, Foods and Forestry in co-ordination with the Minister of Transport, Information Technology and Communications.

Art. 147. (1) (amend. SG 43/02; amend. – SG 51/07 ; amend. – SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009, amend. – SG 2/18, in force from 20.05.2018, amend. – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019) Registered motor vehicles and their trailers and the road vehicles with which transport for leisure purposes is being done, except for transport vehicles of the divisions of the Armed Forces, and animal-drawn vehicles, shall be subject to mandatory periodic inspection to check their technical working order. The conditions and procedure for carrying out the inspections of the vehicles, except for self-propelled machinery, wheeled tractors with a maximum design speed not exceeding 40 km/h and the trailers drawn by them, shall be determined by an ordinance of the Minister of Transport, Information Technology and Communications in agreement with the Minister of the Interior.

(2) (New - SG 51/07, suppl. -SG 2/18, in force from 20.05.2018) Wheeled tractors with a maximum design speed not exceeding 40 km/h and trailers drawn by them, and self-propelled machinery registered under the Registration and Control of Agricultural and Forestry Machinery Act, and by the order of the ordinance under Art. 140, Para. 2 on the registration, reporting, entry into service and taking out of traffic of motor vehicles and trailers towed by them shall be subject to periodic roadworthiness

tests under the procedure laid down in the Registration and Control of Agricultural and Forestry Machinery Act.

(3) (New - SG 92/05, in force from 18.11.2005, previous Para. 2, amend. - SG 51/07, amend. - SG 54/10, amend. – SG 2/18, in force from 03.01.2018) Road transport vehicles shall be subject to periodic checks for their roadworthy condition as follows:

1. (In force from 20.05.2018) transport vehicles of categories N1 and M1, with the exception of light taxi cars, campers and ambulances - before expiry of the third and fifth year from the date of their initial registration as new, after which every year;

2. (In force from 20.05.2018) light taxi cars and transport vehicles of categories M2 and M3, except campers - every 6 months;

3. (In force from 20.05.2018) trolley buses and tramways every 6 months;

4. (In force from 20.05.2018) campers vehicles of categories N2, N3, O2, O3 and O4, with the exception of camping trailers from whose initial registration no more than 10 years have passed - every year, after which - every 6 months;

5. every two years - transport vehicles of categories:

a) (In force from 20.05.2018) L3, L3e, L4, L4e, L5, L5e, L7, L7e and O1;

b) (in force from 01.01.2023) L1, L1e, L2, L2e, L6, L6e;

6. (In force from 20.05.2018, suppl. – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019) ambulances, the special vehicles of the General Directorate for Fire Safety and Protection of the Population of the Ministry of Interior, camping-cars, camping trailers of categories O2, O3 and O4, wheeled tractors with a maximum design speed exceeding 40 km/h and road vehicles carrying out transport for leisure purposes is being done - every year.

(4) (New - SG 92/05, in force from 18.11.2005, previous Para. 3, suppl. - SG 51/07, amend. – SG 54/10) Road vehicles transporting dangerous goods shall be inspected for establishing their roadworthiness to carry certain dangerous goods each year.

(5) (New – SG 2/18, in force from 20.05.2018) Road vehicles shall be submitted to periodic inspections to check their technical condition, whereby the time limits under Para. 3 shall not apply to:

1. temporary immobilized vehicle due to technical malfunction resulting from an accident and causing some of the damages and/or deficiencies under Art. 101, Para. 3, or in the event of violation of the active or passive safety system of the vehicle;

2. alterations to the vehicle's construction related to vehicle safety or environmental protection, or change of its category.

(6) (Suppl. - SG 43/02, in force from 26.04.2002, prev. Para. 2 - SG 92/05, in force from 18.11.2005, previous Para. 4 - SG 51/07, amend. - SG 54/10, previous Para.5, suppl. - SG 2/18, in force from 20.05.2018) The inspection to check roadworthiness shall cover the full equipment and its performance, the working order of parts, aggregate units, installations, mechanisms, components and characteristics of road vehicles that are relevant to road safety, environmental protection, noise level and the working order of their muffling systems determined in the ordinance under Para. 1.

(7) (New - SG 85/06, in force from 20.10.2006, previous Para. 5 - SG 51/07, previous Para. 6, amend. – SG 2/18, in force from 20.05.2018) The inspection to check roadworthiness of light taxi-cars, buses and transport vehicles carrying out dangerous goods shall also include, besides the items under Para. 6, additional components related to the purpose of the vehicles and defined by the ordinance under Para. 1.

(8) (New - SG 54/10, previous Para. 7 - SG 2/18, in force from 20.05.2018) The inspection to check roadworthiness for road vehicles shall be carried out by a commission consisting of a Chairperson and at least one Technical Specialist.

(9) (New - SG 54/10, in force from 01.01.2011, previous Para. 8 – SG 2/18, in force from 20.05.2018) The results of the periodical roadworthiness tests of the road vehicles shall be registered in the information system of the Executive Agency “Automobile Administration”. The information system

for electronic registering shall take into account the roadworthiness tests of vehicles performed by the specialist centres in real time. The requirements to the information system shall be determined by the ordinance under Para. 1.

(10) (New – SG 2/18, in force from 20.05.2018) Certificates issued for technical roadworthiness and stickers for periodic roadworthiness tests for road vehicles shall retain their validity in the event of change in the owner of the vehicle, where the license plates are not replaced.

(11) (New – SG 2/18, in force from 20.05.2018) The Executive Agency “Automobile Administration” shall keep a register of the periodic roadworthiness tests carried out for the road vehicles.

(12) (New – SG 2/18, in force from 20.05.2018) In the register under Para. 11 shall be kept information about:

1. the identification of the vehicle;
2. the mileage indicator data and the technical characteristics of the vehicle necessary for the inspection;
3. the person who has presented the vehicle for inspection;
4. the specialist centre, where the inspection has been carried out;
5. the date, on which the inspection has been carried out;
6. the Chairperson of the Commission and the Technical Specialist who have carried out the inspection;
7. the results and conclusions of the inspection;
8. a description of the deficiencies, if any are found;
9. the date for the next inspection;
10. the documents issued for the technical roadworthiness of the vehicle.

(13) (New – SG 2/18, in force from 20.05.2018) The Executive Director of the Executive Agency “Automobile Administration”, or an official authorized by him, shall declare invalid, by an order, the certificates of technical roadworthiness issued and stickers for periodic roadworthiness tests of road vehicles, where:

1. when checked by the controlling authorities, it is found that:
 - a) the vehicle has not been presented for inspection;
 - b) the technical roadworthiness certificates issued do not correspond to the category of the vehicle presented for inspection;
 - c) the documents determined by the ordinance under Para. 1 have not been presented in order to carry out the inspection, or a false or fraudulent document has been presented;
2. when checked by the controlling authorities at the specialist centres immediately following the end of the inspection, it is established that:
 - a) the inspection has not been carried out in the order determined by the ordinance under Para. 1;
 - b) the inspection has been carried out by a Chairperson of the commission or by a Technical Specialist who, at the date of the inspection, did not meet the requirements set by the ordinance under Para. 1;
 - c) the inspection has been carried out with devices, equipment, instruments or measuring instruments which at the date of the inspection did not meet the requirements set forth in the ordinance under Para. 1;
 - d) the results of the inspection have been manipulated, or the marking or sealing of the equipment or the technical means, with which the inspection has been carried out, has been compromised.

(14) (New – SG 2/18, in force from 20.05.2018) The order under Para. 13 shall be subject to appeal under the procedure of the Administrative-Procedure Code. The appeal shall not stop the execution of the order.

Art. 148. (amend. SG 43/02) (1) (amend. – SG 51/07; amend. – SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009, amend. – SG 2/18, in force from 20.05.2018) The Minister of Transport, Information Technology and Communications shall, in co-ordination with the Minister of Interior, determine with an ordinance the conditions and the order of issuing permits for carrying out periodical inspection for check of the technical fitness of the vehicles, participating in the movement on roads, except self-propelled machines, the wheel tractors with a maximum design speed not exceeding 40 km/h, and the trailers drawn by them.

(2) (suppl. – SG 22/07; amend. – SG 51/07; amend. – SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009, suppl. – SG 2/18, in force from 03.01.2018) Permission for implementing periodic inspections for check of the technical fitness of vehicles shall be issued to the Ministry of the Interior, the State Agency “Technical Operations”, the National Service for Protection and educational Institutions under the Vocational Education and Training Act and the Higher Education Act, natural or legal persons, registered under the Commerce Act or under the Non-profit Legal Entities Act, as well as to persons, registered under the legislation of a Member State of the European Union, or of another state – party to the European Economic Area Agreement, by the Minister of Transport, Information Technology and Communications or by official, authorised by him.

(3) (amend. - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017, amend. – SG 2/18, in force from 03.01.2018) For issuing of the permission the persons of para 2 shall submit application, to which shall also be attached documents certifying the compliance with the requirements to the person carrying out the inspections, to the control and technical point, to the chairman of the commission carrying out the inspections and to the technical specialists, determined in the ordinance under Art. 147, Para 1.

(4) Permission for implementing periodic inspections for checking the technical fitness of vehicles shall be issued under the following conditions:

1. (amend. - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) the sites, the facilities, the equipment, the devices and the means for measurement meet the requirements and ensure the fulfilment of the whole amount of checks, provided in the ordinance of art. 147, para 1;

2. (suppl. - SG 54/10, in force from 17.10.2010) the chairman of the commission carrying out the inspections and the technical specialists, who implement the inspections, have the necessary education, specialisation and qualification, according to the requirements of the ordinance of art. 147, para 1 and are entered into the register referred to in Para 9;

3. (new - SG 54/10) the persons under Para 2 meet the requirements set out in the ordinances under Art. 147, Para 1.

(5) (suppl. - SG 54/10) The permissions shall be issued within a term of 30 days after the day of submitting of the application. An integral part of the permission shall be a list of the chairman of the commission carrying out the inspections and of the technical specialists.

(6) (amend. – SG 51/07; amend. – SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009; amend. - SG 54/10) The Minister of Transport, Information Technology and Communications or an official authorised by him shall refuse the issuing of permission, when:

1. the candidate does not meet the requirements set out in the ordinance under Art. 147, Para 1;

2. the building accommodating the control and technical point or the facilities, equipment, apparatus and the measurement means for carrying out the inspections of the technical fitness of the road vehicles do not meet the requirements set out in the ordinance under Art. 147, Para 1;

3. the chairman of the commission carrying out the inspections or the technical specialists do not meet the requirements set out in the ordinance under Art. 147, Para 1;

4. (suppl. – SG 2/18, in force from 03.01.2018) the documents referred to in Para 3 have not been submitted, or a false document or document of untrue content is presented;

5. the candidates have been granted a permission that has been withdrawn due to violation of

the requirements for carrying out periodical inspections for technical fitness of the road vehicles.

(7) (amend. - SG 30/06, in force from 12.07.2006) The refusal shall be subject to appeal by the order of the Administrative-Procedure Code.

(8) (Amend. and suppl. – SG 2/18, in force from 20.05.2018) The permission of para 1 shall be issued for each technical control centre for a term of 5 years. The term of validity of the permit may be extended by a further 5 years, if the person under Para. 2 has submitted a request therefor before the expiration of the term and meets the requirements under Para. 4. The Minister of Transport, Information Technology and Communications, or an official authorized by him, shall extend the period of validity of the permit within 14 days of the date of filing of the request.

(9) (amend. – SG 51/07; amend. – SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009; amend. - SG 54/10, in force from 17.10.2010) The Executive Agency "Automobile Administration" shall keep a register of the issued permissions of para 2, of the chairmen of commissions carrying out inspections and of the technical specialists.

(10) (amend. - SG 54/10, in force from 17.10.2010) The chairman of the commission carrying out the inspections and the technical specialists shall be entered into the register referred to in Para 9, when they meet the requirements determined in the ordinance under Art. 147, Para 1 and shall be removed from the register:

1. at the request of the person who was granted permission under Para 2;
2. at the request of the persons entered into the register;
3. in case of repeated violation of the rules on performing the periodical inspections of the technical fitness of the road vehicles;

4. (suppl. – SG 2/18, in force from 03.01.2018) when they have ordered the issue or have issued a document for passed periodical inspection for technical fitness of a road vehicle without it being subject to such inspection, or without an inspection being carried out pursuant to the ordinance under Art. 147, Para. 1;

5. (suppl. – SG 2/18, in force from 03.01.2018) in case of repeated violation of the requirement that the chairperson of the commission carrying out the inspections or the technical specialist has to notify the Executive Agency "Automobile Administration" within the time limit specified in the ordinance under Art. 147, Para 1 that his individual stamp has been lost, stolen or damaged;

6. (amend. – SG 2/18, in force from 20.05.2018) when the chairman of the commission carrying out the inspections has provided his access password for the information system under Art. 147, Para 9 to a third person that uses it;

7. (suppl. – SG 2/18, in force from 03.01.2018) when the Chairperson of the commission carrying out the inspections, or the Technical Specialist, gives to another person his personal seal for certification of documents certifying the technical roadworthiness of vehicles, and that person uses it;

8. when the chairperson of the commission carrying out the inspections or the technical specialist no longer meet the requirements specified in the ordinance under Art. 147, Para 1.

9. (new – SG 2/18, in force from 03.01.2018) when the Chairperson of the inspection commission introduces incorrect data for identification of the vehicle presented for inspection in the information system under Art. 147;

10. (new – SG 2/18, in force from 03.01.2018) when periodic roadworthiness tests have been carried out for vehicles of category, for which the technical control centre has not been given a permit to carry out periodic roadworthiness tests for road vehicles.

(11) (New – SG 2/18, in force from 03.01.2018) Deleted from the register under Para. 9 shall not be the Chairperson of the inspection committee and/or the Technical Specialists, when the request for this is made by the person authorized under Para. 2, or by the person entered in the register, if in the case of the respective person a procedure for deletion has been initiated under the procedure of Para. 10, items 3 to 10.

(12) (new - SG 54/10, in force from 17.10.2010, previous Para. 11 – SG 2/18, in force from

03.01.2018) The removal from the register of chairmen of commissions carrying out inspections and of technical specialists shall be performed pursuant to an order of the Minister of Transport, Information Technologies and Communications or an official authorised by him.

(13) (new - SG 54/10, in force from 17.10.2010, previous Para. 12, amend. – SG 2/18, in force from 03.01.2018) The order referred to in Para 12 shall be subject to appeal as set out in the Administrative-Procedure Code. The appeal shall not suspend the implementation of the order.

(14) (new - SG 54/10, in force from 17.10.2010, previous Para. 13 – SG 2/18, in force from 03.01.2018) Any chairman of commission carrying out inspections or technical specialist that have been removed from the register referred to in Para 9 on any of grounds specified in Para 10, Items 3 - 10 may not be registered again for a period of two years from the date of removal.

(15) (new - SG 54/10, in force from 17.10.2010, previous Para. 14 – SG 2/18, in force from 03.01.2018) The rights, ensuing from the permission, shall be terminated:

1. when it is established, that the permission is issued on the basis of untrue document or document with incorrect contents;
2. with the termination of the activity of the person referred to in Para 2;
3. with the elapse of the term, for which it has been issued;
4. upon application of his owner;
5. with the withdrawal of the permission as set out in Art. 148b.

(16) (New – SG 2/18, in force from 03.01.2018) In the cases of Para. 15, item 4, prior to terminating the rights, the Executive Agency “Automobile Administration” shall carry out an inventory of the documents for certifying roadworthiness provided to the person, and also a comprehensive check of the activity of the control centre. The rights deriving from the permit shall not be terminated at the request of its holder, where proceedings for withdrawal of the permit and the list thereof have been initiated for him under Art. 148b.

Art. 148a. (new – 51/07) The persons, who have acquired a permission to carry out periodical inspections for check of the technical fitness of vehicles, shall be obliged to:

1. (suppl. – SG 2/18, in force from 03.01.2018) carry out the periodical inspections to check the technical roadworthiness impartially, objectively and with high quality, in accordance with the terms and the procedure, determined by the ordinance under art. 147, para 1;

2. (suppl. – SG 2/18, in force from 03.01.2018) maintain the material base, facilities, equipment, instruments and measurement devices in compliance with the requirements, determined by the ordinance under art. 147, para 1;

3. (suppl. – SG 2/18, in force from 03.01.2018) provide the control bodies referred to in Art. 166 with an opportunity to inspect the material base, facilities, equipment, instruments and measurement devices, as well as to provide them with the whole documentation related to carrying out periodical inspections for check of the technical fitness of vehicles.

Art. 148b. (new – SG 43/02 in force from 26.04.2002, prev. text of Art. 148a – SG 51/07) (1) (amend. - SG 54/10) The permission and the list thereto shall be withdrawn, where:

1. the control-technical point or the person referred to in Art. 148, Para 2 no longer meet the requirements of this Act or of the ordinance referred to in Art. 147, Para 1;

2. (suppl. – SG 2/18, in force from 03.01.2018) the periodical inspections for technical fitness of the road vehicles is carried out by a Chairperson of the commission carrying out the inspections or a technical specialist, who is not registered in the register of Art. 148, Para 9;

3. the control-technical point is equipped with means for measurement which are not approved as set out in the Measurements Act or have not passed the mandatory check set out in the said law;

4. the time limit for notification of the Executive Agency "Automobile Administration", determined in the ordinance referred to in Art. 147, Para 1, of lost, stolen or damaged documents certifying that the vehicle is technical fit, has not been met;

5. (suppl. – SG 2/18, in force from 03.01.2018) in the control-technical point where the person referred to in Art. 148, Para 2 carries out the activity has been issued a document certifying that the road vehicle is technically fit without it being presented for inspection of its technical fitness or without inspection carried out pursuant to the ordinance under Art. 147, Para. 1;

6. in cases of repeated violations of the conditions and order for carrying out periodical inspections of the road vehicles specified in this Act or in the ordinance referred to in Art. 147, Para 1, except in the cases of Item 5.

(2) (amend. – SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009; amend. - SG 54/10) The permission shall be withdrawn with a motivated order by the Minister of Transport, Information Technology and Communications or by an official, authorised by him.

(3) (amend. - SG 30/06, in force from 12.07.2006; amend. - SG 54/10) The order referred to in Para 2 shall declare:

1. withdrawal of the documents granted to the person under Art. 148, Para 2 that certify the passing of a technical inspection;

2. (suppl. – SG 2/18, in force from 03.01.2018) withdraws of the individual stamps for sealing of documents that certify the passing of a technical inspection that have been granted to the Chairpersons of the inspection commissions and the technical specialists entered in the list at the permission issued to the person under Art. 148, Para 2;

3. (amend. – SG 2/18, in force from 03.01.2018) termination of the access of the chairman of the commission carrying out the inspections to the information system under Art. 147, Para 9.

(4) (amend. - SG 54/10) The withdrawal shall be subject to contesting as set out in the Administrative-Procedure Code. The contesting shall not suspend the performance of the order.

Art. 148c. (new – SG 43/02 , in force from 26.04.2006; prev. text of Art. 148b – SG 51/07) (1) (suppl. – SG 51/07, amend. – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019) Roadside assistance on the roads open to public use shall be carried out by natural or legal persons registered under the Commerce Act or the Non-Profit Legal Entities Act, as well as by persons registered under the legislation of a Member State of the European Union or of another State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, entered in a register under this Act.

(2) (Suppl. – SG 51/07; amend. – SG 68/13, in force from 02.08.2013; amend. – SG, 14/2015, amend. – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019) The certificate for registration shall be issued by the Minister of Regional Development and Public Works, or by an official authorised by him, based on the following documents:

1. a written request stating the full name and registration data of the person who has filed it;

2. a list of the vehicles with which the roadside assistance service is to be provided;

3. a certified copy of the vehicle registration certificate under item 2;

4. a certified copy of the technical condition of vehicles under item 2, valid on the date of filing the request for issuance of the certificate for entry in the register;

5. a certified copy of a rental or leasing contract for cars with a term of the lease or rent of not less than one year, in case the person does not use only own cars, valid on the date of filing the application for issuance of the certificate for entry in the register; the contract shall state that the vehicle is to be used for road assistance;

6. a document certifying the rights of the applicant as a subscriber of the telephone number for calling for road assistance;

7. a copy of a document for a paid fee for issuing a certificate.

(3) (New – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019) Where the request under Para. 2 has been submitted by persons registered under the legislation of a Member State of the European Union or of another state party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, a document shall be added certifying the registration under the legislation of a Member State of the European Union or of another state party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area.

(4) (New – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019) The application may also be sent by electronic means or by a licensed postal operator.

(5) (Amend. - SG 64/2006, amend. SG 69/2008, amend. SG 75/2009, former Para 3 - SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019) The register of the persons performing road assistance shall be kept by the Road Infrastructure Agency.

Art. 149. (amend. SG 43/02) (1) (amend. - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) For the purposes of type approval, vehicles shall be divided into the following categories marked with Latin letters:

1. (amend. - SG 79/05, amend. - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) category L - motor vehicles as defined in Art. 4 of Regulation (EU) № 168/2013;

2. (amend. - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) category M - motor vehicles designed and constructed primarily for the transport of passengers and their luggage:

a) category M1 - vehicles of category M with no more than 8 seats without the seat of the driver; in the vehicles of category M1 there is no space for standing passengers; the number of seats may be limited to one (the seat of the driver);

b) category M2 – vehicles of category M with more than 8 seats without the seat of the driver, with a technically permissible maximum mass of not more than 5 t; in the vehicles of category M2, except for the seats, there may be space for standing passengers;

c) category M3 – vehicles of category M with more than 8 seats without the seat of the driver, with a technically permissible maximum mass over 5 t; in vehicles of category M3 may be space for standing passengers;

3. (amend. - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) category N - motor vehicles designed and constructed primarily for the transport of goods:

a) category N1 - vehicles of category N with a technically permissible maximum mass of not more than 3,5 t;

b) category N2 - vehicles of category N with a technically permissible maximum mass of over 3,5 t but not more than 12 t;

c) category N3 - vehicles of category N with a technically permissible maximum mass of over 12 t;

4. (revoked. - SG 54/10)

5. (amend. - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) category O - trailers designed and constructed for the transport of goods or passengers, as well as accommodation of passengers:

a) category O1 – vehicles of category O with a technically permissible maximum mass of not more than 0,75 t;

b) category O2 - vehicles of category O with a technically permissible maximum mass of over 0,75 t, but not more than 3,5 t;

c) category O3 - vehicles of category O with a technically permissible maximum mass of over 3,5 t, but not more than 10 t;

d) category O4 - vehicles of category O with a technically permissible maximum mass of over 10 t;

6. category G - motor vehicles with characteristics of the motor transport vehicles of categories M and N and cross country vehicles.

(2) Motor vehicles in categories M2 and M3 for transport of more than 22 passengers, without

the seat of the driver, shall be:

1. class I – vehicles, in which construction are provided spaces for standing passengers with option of movement in the cabin of the car;

2. class II - vehicles designed mainly for the transport of seated passengers, with or without space for standing passengers; the area for standing passengers is the aisle between the seats; when there is a special place for transport of standing passengers, its area must not exceed the area of two double seats;

3. class III - vehicles constructed to transport of only seated passengers.

(3) Motor vehicles from categories M2 and M3 for transport of no more than 22 passengers, without the seat of the driver, shall be the following classes marked with Latin letters:

1. (amend. - SG 19/15) class A - vehicles constructed to transport standing passengers as well; the buses of this class have seating spaces;

2. class B - vehicles constructed to transport only seated passengers.

(4) (revoked - SG 54/10)

Chapter four.

CAPACITY OF THE DRIVERS OF ROAD VEHICLES

Art. 150. (suppl. - SG 54/10) Every road vehicle participating in the traffic on roads that are open for public use shall be driven by a driver having such capacity, unless the vehicle is intended for teaching purposes and is driven by an applicant for driver capacity for a motor vehicle at the time of his training set out in the ordinance referred to in Art. 152, Para 1, Item 3 or during the examination for obtaining capacity set out in the ordinance referred to in Art. 152, Para 1, Item 4.

Art. 150a. (new – SG 43/02) (1) (Amend. – SG 2/18, in force from 03.01.2018) In order to manage motor vehicle, the driver must have driving license, valid for the category, into which is the vehicle, driven by him, must not be deprived of the right to drive a motor vehicle by way of judicial or administrative order, and also his driving license must be within its period of validity, must not be temporarily revoked pursuant to Art. 171, item 1 or 4, or by the order of Art. 69a of the Penal Procedure Code, and must not be declared invalid due to loss, being stolen or damaged.

(2) (amend. – SG 54/10, in force from 19.01.2013) For determining the competence of the drivers the motor vehicles are divided into the following categories, different from these of art. 149, indicated by Latin letters:

1. (amend. - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) category AM – mopeds – two-wheel and three-wheel vehicles with constructive maximum speed of up to 45 km/h as defined in Art. 4, Para 2, letters "a" and "b" of Regulation № 168/2013 (category L1e and L2e), except those having constructive maximum speed lower or equal to 25 km/h and light four-wheel vehicles as defined in Art. 4, Para 2, letter "f" and Annex I of Regulation (EU) № 168/2013 (category L6e);

2. category A1:

a) motorcycles with engine working capacity up to 125 cm³, maximum power up to 11 kW and power/weight ratio up to 0,1 kW/kg;

b) three-wheel vehicles with power of up to 15 kW;

3. category A2 - motorcycles power up to 35 kW and power/weight ratio up to 0,2 kW/kg, where the doubled real power does not surpass the net power of the engine;

4. category A – motorcycles and three-wheel vehicles with power exceeding 15 kW:

a) (amend. - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) motorcycles – two-wheel vehicles without sidecar (category L3e) or with sidecar (category L4e), which engine working capacity exceeds 50 cm³,

where with internal combustion, and/or with constructive maximum speed up to 45 km/h as defined respectively in Art. 4, Para 2, Letters "c" and "d" of Regulation (EU) № 168/2013;

b) (amend. - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) three-wheel vehicles – vehicles with three symmetrically located wheels (category L5e), with an engine with cylinder working capacity exceeding 50 cm³, where with internal combustion, and/or with constructive maximum speed up to 45 km/h as defined respectively in Art. 4, Para 2, Letter "e" and Annex I of Regulation (EU) № 168/2013;

5. (amend. - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) category B1 - four wheel motor vehicles (excluding those in category L6e) which mass without load does not exceed 400 kg (category L7e) (550 kg for the vehicles intended for transportation of loads), which mass does not include the batteries of electrical vehicles and with maximum net engine power up to 15 kW as defined in Art. 4, Para 2, Letter "g" and Annex I of Regulation (EU) № 168/2013; such vehicles shall meet the technical requirements applicable to three-wheel vehicles of category L5e, unless a normative act specifies different technical requirements for them;

6. category B - vehicles with maximum admissible mass not exceeding 3500 kg, designed and constructed for transportation of up to 8 passengers plus the driver; the vehicles under this category may form a composition with a trailer with maximum admissible mass not exceeding 750 kg; without infringing the provisions about the type approval rules for the respective vehicles, motor vehicles of this category may form a composition with a trailer of maximum admissible mass exceeding 750 kg, provided that the maximum admissible mass of the composition does not exceed 4200 kg;

7. category BE - without infringing the provisions about the type approval rules for the respective vehicles, a composition of road vehicles consisting of a towing vehicle of category B and a trailer or semi-trailer, where the maximum admissible mass of the trailer or the semi-trailer does not exceed 3500 kg;

8. category C1 - motor vehicles other than those in categories D1 or D with maximum admissible mass between 3500 kg and 7500 kg designed and constructed for transportation of up to 8 passengers plus the driver; the motor vehicles of this category may form a composition with a trailer with maximum admissible mass not exceeding 750 kg;

9. category C1E:

a) without infringing the provisions about the type approval rules for the respective vehicles, a composition of vehicles with a towing vehicle of category C1 and a trailer or semi-trailer with admissible maximum mass of the trailer or the semi-trailer exceeding 750 kg, provided that the admissible maximum mass of the composition does not exceed 12 000 kg;

b) without infringing the provisions about the type approval rules for the respective vehicles, a composition of vehicles with a towing vehicle of category B and a trailer or semi-trailer with admissible maximum mass of the trailer or the semi-trailer exceeding 3500 kg, provided that the admissible maximum mass of the composition does not exceed 12 000 kg;

10. category C - motor vehicles other than those in categories D1 or D with maximum admissible mass exceeding 3500 kg designed and constructed for transportation of up to 8 passengers plus the driver; the motor vehicles of this category may form a composition with a trailer with maximum admissible mass not exceeding 750 kg;

11. category CE - without infringing the provisions about the type approval rules for the respective vehicles, a composition of road vehicles consisting of a towing vehicle of category C and a trailer or semi-trailer with admissible maximum mass exceeding 750 kg;

12. category D1 - motor vehicles designed and constructed for transportation of up to 16 passengers plus the driver and with maximum length not exceeding 8 m; to the motor vehicles of this category may be attached a trailer with maximum admissible mass not exceeding 750 kg;

13. category D1E - without infringing the provisions about the type approval rules for the respective vehicles, a composition of road vehicles consisting of a towing vehicle of category D1 and a trailer with admissible maximum mass not exceeding 750 kg;

14. category D - motor vehicles designed and constructed for transportation of more than 8 passengers plus the driver; and with maximum length not exceeding 8 m; to the motor vehicles, which may be driven with a license of category D, may be attached a trailer with maximum admissible mass not exceeding 750 kg;

15. category DE - without infringing the provisions about the type approval rules for the respective vehicles, a composition of road vehicles consisting of a towing vehicle of category D and a trailer with admissible maximum mass exceeding 750 kg;

16. category T - wheel tractors (Ttc); to this category shall belong also the trams (Ttm).

(3) (revoked - SG 54/10, in force from 19.01.2013)

Art. 151. (Amend. - SG 43/02) (1) (Suppl. - SG 51/07, amend. - SG 54/10, in force from 19.01.2013) The minimum age at which drivers may drive a motor vehicle shall be:

1. sixteen years – for driving a motor vehicle of the AM category;

2. sixteen years – for driving a motor vehicle of the A1 category;

3. eighteen years – for driving a motor vehicle of the A2 category;

4. twenty-four years – for driving a motor vehicle of the A category, or:

a) twenty years, provided that the driver has held a motorcycle driving licence of the A2 category for at least two years;

b) twenty-one years – for driving a three-wheel motor vehicle the power whereof exceeds 15 kW;

5. seventeen years – for driving a motor vehicle of the B1 category;

6. eighteen years – for driving a motor vehicle of the B and BE categories;

7. eighteen years – for driving a motor vehicle of the C1 and C1E categories, without prejudice to the application of the provisions pertaining to the driving of such vehicles as set forth in the ordinance referred to in Art. 7b, para 5 of the Automobile Transport Act;

8. twenty-one years – for driving a motor vehicle of the C and CE categories, without prejudice to the application of the provisions pertaining to the driving of such vehicles as set forth in the ordinance referred to in Art. 7b, para 5 of the Automobile Transport Act;

9. twenty-one years – for driving a motor vehicle of the D1 and D1E categories, without prejudice to the application of the provisions pertaining to the driving of such vehicles as set forth in the ordinance referred to in Art. 7b, para 5 of the Automobile Transport Act;

10. twenty-four years – for driving a motor vehicle of the D and DE categories, without prejudice to the application of the provisions pertaining to the driving of such vehicles as set forth in the ordinance referred to in Art. 7b, para 5 of the Automobile Transport Act;

11. twenty-one years – for driving a tramcar of the Ttc category;

12. eighteen years – for driving a wheeled tractor of the Twt category on national and municipal roads.

(2) (suppl. - SG 51/07; amend. - SG 79/15, in force from 01.08.2016) A motor vehicle driving licence shall be issued by the bodies of the Ministry of Interior to a person who has completed 10th grade under the condition of Para. 1, who is physically fit to drive motor vehicles of the corresponding category, who has passed motor vehicle driver training and first aid training, and has successfully passed an examination for a motor vehicle driver.

(3) (New - SG 51/07) The qualification licence for operation of self-propelled machines of the Bulgarian Army and for driving thereof shall be issued under terms and procedures set forth by the Minister of Defence.

(4) (prev. text of Para 3, SG 51/07, amend. - SG 54/10) Motor vehicle drivers licensing applicants for motor vehicles of the C1, C, D1, D, and Ttc (tramcar) categories shall also be psychologically fit.

(5) (New - SG 54/10; amend. - SG 79/15, in force from 01.08.2016) A motor vehicle driving licence shall be issued to a person who has established his/her habitual residence in the Republic of Bulgaria, provided that the applicant signs a declaration of that fact or presents proof of attendance of a higher education institution, as defined in Art. 17, Para 1 of the Higher Education Act or in a school under Pre-School and School Education Act in Bulgaria for at least 6 months.

(6) (New - SG 54/10) Applicants for motor vehicle driving licences shall meet the requirements of Para 5.

(7) (New - SG 54/10) One and the same person may hold only one motor vehicle driving licence issued by a European Union Member State.

(8) (New - SG 54/10, in force from 19.01.2013) Where any driving restrictions have been imposed on a motor vehicle driver, the terms and conditions subject whereunto the driver shall have the right to drive a motor vehicle shall be indicated in his/her driving licence through the relevant European Union code as specified in the ordinance referred to in Art. 159, Para 1.

(9) (New - SG 54/10, amend. - SG 97/17) In case of duplicate issuance or replacement of a Bulgarian motor vehicle driving licence or a motor vehicle driving licence issued by a European Union Member State or another state which is a party to the European Economic Area Agreement or the Swiss Confederation, a copy of a document evidencing completion of education shall not be required. A motor vehicle driving licence shall be replaced upon the expiry of its period of validity, upon replacement of old forms by new ones, or in case the driver's details change. A copy of a motor vehicle driving licence shall be issued in case the original one has been damaged, destroyed, lost or stolen.

Art. 151a. (new – SG 51/07) The persons, who have driving license, issued by a Member State of the European Union, or by another state – party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, or by Confederation Switzerland, may drive motor vehicles on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria in observance of the requirements for minimum age regarding the respective category, determined by Art. 151.

Art. 152. (amend. SG 43/02) (1) (amend. – SG 51/07 ; amend. – SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009) The Minister of Transport, Information Technology and Communications shall:

1. determine the requirements to be met by the drivers of vehicles of different categories;

2. determine the requirements for psychological fitness of the drivers of motor vehicles and the conditions and the order for the psychological investigation of:

a) (amend. -SG 54/10) the candidates for acquiring of competence for driving of motor vehicles of the categories C, D, C1, D1, tram bus and of these, who sit the exam after they have lost their competence due to withdrawal of the control points;

b) (suppl. - SG 9/17, in force from 27.02.2017) the drivers, implementing public transport of passengers or loads or transport for one's own expense, as well as the chairpersons of exam commissions;

c) (new – SG 22/07) the drivers who are deprived from the right to drive a motor vehicle on the ground of Art. 174, para 2, the drivers, who have temporarily been deprived from driving license under the procedure of Art. 171, item 1, letter "a", as well as the ones, who are deprived from the right of driving a motor vehicle on the ground of Art. 343d of the Penal Code.

3. (amend. – SG 74/09, in force from 15.09.2009; amend. – SG 68/13, in force from 02.08.2013) in co-ordination with the Minister of Education and Science, determine with an ordinance the conditions and the order for training the candidates for acquiring of competence for driving of motor vehicles and the conditions and the order for issuing permissions for their training;

4. determine with an ordinance the conditions and the order for carrying out the exams for the

candidates for acquiring competence to drive a motor vehicle as well as the order for carrying out the exams for the persons, who have temporarily been deprived from driving license by the order of art. 171, item 1, letter "c".

(2) (new – SG 22/07) Apart from the cases referred to in para 1, psychological fitness tests of drivers of motor vehicles may also be conducted at appointment to work or in other cases upon request by the employer of a driver.

(3) (prev. text of para 2, suppl. – SG 22/07; amend. – SG 51/07; amend. – SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009; suppl. – SG 60/12, in force from 07.08.2012; amend. - SG 79/15, in force from 01.08.2016) Permission for theoretical and practical training of the candidates for acquiring competence for driving of motor vehicle shall be issued to individuals or corporate bodies, registered under the Commerce Act or the Non-Profit Legal Entities Act, or by persons, registered under the legislation of a Member State of the European Union, or of another state – party to the European Economic Area Agreement, as well as to professional high schools, professional colleges, secondary schools with classes for professional training and higher schools, accredited following the procedure laid down in the Higher Education Act, by the Minister of Transport, Information Technology and Communications or by an official, authorised by him.

(4) (prev. text of para 3 – SG 22/07, amend. - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) For issuance or extension of the permit's validity, the persons under para. 3 shall submit an application enclosing a declaration that for them is not open a procedure for bankruptcy, as well as the documents specified by the ordinance under para. 1, item 3.

(5) (prev. text of para 4 – SG 22/07; amend. – SG 51/07) Permission for training of the candidates for acquiring competence to drive motor vehicle shall be issued to the persons referred to in para 3 regarding each training centre individually under the following conditions:

1. (amend. - SG 54/10) the study hall, the study plot, the office and the study road vehicles meet the requirements and ensure the implementation of the training according to the ordinance of para 1, item 3;

2. the trainers, who implement the training, have the necessary education and qualification according to the requirements of the ordinance of para 1, item 3 and who are included in the register of trainers, carrying out training of candidates for acquiring competence for driving motor vehicle under para 17;

3. the training is organised according to the requirements of the ordinance referred to in para 1, item 3;

4. (new - SG 54/10) the head of the training activity and the technical assistant meet the requirements of the ordinance under Para 1, Item 3.

(6) (prev. text of para 5 – SG 22/07, amend. - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) The issuance of the permit and extending its validity shall be done within 30 days of receipt of the application.

(7) (prev. text of para 6 – SG 22/07; amend. – SG 51/07; amend. – SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009, suppl. - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) The Minister of Transport, Information Technology and Communications or a person authorized by him/her shall refuse the issuing of permission in the cases when the candidate does not meet the conditions in the ordinance of para 1, item 3. The refusal shall be motivated.

(8) (amend. - SG 30/06, in force from 12.07.2006; prev. text of para 7 – SG 22/07) The refusal shall be subject to appeal by the order of the Administrative-Procedure Code.

(9) (prev. text of para 8 – SG 22/07, amend. and suppl. - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) The permission of para 1, item 3 shall be issued for a term of 5 years. The validity of the permit shall be extended for another 5 years, where the person under para. 3 has submitted an application for it before expiry of the permit's validity and meets the requirements set by the ordinance under para. 1, item 3.

(10) (prev. text of para 9 – SG 22/07; amend. – SG 51/07; amend. – SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009) The Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications shall keep a

register of the issued permissions of para 1, item 3.

(11) (prev. text of para 10 – SG 22/07) The rights, ensuing from the permission shall be terminated:

1. when it is established, that the permission has been issued on the basis of not true document or document with incorrect contents;
2. with the termination of the activity of the trader or with the terminating of the non profit corporate body;
3. when in 6 months term after the issuing of the permission the person does not start its activity or when for a 6 months term the person has not exercised his activity;
4. with the elapse of the term it has been issued for;
5. upon an application of its holder.

(12) (prev. text of para 11 – SG 22/07; amend. - SG 54/10) The permission shall be withheld when:

1. the training room, the training area, the office or the training road vehicle fail to meet the requirements of the ordinance under Para 1, Item 3;
2. the person that was granted a permission under Para 3 orders or allows the training of candidates for drivers' capacity to be carried out in breach of the conditions and order determined in the ordinance referred to in Para 1, Item 3 and the training documentation under Art. 153, Item 1;
3. the person granted a permission under Para 3 orders or allows the training of drivers' licence candidates to be carried out:
 - a) in premises that do not meet the requirements of the ordinance under Para 1, Item 3;
 - b) in a motor vehicle that fails to meet the requirements determined in the ordinance under Para 1, Item 3;
 - c) with a trainer who fails to meet the requirements of the ordinance under Para 1, Item 3;
 - d) on a training area that fails to meet the requirements of the ordinance under Para 1, Item 3.

(13) (prev. text of para 12 – SG 22/07; amend. – SG 51/07; amend. – SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009) The permission shall be withheld with a motivated order by the Minister of Transport, Information Technology and Communications or by an official, authorised by him upon a proposal by the chief of the respective service for control under art. 165 and 166.

(14) (amend. - SG 30/06, in force from 12.07.2006; prev. text of para 13 – SG 22/07) The withdrawal of the permission shall be subject to appeal by the order of the Administrative-Procedure Code.

(15) (prev. text of para 14 – SG 22/07) The persons, which permission has been withdrawn, can apply for receiving a new permission not earlier than one year after the date of its withdrawal.

(16) (prev. text of para 15 – SG 22/07; amend. – SG 51/07; amend. - SG 79/15, in force from 01.08.2016) The professional high schools and professional colleges, the secondary schools with classes for professional training, as well as the higher schools with budget maintenance, educating students for acquiring of competence for driving of motor vehicle according to the respective study plans and the approved by the state number of students, shall not pay fee for issuing of the permission of para 1, item 3.

(17) (new – SG 51/07) At the Executive Agency "Automobile Administration" shall be created and kept a register of the trainers, carrying out training of candidates for acquiring competence to drive motor vehicles. In the register shall be entered:

1. the names of the trainer and his /her unified civil number;
2. the date of entry in the register;
3. education and qualification of the trainer;
4. categories of vehicles for which the teacher has competence to drive;
5. number and date of a certificate of additional training or specialisation;
6. numbers of all permissions as per para 3, to which the trainer has certificates issued;

7. information about entered into force penal decrees for committed breaches of the terms and the procedure of training of candidates for acquiring competence to drive motor vehicles;

8. date of deletion from the register.

(18) (new – SG 51/07) A deletion from the register shall be carried out:

1. upon request by the trainer;

2. in case of cancellation of the rights, ensuing from the permissions for training in the lists, in which he/she is included as a trainer;

3. in case of repeated breaches of the terms and the procedure of carrying out training to candidates for acquiring competence to drive motor vehicles by the trainer;

4. in the event the trainer no longer meets the requirements of the ordinance pursuant to para 1, item 3.

(19) (new – SG 51/07; amend. - SG 54/10) A trainer, deleted from the register on the ground of para 18, item 3, may not be re-entered in the register within two years.

(20) (new – SG 51/07) Trainers shall be subject to periodical training for improvement of their knowledge with duration of minimum of 32 school hours in every 4 years. After completion of the training a certificate of additional training or specialisation shall be issued.

(21) (new – SG 51/07) The training as per para 20 shall be carried out in courses, organised by higher schools, accredited pursuant to the Higher Education Act according to school documentation, coordinated with the executive director of the Executive Agency "Automobile Administration".

Art. 152a (new – SG 43/02) The Minister of Health shall:

1. (amend. – SG 51/07; amend. – SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009) in co-ordination with the Minister of Transport, Information Technology and Communications determine with an ordinance the requirements for the physical fitness to the drivers of motor vehicles and the conditions for implementing of the medical examinations for establishing the physical fitness of the drives of different categories;

2. (amend. – SG 74/09, in force from 15.09.2009; amend. – SG 68/13, in force from 02.08.2013) together with the Minister of Education and Science determine with an ordinance the conditions and the order for training for rendering first pre-doctor help of the drivers of motor vehicles.

Art. 153. (amend. SG 43/02; amend. – SG 74/09, in force from 15.09.2009; amend. – SG 68/13, in force from 02.08.2013) The Minister of Education and Science shall:

1. approve the study documentation for training of the candidates for acquiring of competence for driving of motor vehicles;

2. approve the study documentation and determine the conditions and the order for acquiring of competence for training of drivers of motor vehicles;

3. (amend. – SG 51/07; amend. – SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009) after co-ordination with the Minister of Transport, Information Technology and Communications approve the study documentation and determine the conditions and the order for acquiring of competence for carrying out exams with the candidates for drivers of motor vehicles;

4. together with the Minister of Interior approve the study documentation for additional training of the drivers of motor vehicles for partial restoration of the number of points, confirming the validity of the driving license.

Art. 153a. (new – SG 22/77) (1) The chairmen of examination commissions for conducting exams of the candidates for acquiring competence to drive motor vehicles shall be subject to periodical

training for improvement of:

1. their knowledge and skills to conduct examinations with duration of at least 32 school hours in every 2 years;

2. their practical skills to drive motor vehicles with duration of 5 days in every 5 years.

(2) The training shall be carried out in courses, organised by higher schools, accredited following the procedure of the Higher Education Act, according to educational documentation, in coordination with the executive director of Executive Agency "Automobile administration". After the training is completed, a certificate for additional training or specialisation shall be issued.

Art. 153b. (new - SG 54/10) (1) The psychological examinations referred to in Art. 152, Para 1, Item 2 and Para 2 shall be organised and conducted:

1. the first and second psychological examination - by registered under the conditions and order of this Act and holding registration certificates:

a) (amend. – SG 60/12, in force from 08.08.2012) active treatment hospitals and by group practices for medical aid employing at least one psychologist;

b) (amend – SG 54/12) medical and diagnostic consultative centres employing at least one psychologist;

c) (amend. - SG 98/10, in force from 14.12.2010) mental health centres, employing at least one psychologist;

2. (amend. – SG 60/12, in force from 08.08.2012) the third psychological examination – by Executive Agency "Automobile Administration".

(2) (amend. – SG 60/12, in force from 08.08.2012) The organisational management for performance of the psychological examinations shall be carried out by Executive Agency "Automobile Administration".

(3) A registration certificate for carrying out psychological examinations shall be issued to the persons under Para 1, Item 1 under the following conditions:

1. the rooms and the specialised equipment shall meet the requirements and ensure the conduct of the examination as set out in the ordinance under Art. 152, Para 1, Item 2;

2. the examining persons shall hold the required education and qualification according to the requirements of the ordinance under Art. 152, Para 1, Item 2 and shall be entered into the register under Art. 153c, Para 1;

3. the examination was organised according to the requirements of the ordinance under Art. 152, Para 1, Item 2.

Art. 153c. (new - SG 54/10) (1) The registration of the persons referred to in Art. 153b, Para 1, Item 1 shall be carried out by the Minister of Transport, Information Technologies and Communications or by an official authorised by him.

(2) For entry into the register the persons referred to in Art. 153b, Para 1, Item 1 shall file an application with the Minister of Transport, Information Technologies and Communications, accompanied by the documents specified in the ordinance under Art. 152, Para 1, Item 2.

(3) Where the documents filed under Para 2 are incomplete, the Minister of Transport, Information Technologies and Communications or an official authorised by him shall notify the person within 10 days from filing the application and shall specify a time limit for correction.

(4) (amend. – SG 60/12, in force from 08.08.2012) Within 30 days from filing the application or from correction of the deficiencies referred to in Para 3 the Minister of Transport, Information Technologies and Communications or an official authorised by him shall perform the registration and shall issue a registration certificate to the persons that meet the requirements of the ordinance referred to

in Art. 152, Para 1, Item 2 and have submitted the documents referred to in Para 2.

(5) The Minister of Transport, Information Technologies and Communications or an official authorised by him shall issue a reasoned refusal to register a person that fails to meet any of the requirements of the ordinance referred to in Art. 152, Para 1, Item 2 or has failed to submit the documents referred to in Para 2.

(6) The registration refusal may be appealed as set out in the Administrative-Procedure Code.

(7) The right to organise and perform psychological examinations shall be cancelled by the authority that has performed the registration:

1. when the registration has been performed on the basis of a non-authentic or an altered document;

2. (new – SG 60/12, in force from 08.08.2012) where during the organization and conducting of psychological examinations by an employee of the holder of certificate of registration an inauthentic or false document has been used;

3. (new – SG 60/12, in force from 08.08.2012) where during the organization and conducting of psychological examinations by an employee of the holder of certificate of registration a certificate of psychological fitness has been issued without psychological examinations being carried out;

4. (new – SG 60/12, in force from 08.08.2012) in case of assignment of the rights, provided by the certificate of registration for the purposes of organization and conducting of psychological examinations;

5. (prev. text of item 2 – SG 60/12, in force from 08.08.2012) in cases of repeated violations of the conditions and order for conducting the examination;

6. (prev. text of item 3 – SG 60/12, in force from 08.08.2012) upon request of the holder of the registration certificate;

7. (prev. text of item 4 – SG 60/12, in force from 08.08.2012) where the registered person terminates its activity.

Art. 153d. (new - SG 54/10) (1) Into the register referred to in Art. 153c, Para 1 shall be entered:

1. the consecutive number and the date of entry into the register;

2. name, seat and address of the headquarters of the registered person - in cases of legal persons and sole entrepreneurs;

3. number of the issued registration certificate;

4. information of the psychologists that shall perform the examinations:

a) name of the psychologist and his unified civil number;

b) education and qualifications of the persons performing psychological examinations;

c) information of penal decrees in force for violations of the conditions and order for performing psychological examinations;

d) information of cancellation of the registration and the grounds thereto.

(2) The persons removed from the register pursuant to Art. 153c, Para 7, Item 1 may not re-apply for entry into the register within two years from the date of cancellation.

(3) Requests for amendments and supplementation of the register and of the registration certificate shall be filed within 30 days from the change of the circumstances subject to entry.

(4) The removal from the register shall be executed by an order of the Minister of Transport, Information Technologies and Communications or an official authorised by him, which may be appealed as set out in the Administrative Procedure Code.

(5) The procedure for registration and cancellation of the registration shall be determined in the ordinance referred to in Art. 152, Para 1, Item 2.

Art. 154. (amend. SG 43/02) (1) For driving of motor vehicles of category C can only be trained persons, who have successfully passed examination for obtaining driving licence for category B or C1.

(2) (suppl. – SG 60/12, in force from 07.08.2012, amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) For driving of motor vehicles of category D can be trained only drivers with rights to drive motor vehicles of category C or category Ttb and with practice as drivers with these rights not less than 2 years or of category and with practice as drivers with these rights not less than one year.

(3) For driving of motor vehicles of the category B + E can be trained only drivers with rights to drive motor vehicle of category B.

(4) For driving of motor vehicles of the category D + E can be trained only drivers with rights to drive motor vehicle of category D.

(5) For driving of motor vehicles of the category C1 can be trained only drivers with rights to drive motor vehicle of category B.

(6) (amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) For driving of motor vehicles of category C1 + E can be trained only drivers with rights to drive motor vehicle of category C1 and with practice as drivers with these rights not less than one year.

(7) (amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) For driving of motor vehicles of category D1 and C + E can be trained only drivers with rights to drive motor vehicle of category C and with practice as drivers with these rights not less than one year.

(8) For driving of motor vehicles of the category D1 + E can be trained only drivers with rights to drive motor vehicle of category D1.

Art. 154a. (New - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) The practice as drivers shall be recognized from the date of handing the driving license in the respective category which is needed to acquire a higher category. The length of time, during which the driver has been banned from driving a motor vehicle, shall not count as practice.

Art. 155. (amend. - SG 54/10) (1) Every driver shall have the right to drive a vehicle of the category for which he holds driving licence, and the driver holding driving licence for category T - only vehicle of the type indicated in the driving licence.

(2) Driver with driving licence for vehicles of any of the categories under Art. 150a shall have the right to drive vehicles of category AM, and those with the right of driving vehicles of category C1 or C – also motor vehicles of category T – wheel tractor.

(3) A driver with right to drive motor vehicles of category A2 shall have the right to drive also vehicles of category A1.

(4) A driver with right to drive motor vehicles of category A shall have the right to drive also vehicles of categories A1 and A2.

(5) A driver with right to drive motor vehicles of categories B, C or D shall have the right to drive also vehicles of categories B1, C1 or D1 respectively.

(6) A driver with right to drive motor vehicles of categories C1E, CE, D1E or DE shall have the right to drive also a composition of vehicles of category BE.

(7) A driver with right to drive motor vehicles of category CE shall have the right to drive also vehicles of category DE, if he has the right to drive motor vehicles of category D.

(8) A driver with right to drive motor vehicles of categories CE and DE shall have the right to drive also a composition of vehicles of categories C1E and D1E respectively.

(9) (Amend. – SG 2/18, in force from 03.01.2018) Composition of road vehicles consisting of a

motor vehicle of category B and a trailer with a maximum permissible mass exceeding 750 kg, where the permissible maximum mass of the composition exceeds 3 500 kg but not over 4 250 kg, shall be operated by persons who have received training and passed the relevant exam. The right to drive such composition shall be indicated in the driving licenses by the corresponding Community code.

(10) For driving a trolley the drivers holding category D shall pass additional training as set out in the ordinance under Art. 152, Para 1, Item 3. The right to drive a trolley shall be indicated in the driving licenses with the corresponding national code.

Art. 156. (amend. SG 43/02) In order to drive a self-propelled machine on the roads the driver must possess a driving licence for competence to work with this machine and a driving license for motor vehicle of whichever category of art. 150a. This requirement shall not regard the drivers of small-size self-propelled machines.

Art. 157. (1) (amend. SG 43/02, suppl. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) For issuance of driving licence its holder shall receive a control counterfoil for confirmation of the validity of the possessed licence and a definite number of points for accounting the offences. The new driver shall get two-thirds of the maximum number of control points, and the remaining one-third control points shall get upon gaining 24 months of experience as a driver of a motor vehicle.

(2) When a driver, having the right to drive vehicles of one category, obtains a right to drive vehicles of another category, the number of the control points shall not be changed.

(3) (amend. SG 43/02, amend. - SG 97/17) The Minister of Interior shall determine with an ordinance the maximal amount of the control points, the conditions and the order for taking and restoring them as well as the list of the offences, for committing which from the available control points of the driver who has committed the offence shall be withdrawn according to the committed offence as well as the conditions and the order for issuing of permission for carrying out of additional training.

(4) Driver, of whom all control points have been withdrawn, shall lose his licence and shall be obliged to return the driving licence to the respective office of the Ministry of Interior.

(5) (suppl. SG 43/02) A person who has lost the capacity of his driving licence by the order of para 4, after having returned his driving licence, shall have the right to be admitted again to an examination before the respective bodies for acquiring such capacity, but not earlier than 6 months from the date on which the certificate was returned. Upon applying for acquiring of competence for category, for which practice is required, the respective practice before the loss of the competence shall be respected.

(6) (new – SG 43/02, in force from 26.04. 2002; amend. – SG 51/07) At compiling of an act for offence under this Act the control counterfoil shall be withdrawn and shall be returned to the driver after fulfillment of the obligation under Art. 190, para 3. The act for offence shall substitute the control counterfoil for a period of one month from the issue thereof.

(7) (new – SG 51/07) At handing over the penal decree and upon voluntary payment of the imposed fine, the control counterfoil shall immediately be returned.

(8) (new – SG 51/07) The penal decree shall replace the control counterfoil for a period of one month after its entry into force, respectively the decision or the ruling of the court in the event of appeal.

Art. 158. (1) (Amend. - SG 97/17) The number of control points to report the violations committed shall be restored:

1. (amend. SG 43/02; suppl. – SG 51/07, amend. - SG 97/17) by partial increase by 1/3 of the maximum number of points after additional education, but not more than once for a period of one year,

provided that the driver has fulfilled his/her obligations as per Art. 190, para 3, which is being certified by the relevant payment documents;

2. (amend. – SG 51/07, amend. - SG 97/17) officially, after 2 years have elapsed considered from the date on which the last penal decree, with which control points have been withdrawn from the driver, entered in force;

(2) (Amend. - SG 97/17) The number of control points under Para. 1 shall be restored to the maximum size, and for new drivers - up to two thirds of the maximum number of control points.

Art. 159. (1) (prev. text of Art. 159 – SG 51/07; amend. – SG 75/12) The Minister of Interior shall determine the conditions and the order of:

1. issuance of driving licence;

2. keeping central register of the drivers;

3. account of the drivers of vehicles for the account of their punishments and of the points confirming the validity of the driving licence;

4. the official presentation and submission, against payment, of information on the drivers for whom account is taken; the office for taking account of the drivers shall be obliged, when submitting data of the register, to keep records containing information for the submitted data, the moment of their submission, data for the applicant of the reference and the purposes for which the data are requested.

(2) (new – SG 51/07; amend. – SG 75/12) No driving licence for a motor vehicle or duplicate thereof shall be issued, and withdrawn ones shall not be returned until the person pays entirely the fines due.

Art. 160. (amend. - SG 88/08) (1) Duplicate of the driving licence or the control counterfoil to it shall be issued when the driving licence or the control counterfoil is lost, stolen or destroyed, for which the holder shall sign a declaration.

(2) (amend. - SG 100/10, in force from 01.07.2011) The declaration for the circumstances under Para 1 may be filed electronically, signed with a qualified electronic signature.

(3) A copy of the driving license or the control counterfoil to it shall not be issued to a driver, who was deprived of all control points.

Art. 161. (amend. SG 43/02) The driving licence for a motor vehicle, issued in another country, shall be valid on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria for the category it has been issued in the following cases:

1. the country of issuance is a country, party to the Convention for the road traffic and the driving licence meets the requirements of Appendix No 6 to the Convention;

2. the country, where it has been issued is a party to the Agreement between the countries of the North Atlantic Treaty Agreement about the statute of their armed forces under the conditions of art. IV, item "a" of it;

3. the driving licence is accompanied by a legalised translation in Bulgarian language;

4. the driving licence is international and it meets the requirements of Appendix No 7 to the Convention for the road traffic;

5. (new – SG 51/07) the driving licence is issued by a Member State of the European Union, or by another State – party to the agreement on the European Economic Area, or by confederation Switzerland.

Art. 162. (amend. SG 43/02) (1) (suppl. – SG 51/07) The Bulgarian citizens can drive motor vehicles on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria with foreign national driving license, in case it is not issued by a Member State of the European Union, or by another State – party to the agreement on the European Economic Area, or by Confederation Switzerland within a period of 3 months from the date of entering in the country.

(2) (amend. – SG 51/07, amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) Foreigners, staying for a long time in the Republic of Bulgaria, can drive motor vehicles on the territory of the country with a driving license, which is not issued by a Member State of the European Union, or by another State – party to the agreement on the European Economic Area, or by Confederation Switzerland within a period of one year from the date of issuing a residence document.

(3) The requirement of para 2 shall not refer for the cases of art. 161, item 2.

(4) (suppl. – SG 51/07) Foreign national driving licence for a motor vehicle of a Bulgarian citizen or a foreigner, issued by a state, which is not a member of the European Union, or by another State – party to the agreement on the European Economic Area, or by Confederation Switzerland, shall be replaced by a Bulgarian driving licence without an exam, if the country, where it has been issued is a party to the Convention for road traffic and the license meets the requirements of appendix No 6 of the convention.

(5) In the cases, when a foreign national driving license does meet the requirements of para 4, Bulgarian driving license for a motor vehicle shall be issues after successful exam.

(6) (new – SG 51/07; amend. – SG 75/12) A driving license as per Art. 161, para 5 of a person, who has established his/her habitual residence in the Republic of Bulgaria, can be replaced by equivalent Bulgarian driving license upon his/her request without passing an examination.

(7) (new – SG 51/07) A driving license as per Art. 161, para 5 of a person, who has established his/her habitual residence in the Republic of Bulgaria, shall be replaced by equivalent Bulgarian one upon ascertaining of administrative offence, for which it is provided withdrawal of control points, confirming the validity of the driving license of the motor vehicle.

(8) (new – SG 51/07; amend. – SG 75/12) In those cases referred to in paras 4 - 7 the replacement with a Bulgarian driving license shall be carried out after a foreign driving license has been presented. The replaced license shall be returned to the country where it is issued, stating the reasons for the replacement.

(9) (new – SG 75/12) Where a driving licence under Art. 161, item 5 of a person who has established their habitual residence in the Republic of Bulgaria has been lost or stolen, shall be issued a Bulgarian driving licence on the grounds of evidence of acquired competence provided by the respective authorities of the state which has issued the lost or stolen driving licence. The state, which has issued the lost or stolen driving licence, shall be notified of the circumstances related to the issuance of a Bulgarian driving licence.

(10) (new – SG 75/12; amend. – SG 53/14; amend. – SG, 14/2015) Chief Directorate "National Police" at the Ministry of Interior shall exchange information with the respective authorities of another state upon issuance or replacement of driving licences.

Art. 163. (1) (prev. art. 163 – SG 43/02) International driving licence shall be issued on the basis of a valid national driving licence issued in the Republic of Bulgaria. This international driving licence shall not be valid on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria.

(2) (new – SG 43/02) A person, which national driving license for motor vehicle, issued in the Republic of Bulgaria, has been withdrawn, shall be obliged to return his international driving license at the respective service of the Ministry of Interior in 7 days term after the act for withdrawing enters into force.

(3) (new – SG 43/02) A person, which international driving license for a motor vehicle, issued

in the Republic of Bulgaria has been withdrawn while being abroad, shall be obliged at returning in Bulgaria to inform about this the respective service of the Ministry of Interior in 7 days term after entering in the country

Art. 164. (1) Vehicle which is nor engine driven can be driven along the roads open for public using by a person of age no less than 12 years.

(2) Driver of vehicle under 12 years of age which is not motor driven can drive on the traffic roads open for public using, with an escort of age no less than 16 years.

Chapter five.

RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MARKET CONTROL AND SUPERVISION AUTHORITIES (TITLE SUPPL. - SG 9/17, IN FORCE FROM 26.01.2017)

Art. 165. (1) Appointed bodies by the Minister of Interior shall:

1. (amend. - SG 54/2017, amend. and suppl. – SG 2/18, in force from 20.05.2018) control the observance of the traffic rules by the participants in the traffic, the technical roadworthiness and securing the cargo of the vehicles on the road, for which the officials are obliged to carry out the inspection in a safe manner, ensuring the necessary visibility;

2. regulate, if necessary, the road traffic;

3. (amend. – SG 51/07) see to the condition of the road and the road installations and issue written notifications, signal letters or orders to the owners or to the administration, managing the road, and to the company, maintaining the road of the road section for removal of the established failures on them;

4. register and take into account the traffic accidents;

5. (new – SG 43/02) implement analysis of the transport accidents and concede information to state bodies, municipalities, public organisations and mass media;

6. (new – SG 43/02) keep the national registers for the drivers and their offences and penalties, the motor vehicles and the road transport accidents and create information funds for storing the data;

7. (new – SG 43/02) implement preventive activity for restricting of the transport accidents and the consequences from them;

8. (new – SG 43/02) introduce temporary organisation of the traffic together the owner or the administration, managing the road;

9. (new – SG 43/02) can introduce temporary changes in the organisation of the traffic upon urgent danger for the traffic – accidentally occurred obstacle on the road, snow or ice, road transport accidents, informing immediately the owner or the administration, managing the road;

10. (new – SG 43/02, suppl. SG 85/04) implement control over the fulfilment of the study programmes for implementing of additional training under art. 157, para 3 by making checks through documents and at the place;

11. (new, SG 6/04; amend. – SG 101/15, in force from 22.12.2015, suppl. - SG 11/17, in force from 31.01.2017, amend. – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019) exercise control over the observance of the obligation for movement of the vehicles along the roads covered by the paid road network, upon payment of the fee under Art. 10, para. 1, item 1 of the Roads Act;

12. (new – SG 51/07) prevent offences, related to protection of the road, road facilities and road installations;

13. (new – SG 51/07; revoked – SG 69/08)

14. (new - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) execute penal decrees or court decisions, which have ruled a temporary suspension of the right to practice a certain profession or business.

(2) In fulfilment of their functions under this Act the bodies appointed by the Minister of Interior shall:

1. (suppl. – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019) have the right to stop the vehicles, to inspect the identification documents and the driving licence of the driver, as well as all documents related to the driven vehicle and with the transport performed and with the payment of the fee under Art. 10, Para. 1, item 1 of the Roads Act;

2. (new – SG 43/02, suppl. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) have right to take and keep the documents of item 1, as well as to confiscate the license plates in the admissible cases;

3. (prev. 2 – SG 43/02, amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017, amend. - SG 77/17, in force from 26.09.2017) not allow the driving of a motor vehicle by a driver who drives without holding the appropriate license and/or has consumed alcohol with concentration in the blood of 0.5 per mille and/or narcotic substances or their analogues;

4. (prev. 3 – SG 43/02) not admitted shall be the movement of vehicle with some of the damages or failures under Art. 101, para 3;

5. (prev. SG 43/02) have the right to bring to the divisions of the Ministry of Interior participants in traffic accidents when this is necessary for investigation of the accident.

6. (new – SG 85/04; amend. – SG 10/11) have right for establishing the violations of the rules for movement on roads to use technical means or systems, photographing or recording the date, the precise hour of the violation and/or the registration number of the motor vehicle;

7. (new - SG 69/08, amend. - SG 54/17) shall have the right to control the observance of the rules of the road traffic, with vehicles equipped with audio and video recording devices, where said control shall be carried out only within the range of the video recording equipment;

8. (new - SG 19/15, revoked - SG, 54/17)

9. (new - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017, amend. - SG 77/17, in force from 26.09.2017) not allow the driving of a motor vehicle by a driver who refuses to be inspected with a technical device establishing the use of alcohol and/or drug test for use of narcotic substances or their analogues or fails to comply with the prescription to be tested by blood alcohol analyser showing the concentration of alcohol in the blood by measuring it in the exhaled air showing the content of alcohol in the upper respiratory tract or medical examination and biological sampling to determine the concentration of alcohol in the blood and/or of the use of narcotic substances or their analogues; in case that the blood alcohol content is over 1,2 per mille and/or the use of narcotic substances or their analogues is detected by a technical means or test

10. (new - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) officially cancel the registration of a registered motor vehicle.

11. (new - SG 11/17, in force from 31.01.2017, repealed – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019)

12. (new – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019) have the right to process card payments of outstanding fines via POS terminals.

(3) (new - SG 19/15 (*)) The conditions and order for use of automated technical devices and systems of control of the traffic rules shall be determined in an ordinance of the Minister of Interior.

Art. 166. (amend. SG 43/02) (1) (amend. - SG 22/07; amend. – SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009) The Minister of Transport, Information Technology and Communications, through Executive Agency "Automobile Administration", shall exercise control over:

1. (amend. - SG 54/10) the observing of the rules for implementing of public transportation and private transportation of passengers and cargo, as well as all the documents related to transportation;

2. the activity of the persons having obtained permit by the order of Art. 148 to carry out periodical inspection of the technical fitness of the registered road vehicles;

3. (amend. - SG 54/10) the status of the material base and the fulfilment of the training documentation in the educational centres of training drivers of motor vehicles who have obtained permit by the order of Art. 152, para 1, item 3;

4. (new - SG 54/10) the conditions of the material base and the compliance with the conditions and order for the performing psychological examinations by the persons referred to in Art. 153b, Para 1;

5. (new - SG 54/10) the compliance with the requirements to the technical services under Art. 138b.

6. (new - SG 11/17, in force from 31.01.2017, repealed – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019)

(2) (amend. SG - 22/07; amend. – SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009) In fulfilment of their functions under this Act the services, determined by the Minister of Transport, Information Technology and Communications, shall:

1. (supple - SG 54/10, suppl. – SG 2/18, in force from 20.05.2018) have the right to stop the road vehicles, designated to carry out public transportation and private transportation, to inspect the identification documents and the driving licence of the driver, all the documents, related to the driven vehicle and with the implemented transportation, as well as the technical roadworthiness, securing the cargo being transported and the transport fitness of the road vehicles;

2. have the right to take and keep the documents of item 1 in the cases, admissible under the law

3. (amend. - SG 22/07; amend. – SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009; amend. - SG 54/10) give instructions in connection with the condition of the material basis and with the fulfilment of the training documentation in the educational centres for training drivers of motor vehicles; if necessary, extend proposals to the Minister of Transport, Information Technology and Communications for withdrawal of the permit for training issued by the order of Art. 152, para 1, item 3;

4. (amend. - SG 22/07; amend. – SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009) give prescriptions in connection with the periodical inspection of the technical fitness of the vehicles; if necessary, extend proposals to the Minister of Transport, Information Technology and Communications for withdrawal of the permit issued by the order of Art. 148.

5. (new – SG 85/04) have right to check the identification documents of the passengers, transported with motor vehicles, designated for public transport of passengers or for transport for own account;

6. (new – SG 85/04; suppl. - SG 54/10) not admit movement of road vehicle, designated for public and private transport of passengers or cargo, which has some of the damages or faults, pointed out in art. 101, para 3;

7. (new – SG 85/04) have right to stop the training automobiles, with which training is conducted of the candidates for acquiring legal capacity to drive motor vehicles, check the identification documents of the trainer and the trainee, as well as the technical fitness of the vehicle, with which the training is implemented;

8. (new - SG 22/07, suppl. – SG 2/18, in force from 20.05.2018) be entitled to use technical means for measuring the size, the mass and the pressure on axis and for checking the technical fitness of vehicles, intended for public transport or for transportation of passengers and cargo at his/her expenses, as well as to check the securing of the cargo being transported;

9. (new - SG 54/10) issue mandatory prescriptions in relation to the conditions of the material base and the compliance with the conditions and order for performing psychological examinations;

10. (new - SG 54/10) issue mandatory prescriptions for rectification of deficiencies related to the requirements to the technical services under Art. 138b.

11. (new – SG 2/18, in force from 20.05.2018) shall have the right to carry out repeated inspections of the technical condition of the road vehicles at the technical control centres of the persons under Art. 148, Para. 2 and on-the-spot roadside inspections.

(3) (new - SG 54/10; revoked – SG 60/12, in force from 07.08.2012)

Art. 166a (new – SG 79/05) (1) (amend., SG 99/05; amend. – SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009; amend. – SG 54/10; amend. – SG 68/13, in force from 02.08.2013; amend. – SG, 14/2015) The Commission of consumers protection at the Minister of Economy, its regional units and the units for consumers protection to the municipal administration shall, within their competence pursuant to Art. 166 of the Consumer Protection Act control the observation of the requirement for:

1. (amend. and suppl. - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) availability of a valid certificate of compliance of new motor vehicles other than category L and trailers placed on the market;
2. (suppl. - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) indications of the placed on the market new components or separate technical units for motor vehicles other than category L and trailers;
3. (amend. - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) compliance with the requirement for making information available to consumers, where required by a regulatory act;
4. implementation of the measures related to campaigns for withdrawal from the market;
5. control of the compliance with the requirements for placement on the market and trade with approved parts and equipment, which may cause substantial risk to the appropriate functioning of primary systems related to the safety of vehicles on the roads or to their environmental characteristics.

(2) (new - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) The Chairperson of the Commission for Consumer Protection shall be the competent authority for market supervision within the meaning of Art. 6, para. 1 of Regulation (EU) № 168/2013. The Chairperson of the Commission for Consumer Protection shall organize and carry out supervisory activities on the market of vehicles of category L, and of systems, components and separate technical units for them, in accordance with Art. 8 of Regulation (EU) № 168/2013 and Chapter III of Regulation (EC) № 765/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 July 2008 setting out the requirements for accreditation and market surveillance relating to the marketing of products and repealing Regulation (EEC) № 339/93 (OJ, L 218/30 of August 13, 2008), which includes performing inspections for:

1. the existence of a valid certificate of conformity;
2. the existence of statutory plates and markings for type approval placed on vehicles, components and separate technical units in accordance with Art. 39 of Regulation (EU) № 168/2013;
3. the placing of the manufacturer's name, registered trade name or registered trade mark and the address in the European Union on the vehicles manufactured by it, as well as components or separate technical units available on the market or, if this is not possible, on its packaging or in a document accompanying the component or the separate technical unit;
4. the measures taken by the economic operators under Chapter II and Chapter XII of Regulation (EU) № 168/2013 in cases, in which the obligation belongs to the market surveillance authority;
5. the compliance of the vehicles, systems, components or separate technical units found on the market with the approved type;
6. the provision of information to consumers under Regulation (EU) № 168/2013, including the delegated and implementing acts issued pursuant to this Regulation;
7. the ensuring of the implementation of measures related to campaigning for the withdrawal from the market in cases, where under Regulation (EU) № 168/2013 participation of the body of art. 166a, para. 2 shall be required;
8. the parts and equipment which could pose a serious risk to the proper functioning of essential systems related to vehicle safety in their road use or with their environmental performance.

(3) (new - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) In carrying out the activities of market surveillance under para. 2, item 5, 7 and 8 of road vehicles of category L, and of systems, components or separate technical units for them, the authority under Art. 166a, para. 2 may require the necessary information in order to carry out the supervision from the Executive Agency "Automobile

Administration" and from the registration authority of vehicles in the country.

(4) (prev. para. 2, suppl. - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) In carrying out their control activities, the authorities under par. 1 and 2 shall be entitled to:

1. (amend. – SG 54/10) to free access to the sites where the new motor vehicles, trails, components or separate technical units for them were placed on the market or are traded;
2. (amend. - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) to require a valid certificate for compliance;
3. (suppl. – SG 54/10) to check for existence of the needed markings and designations on components or separate technical units for motor vehicles and trailers;
4. (amend. – SG 54/10) to take samples and prototypes of components or separate technical units designed for instalment in motor vehicles and trailers, for execution of laboratory researches to check the compliance with the approved type;
5. to involve in case of necessity experts of the relevant sphere;
6. to give obligatory prescriptions to remove incompliance and legislation breaches.
7. to issue acts of findings.

(5) (prev. para. 3, suppl. - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) The authorities under para. 1 and 2 shall be obliged to:

1. (suppl. - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) find the facts when carrying out market control or supervision;
2. keep the office, production and trade secret and not to announce data about the checks before their finalization, as well as not to use the obtained at the checks information beyond its purpose;
3. (amend. – SG 54/10) notify the Executive Agency "Automobile Administration" in event of found breaches at the release on the market and performing trade with new motor vehicles, trails, components and/or separate technical units for them;
4. (amend. - SG 36/08; amend. – SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009; amend. – SG 54/10; amend. - SG 95/15, in force from 01.01.2016, amend. – SG 58/17, in force from 18.07.2017) notify the Ministry of Agriculture, Foods and Forestry in event of found breach of the requirements for new components or separate technical units for wheel tractors;
5. (amend. and suppl. – SG 54/10) to use accredited laboratories or attract in event of finding breaches and executing of checks the bodies for control and research the compliance of new components or separate technical units for motor vehicles and trailers with the approved type.

(6) (prev. para. 4, suppl. - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) The bodies under Para 1 and 2 shall perform market control or supervision over the trade with used spare units for motor vehicles jointly with the bodies of Ministry of Interior.

(7) (new – SG 54/10, prev. para. 5, suppl. - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) In performing its functions referred to in Para 1 and 2, the Commission for Protection of Consumers shall use information from the national information system referred to in Art. 138a, Para 4.

Art. 166b. (new – SG 79/05) (1) Whereas on the base of the results of the conducted tests incompliance of released on the market new systems, components or separate technical units for vehicles with the approved type are found, the expenses for the tests, as well as the taken samples and prototypes shall be on the account of the offender.

(2) (amend., SG 99/05) Whereas the results of conducted tests of new systems, components or separate technical units for motor vehicles are satisfactory and are not found their incompliance with the requirements for the approved type, the expenses for the tests, as well as the taken samples and prototypes shall be on account of the Commission of Consumers Protection.

(3) (amend., SG 99/05) Within 7-days period after the finalization of the tests for compliance of new systems, components or separate technical units for motor vehicles with the approved type, the Commission of Consumers Protection shall notify in written the person – subject to control about the

results and shall provide to the person a copy of the issued record.

(4) The payments under Para 1 shall be executed within 14-days period from the date of notification under Para 3.

Art. 167. (1) (amend. SG 43/02) The persons, who manage the road, shall keep it in good condition, shall signalise immediately the obstacles on it and shall remove them in the possibly shortest period. They cannot submit to third persons the using of a part of the road range if it creates difficulties for the participants in the traffic. The sidewalks in the populated areas can be used for commercial and other purposes only if an area is provided for passing, of width no less than 2 meters.

(2) Control bodies appointed by the mayors of municipalities shall:

1. (suppl. – SG 51/07; suppl. – SG 54/10) control in the populated areas the good working order and the condition of the road pavement, road facilities, road marking, the means of organisation and regulation, as well as the observance of the rules for parking by the drivers of vehicles, of the traffic rules by the pedestrians and of the correct using of the alarm installations, assembled on vehicles for their protection;

2. (amend. – SG 10/11; amend. - SG 37/15) use technical devices for compulsory detention of the vehicle for which the due parking price has not been paid according to Art. 99, para 3, until the payment of the price and of the expenses related to the using of the technical device;

3. (new – SG 43/02; amend. and suppl. - SG 61/06) control on the territory of the municipality the observing of the requirements of the Waste Management Act with regard to the abandoned motor vehicles or those taken out of accounting;

4. (new – SG 85/04) register the animal pulled road vehicles.

(3) (new – SG 51/07; suppl. – SG 69/08; amend. and suppl. – SG 75/09; amend. – SG 82/09, in force from 16.10.2009) The control bodies, determined by the owners or the administration managing the road outside populated areas, shall control the condition and the good working order of the road pavement, road facilities, the means of signalling and marking. The total amount, the axis load and the clearance dimensions of the vehicles shall be controlled by officers of "Customs" Agency and of Agency "Road Infrastructure" to ensure the correct use of the roads and prevention of their destruction. The "Customs" Agency shall conduct control of the carriers and shall control the compliance of the carriers entering and leaving the country with the routes.

(3a) (New – SG 105/18, in force from 16.08.2019) With regard to the road vehicles leaving the Republic of Bulgaria, the Customs Agency shall control the routes of the carriers and for this purpose it may verify their compliance with the declared toll data.

(3b) (New – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019) Officials from the Customs Agency shall:

1. exercise control over the payment of the fees under Art. 10, Para. 1 of the Roads Act for the respective category of motor vehicle, which has arrived at a border checkpoint exiting the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, as well as provide the option to pay the fees under Art. 10, Para. 2, Art. 10a, Para. 2 and Art. 10b, Para. 5 of the Roads Act by bank transfer, card payment or in cash;

2. draw up and deliver acts for establishing administrative violations under Art. 179, Para. 3 and 3a;

3. not allow any motor vehicle to leave the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria, for which the respective fee under Art. 10, Para. 1 of the Roads Act has not been paid;

4. seize and retain registration certificates of a motor vehicle in the cases provided for by the law

(4) (amend., SG 1/2000; prev. text of para 3 – SG 51/07) The fines collected for established violations in connection with the control under para 2 shall be deposited to the budget of the municipality. The budget of the municipality shall provide resources for:

1. (suppl. SG 43/02) improvement of the traffic organisation and the safety;

2. support of the municipal bodies carrying out control according to this Act;
3. other activities related to the fulfilment of this Act.

Art. 167a. (New – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019) (1) The Road Infrastructure Agency shall exercise control over the payment of the respective fee under Art. 10, Para. 1 of the Roads Act through the electronic toll collection system.

(2) In carrying out their functions under this Act, the officials appointed by the Chairperson of the Managing Board of the Road Infrastructure Agency shall:

1. stop moving vehicles by means of a signal with a red light stop baton, making a semicircle, and a stop signal can also be given by a moving vehicle of the Road Infrastructure Agency, designated as the control unit of the National toll management, with a constantly lit or flashing signage: "NATIONAL TOLL MANAGEMENT - FOLLOW ME!"; they shall check drivers' identity papers, as well as all documents related to the vehicle being driven;

2. in order to establish any violations under Art. 179, Para. 3-3c, use technical means or systems video-recording or registering the date, exact time of the violation and / or the vehicle registration plate, as well as means for measurements for the dimensions, mass or axle load of the motor vehicles;

3. carry out control over compliance with the obligations for payment of the fees under Art. 10, Para. 1 of the Roads Act;

4. provide the option of card payment of the respective fees under Art. 10, Para. 2 and Art. 10a, Para. 2 of the Roads Act;

5. not allow traffic on a road included in the scope of the paid road network of a motor vehicle, for which the respective fee under Art. 10, Para. 1 of the Roads Act has not been paid;

6. seize and retain registration certificates of motor vehicles in the cases provided for by the law;

7. check the created records under Para. 3 and on the basis thereof, shall draw up acts for establishing administrative violations in compliance with the provisions of Art. 189f and Art. 189g;

8. draft and serve acts for establishing administrative violations and submit electronic fiches for violations under Art. 179, Para. 3 - 3c.

(3) The electronic system for road toll collection under Art. 10, Para. 1 of the Roads Act shall prepare reports for any established violation under Art. 179, Para. 3 - 3c, to which shall automatically be enclosed static images in the form of pictures, and / or dynamic images – video-recordings. The reports, together with the static images in the form of pictures, and / or dynamic images – video-recordings, shall represent evidence of the circumstances reflected in them regarding the motor vehicle, its registration plate and number, the date, time and place of travelling by a section on the road covered by the toll system network, and the location of the technical means - part of the system.

(4) The Road Infrastructure Agency shall establish and maintain an information system in which the reports under Para. 3 and the electronic tickets for violations under Art. 179, Para. 3 - 3c shall be stored. The rules for the construction and operation of the information system shall be adopted with a decision of the Managing Board of the Road Infrastructure Agency.

In the information system may also be stored already drawn up, but not served, invitations for the drafting of acts establishing administrative violations, acts establishing administrative violations and penal decrees for violations under Art. 179, Para. 3 - 3c, if they meet the requirements for an electronic document and have been signed with a qualified electronic signature.

(5) The bodies under Art. 165 and Art. 167, Para. 3 - 3b shall have access to the electronic system under Para. 3 and to the information system under Para. 4 for the purpose of control over compliance with the obligation to pay the respective fee under Art. 10, Para. 1 of the Roads Act.

(6) The officials designated by the Managing Board of the Road Infrastructure Agency shall

have the right of access to the registers kept by the Ministry of the Interior for establishing the ownership, use, type, category, total technically permissible maximum mass, number of axes and ecological category of the road vehicles captured by the system under Para. 1.

(7) The exchange of information, the conditions and the order for access to the electronic system under Para. 3, to the information system under Para. 4 and to the registers kept by the Ministry of Interior shall be regulated by an instruction issued jointly by the Minister of Regional Development and Public Works, the Minister of the Interior and the Minister of Finance.

Art. 168. (1) (prev. art. 168 – SG 43; amend. – SG 10/11) The officials of the control bodies appointed by the Minister of Interior and/or the official appointed by the owner or the administration, managing the road can move or order the moving of a vehicle at a place of custody, publicly announced in advance, without the knowledge of its owner or of the driver authorised by him.

(2) (new – SG 43/02) The bodies, implementing compulsory movement of road vehicles, shall be obliged to indicate in advance by the respective signs the location of the moved road vehicle.

Art. 169. (1) (amend. SG 43/02; amend. - SG 109/07, in force from 01.01.2008; amend. – SG 48/11, in force from 24.06.2011) The observance of the traffic rules: by drivers of vehicles to the Ministry of Defence, by drivers to the structures of direct subordination of the Minister of Defence and of the Bulgarian Army, as well as by the passengers therein, and by the organised groups of military men shall also be controlled by service "Military Police" to the Minister of Defence.

(2) (new – SG 43/02; amend. - SG 109/07, in force from 01.01.2008) At fulfilling of the control functions of para 1 the bodies of service "Military Police" at the Minister of Defence shall have the authorities of art. 165, para 2 with regard to the military vehicles.

(3) (prev. (2) – SG 43/02; amend. – SG 51/07) For driving on the roads by military convoy of the armed forces the traffic can also be controlled by their representatives.

Art. 170. (1) (amend. SG 43/02, suppl. SG 85/04) The control over the observance of the traffic rules and of the requirements determined by the law and the normative acts issued on its grounds shall be carried out by the respective bodies under this chapter. The latter shall also impose the penalties, provided in this Act.

(2) (revoked – SG 43/02).

(3) In stopping a vehicle for inspection or for rendering assistance the employee of the control bodies shall give, in due time, signal by a stop truncheon. During the night the signal for stopping can be given by a light describing a circle. A uniformed policeman can stop the vehicles by also giving signal by an arm. Stopping signal can also be given by a police car or motorcycle.

(4) The controlled persons shall cooperate and provide free access to the representatives of the control bodies to the controlled objects in carrying out their authorisation.

(5) The employee, carrying out control, shall present to the participant in the traffic stopped for control a police sign or an official card. When necessary he can invite the stopped driver to come out of the vehicle.

(6) (amend. – SG 51/07; amend. – SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009) The control bodies under this Act can travel free of charge by every vehicle for public transportation, with exception of the taxi cabs, with cards issued by the Minister of Transport, Information Technology and Communications.

(7) (new – SG 85/04) Disciplinary sanction shall be imposed to the persons from the control services for not fulfillment of their obligations under this chapter.

Art. 170a. (new – SG 51/07) (1) The persons or the administration, managing the road, shall be obliged:

1. to keep in order the road, road facilities and the means for organisation and regulation of the traffic;

2. to introduce and maintain technical means and systems for regulation and management of the traffic;

3. to carry out evaluation and adopt measures for prevention of traffic accidents and reduction of the victims thereof annually, which are result of the technical condition of the road.

(2) The administration managing the railroad shall be obliged to maintain the railway crossings and the facilities thereto in good working condition.

Art. 170b. (new – SG 51/07; amend. – SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009) The Minister of Transport, Information Technology and Communications and the Minister of Interior shall determine by an ordinance the procedure for official investigation of the heavy traffic accidents committed by drivers, who have competence to drive a motor vehicle for two years, and drivers of public transport motor vehicles or drivers of passengers and cargo at their own expense, and recommending measures for the restriction thereof.

Art. 170c. (new – SG 51/07; amend. – SG 74/09, in force from 15.09.2009; amend. – SG 68/13, in force from 02.08.2013) The Minister of Interior and the Minister of Education and Science shall determine by an ordinance the procedure for interaction in relation to information exchange, analysing the traffic accidents involving children and recommending measures for the restriction thereof and reduction of the consequences.

Chapter six.

COMPULSORY ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES

Art. 171. (amend. SG 43/02; amend. – SG 51/07) For providing safety of the road traffic and for terminating of the administrative offences the following compulsory administrative measures shall be applied:

1. temporary withdrawal of the driving licence of a driver:

a) for which it is visible that he does not meet the medical or psychological requirements until the dropping of the grounds for it;

b) (amend. – SG 51/07, amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017, amend. - SG 77/17, in force from 26.09.2017) who drives a vehicle with an alcohol concentration in the blood over 0.5 per mille, ascertained by medical and chemical laboratory test or evidential analyzer or other technical means, which determines the contents of alcohol in the blood by way of measuring it in the exhaled air, or who is after use of narcotic substances or their analogues, determined by a chemical-toxicological laboratory examination or test, as well as who refuses to be examined by technical means or tested or examined by evidential analyzer or to give biological samples for chemical and/or chemical-toxicological laboratory testing - until the settlement of the issue regarding his responsibility, but for no more than 18 months; in case there is a test of a blood sample or evidential analyzer examination according to Art. 174, para 4, the ascertained values shall be decisive;

c) who, due to unawareness, has committed a significant violation of the traffic rules - until the approval examination;

d) (new – SG 43/02, amend. SG 85/04) who implements public transport of passengers or cargo with a vehicle, which is not included in the list of license or certificate for registration – till the solving of the issue of his responsibility, but not more than one month;

e) (new – SG 51/07, amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) who drives a motor vehicle with a fine as imposed penalty, outstanding at the period for voluntary payment;

f) (new – SG 51/07) who drives a motor vehicle without Civil liability insurance of the motorists – till providing concluded valid insurance contract.

g) (new - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) who, while driving a vehicle, enters after a sign forbidding entry of respective vehicles in a temporary ban on driving outside populated places - for a period of one month;

2. (amend. – SG 54/10) temporary stopping of the road vehicle:

a) (amend. – SG 54/10) until the removal of the failure when the road vehicle is technically unfit, including when the contents of harmful substances in the exhaust gases or the noise are above the established norms or its construction has been changed without the respective permit;

b) (amend. – SG 54/10) until the removal of the discrepancy when the road vehicle carries dangerous cargo but does not meet the requirements for the class and the type of the carried cargo;

c) (suppl. - SG 103/05, in force from 01.01.2006) of owner who has no insurance "Civic responsibility" of the motorists until its conclusion;

d) (new – SG 43/02, amend. SG 85/04; revoked – SG 54/10)

e) (new – SG 85/04) which is marked with identification signs for making taxi transport but is not included in a list of issued license or issued certificate for registration or does not meet the requirements, defined in a normative act;

f) (new – SG 85/04, suppl. - SG 97/17) when the motor vehicle is with dismantled mufflers - until malfunction has been removed;

g) (new - SG 43/08; amend. – SG 101/15, in force from 22.12.2015, suppl. - SG 97/17, repealed – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019)

h) (new - SG 60/12, in force from 07.08.2012, revoked - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017)

i) (new - SG 60/12, in force from 07.08.2012, amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017, amend. - SG 54/17, amend. - SG 77/17, in force from 26.09.2017, repealed – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019)

j) (new - 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) of owner who drives a motor vehicle with a penalty imposed a fine unpaid in the period for voluntary payment - until payment of the fine due;

k) (new - 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) of owner who, while driving a motor vehicle, exceeds the maximum authorized speed in a populated area over 50 km/h - for a period of one month;

l) (new - 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) of owner who allows, organizes or gives the driving of a motor vehicle to a person to participate in illegal racing on the roads open for public use, or to use them for purposes other than in accordance with their purpose to transport people and cargo - for a period of three months;

m) (new - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017, amend. – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019) of an owner who drives or allows the driving of a motor vehicle by a driver in a stretch of the road network with a temporary ban on driving outside populated areas - for a period of one month.

2a. (new - 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017, amend. - SG 54/17, amend. - SG 77/17, in force from 26.09.2017, amend. – SG 2/18, in force from 03.01.2018) cancelling the registration of a motor vehicle with an owner who drives it:

a) without being a qualified driver, without holding the appropriate license valid for the category, to which the motor vehicle belongs, or after having been deprived of the right to drive a motor vehicle by way of judicial or administrative procedure, or his driving license has been temporarily withdrawn by the order of Art. 171, item 1 or 4, or pursuant to Art. 69a of the Penal Procedure Code, as well as of an owner, whose motor vehicle is driven by a person for whom those circumstances exist - for

a period of 6 months to one year;

b) with blood alcohol content over 0.5 per mille and/or after use of narcotic substances or their analogues, as well as upon refusal to be checked using technical device or test to establish alcohol content and/or use of narcotic substances or their analogues, or does not fulfill the recommendation for evidential analyzer examination or for medical examination and giving biological samples for chemical and/or chemical-toxicological laboratory testing for determining the blood alcohol content and/or for use of narcotic substances or their analogues;

3. detention in custody until the establishment of the ownership of registered or subject to registration vehicle of which the identification number on the frame (the chassis), marked by the producer, is missing due to deletion or removal or it has been changed;

4. withdrawing the driving licence of a person who has not fulfilled his obligations under Art. 157, para 4;

5. moving parked vehicle without the knowledge of its owner or the driver authorised by him when the vehicle is:

a) (amend. – SG 53/14) parked properly but the circumstances require its moving; informed about the new location of the vehicle shall be the regional department of the Ministry of Interior and the expenses related to the moving of the vehicle shall be for the account of the person or the organisation having requested the moving;

b) (amend. SG 43/02; amend. – SG 51/07; amend. – SG 53/14) parked in violation of the traffic rules, on places, marked with immovable road sign, warning about compulsory movement of parked vehicle, as well as when it creates danger or makes impossible the passing of the other participants of the traffic; in this case the persons under Art. 168 shall inform the regional department of the Ministry of Interior on whose territory is moved the automobile, about the new location of the vehicle; the expenses related to the moving of the vehicle shall be for the account of the owner of the vehicle which can be detained until the payment of the these expenses, and the fee for the custody of the moved automobile shall be calculated from the moment of notification of the regional department of the Ministry of Interior;

c) (suppl. SG 85/04, amend. - SG 81/16, in force from 01.01.2018; amended as regards the date of entry into force in SG 81/16 – SG 98/16, in force from 01.01.2017, suppl. - SG 97/17, in force from 01.01.2018) without registration plates placed on the respective places or 30 days have passed from divesting or returning of the certificate for registration of the road vehicle at the Ministry of Interior;

d) (new - SG 77/17, in force from 26.09.2017) when the vehicle is parked and the due price under Art. 99, para. 3 and in the cases under Art. 167, para. 2, item 2 was not paid after the permitted parking time, indicated on a stationary road sign, has elapsed.

6. (new – SG 43/02) temporary stopping of the activity of the persons, who have received permission by the order of art. 148, Art. 152, para 1, item 3 and Art. 157, para 3 – till removal of the found offences.

7. (new – SG 60/12, in force from 07.08.2012) temporary suspension of activities of persons who have acquired certificates of registration pursuant to Art. 153c – till violations are removed.

8. (new – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019) temporarily stop any transport vehicles from travelling, for which have not been fulfilled the obligations to establish the amount of the fee and paying the respective fee under Art. 10, Para. 1 of the Roads Act - until payment, but for not more than one month.

Art. 172. (1) (amend. and suppl. – SG 54/10; amend. – SG 60/12, in force from 07.08.2012, amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017, suppl. – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019) The compulsory administrative measures under Art. 171, item 1, 2, 2a, 4, 5, letter "a", items 6 and 7 shall be applied by a motivated order by the heads of the control bodies according to this Act, according to their

competence, or by official authorised by them. No order for implementing any enforcement administrative measure under Art. 171, item 1, letter "e" and item 2, letter "j" shall be issued, if within two hours of the drawing up of the act establishing the administrative violation and of revoking the driving license or of the registration certificate of the motor vehicle, the due fines are paid, in which case the revoked documents shall be returned to the driver, which must be reflected in the act establishing the administrative violation.

(1a) (New – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019) In the cases under Art. 171, item 8, the enforcement administrative measure shall be implemented by a motivated order by:

1. the Director of the territorial directorate at the Customs Agency or officials authorized by him;

2. the bodies under Art. 167a.

(2) (new – SG 43/02) The imposing of the compulsory administrative measures by the chiefs of the services for control shall be implemented through:

1. not admitting the driving of the motor vehicle;

2. stopping of the motor vehicle from movement;

3. (suppl. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) withdrawal of the documents of art. 165, para 2, item 1 and art. 166, para 2, item 1, and withdrawal of registration plates under Art. 165, para. 2, item 2;

3a. (New – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019) revoking the papers under Art. 167, Para. 3b, item 4 and Art. 167a, Para. 2, item 6;

4. putting of a sticker according to a model, determined by the Minister of Interior, on the windscreen of the motor vehicle, at temporary stopping from movement under art. 171, item 2;

5. (new – SG 51/07) moving and leaving for safe keeping of motor vehicles, temporary stopped from movement on the ground of Art. 171, item 2, provided that the expenses with regards to the movement and the payment of the taxes for safe keeping are for the account of the owner of the motor vehicle;

6. (new – SG 54/10) withdrawal of the individual stamps for certification of the documents issued at the completion of periodical examinations for technical fitness of the road vehicles.

(3) (new – SG 51/07, amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017, amend. - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017, suppl. – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019) In the cases referred to in Art. 171, item 1, letters "b", "e", "f" and "g", the driving license for motor vehicle of the driver shall be taken away during compiling of the act for ascertaining of administrative offence.

(4) (new – SG 60/12, in force from 07.08.2012, amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017, amend. - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017, suppl. – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019) In the cases referred to in Art. 171, item 2, letters "c", "j", "k", "l", "m" and item 2a, the certificate of registration of the motor vehicle shall be seized by drafting of an act of findings of administrative violation of the person who drove the motor vehicle, in the cases of Art. 171, item 2a the registration plates shall also be seized. The order to return the registration certificate of the motor vehicle to the owner of the vehicle in the cases of Art. 171, item 2, letters "c", "j", "k", "l" and "m" shall be determined in the ordinance of Art. 140, para. 2.

(5) (prev. (2) – SG 43/02, amend. - SG 30/06, in force from 12.07.2006; prev. text of para 3 – SG 51/07; prev. text of para 4 – SG 60/12, in force from 07.08.2012, suppl. - SG 77/18, in force from 01.01.2019) The appeal of the orders under para 1 shall be carried out by the order of the Administrative-Procedure Code. The decision of the administrative court is not subject to appeal.

(6) (prev. (3) - SG 43/01; prev. text of para 4 – SG 51/07; prev. text of para 5 – SG 60/12, in force from 07.08.2012) A filed appeal shall not stop the fulfilment of the applied administrative measure.

(7) (new - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) Upon confiscation of the registration plates in the cases of Art. 171, item 2a, as well as upon withdrawal of driver's license for driving a motor vehicle

in the case of Art. 171, item 1, letters "b" and "f", the vehicle may be transported by a licensed driver to a storage facility or to the nearest populated area within 12 hours from establishing the offense.

(8) (New – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019) In the cases of Art. 171, item 8, the order for implementing the administrative enforcement shall be served on the owner of the vehicle, on the listed user or on the driver, and must indicate the registration number of the vehicle. Implementing the administrative enforcement in these cases shall be independent of the drafting of an act establishing an administrative violation. After the expiry of the administrative enforcement's term, the seized registration certificates for road vehicles shall be kept by the authority implementing the administrative enforcement, until they have been requested by the owners of the vehicles, or a person authorized by them.

(9) (New – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019) In the cases under Art. 171, item 8, an administrative enforcement shall not be applied and the one applied shall be cancelled, if the fee for the vehicle under Art. 10a, Para. 2 or under Art. 10b, Para. 5 of the Roads Act according to the category of the road vehicle has been paid. In such cases, the seized registration certificates of the motor vehicle shall be returned to the owner, to the person authorized by him, or to the person, on whom the order for implementing the administrative enforcement has been served.

(10) (New – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019) The collected fees under Para. 9 may be used by the Road Infrastructure Agency for repayment of obligations under Art. 10, Para. 1, Art. 10a, Para. 2 or Art. 10b, Para. 5 of the Roads Act in respect of the road vehicle or other road vehicles of the same liable person. The fees collected shall be refunded to the depositor, if all the obligations have been extinguished.

Art. 172a. (new - SG 77/17, in force from 01.01.2018) (1) The cost of performing a medical examination, a biological samples taking and chemical examination to determine the blood alcohol content and/or chemical-toxicological testing to determine use of narcotic substances or their analogues shall be borne by the person for whom a blood alcohol concentration of more than 0.5 per per mille has been found by a technical means and/or with test was found use of narcotic substances or their analogues or who refused to be examined by technical means or test.

(2) The costs under Para. 1 shall be at the expense of the authority whose body has appointed the examination when the sample by technical means or test is of poor quality or invalid or the physical condition of the person does not allow an examination to be performed by a technical means or to be tested and chemical-toxicological testing did not prove blood alcohol content more than 0.5 per per mille and/or use of narcotic substances or their analogues.

(3) Until the payment of the costs under Para. 1 the driving license, revoked under Art. 171, item 1, letter "b" shall not be returned to the owner.

Art. 173. (amend. – SG 82/06; amend. – SG 69/08) When it is required, for the passing of the vehicles of the emergency medical care, the chief and district directorates of the Ministry of Interior the moving of incorrectly parked vehicles, the owners of these vehicles shall not be entitled to compensation, including insurance, if damages have been caused to the moved vehicles.

Art. 173a. (new – SG 79/05) (1) (amend., SG 99/05; amend. – SG 54/10) In event of finding of release on the market of or trade with new motor vehicles, trailers, systems, components or separate technical units for them in offence of Art. 138, Para 7 and 8, the Chairperson of the Commission of Consumers Protection, respectively the mayor of the municipality, shall, by order, impose a prohibition to their realization till a valid certificate for compliance with the approved type is submitted.

(2) (amend., SG 99/05, amend. - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) In event that as a result of conducted checks and/or requests is found, that a new system, component or separate technical unit for a

motor vehicle, released on the market, do not meet the requirements of the applicable regulatory act, the Chairperson of the Commission of Consumers Protection, respectively the mayor of the municipality, shall, by order, impose a prohibition to the realization of the new system, component or a separate technical unit or of a batch of them and if needed shall dispose their withdrawal from the market on the account of the respective trader.

Chapter seven.

ADMINISTRATIVE PUNITIVE RESPONSIBILITY

Art. 174. (amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) (1) (amend. - SG 77/17, in force from 26.09.2017) Whoever drives a motor vehicle, a tram or a self-propelled machine with a concentration of alcohol in the blood established by medical and chemical testing and/or with a technical device determining the concentration of alcohol in the blood by measuring it in the exhaled air, shall be punished by taking away their right to drive a motor vehicle, tram or self-propelled machine, as follows:

1. from over 0.5 per thousand to 0.8 per thousand including - for a period of 6 months and a fine of BGN 500;

2. from over 0.8 per thousand to 1.2 per thousand including - for a period of 12 months and a fine of BGN 1 000.

(2) When the violation under para 1 is repeated the penalty shall be depriving from the right of driving motor vehicle, tram or self propelled machine for a period of one to three years and a fine of 1000 to 2000 BGN.

(3) (amend. - SG 77/17, in force from 26.09.2017) A driver of a motor vehicle, tram or self propelled machine who refuses control by a technical device for establishing the use of alcohol in the blood and/or by test for determining the use of narcotic substances or their analogues, or who does not fulfil the prescription for examining with evidential analyzer or for medical examination and taking of biological samples for chemical laboratory examination of the alcohol concentration in his blood or chemical-toxicological laboratory examination of use of narcotic substances or their analogues, shall be punished by depriving of the right to drive a motor vehicle, tram or self propelled machine for a period of 2 years and a fine of 2000 BGN.

(4) (suppl. - SG 77/17, in force from 26.09.2017, amend. – SG 2/18, in force from 03.01.2018) The order with which the concentration of alcohol is established in the blood of drivers of motor vehicles, trams or self-propelled machinery, and/or the use of narcotic substances or their analogues, shall be determined by an ordinance of the Minister of health, the Minister of Interior and the Minister of Justice.

(5) (New - SG 2/18, in force from 03.01.2018) By the order of the ordinance under Para. 4 shall also be established the concentration of alcohol in the blood of the participants in road accidents, and/or the use of narcotic substances or their analogues.

Art. 175. (1) (amend. SG 43/02) Punished by depriving from the right to drive a vehicle for a period from 1 to 6 months and a fine from 50 to 200 levs shall be a driver who:

1. (amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) drives a vehicle, whose registration plates are not fixed on the places determined for the purpose;

2. (amend. SG 43/02) has put or uses device for light or sound signal designated for automobiles with special regime of movement, without having such right;

3. refuses to present his documents to the control bodies or in any other way obstructs the inspection of the control bodies;

4. refuses to fulfil orders of the control bodies;

5. violates his obligations as a participant in an accident;

6. refuses, in a traffic accident in which he does not participate, to render the necessary assistance by a vehicle.

(2) (amend. SG 43/02) For repeated violation under para 1 the penalty shall be depriving of the right to drive a vehicle for a period of 1 month to 1 years and a fine from 150 to 300 levs.

(3) (new - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) Punishable by deprivation of the right to drive a motor vehicle for a period of 6 to 12 months and a fine of 200 to 500 BGN shall be any driver who drives a motor vehicle which is not registered properly or is registered but has no registration plates.

(4) (new - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) For a repeated offense under par. 3 the punishment shall be deprivation of the right to drive a motor vehicle for a period of one to two years and a fine of BGN 600 to BGN 1 500.

(5) (new - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) Punished with deprivation of the right to drive a motor vehicle for a period of three months and a fine of BGN 1 000 shall be a driver who refuses to execute an order of the authorities for traffic control and regulation in an implemented temporary traffic organization or a temporary ban on traffic.

Art. 175a. (New - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) (1) Punishable by deprivation of the right to drive a motor vehicle for a period of 12 months and a fine of 3 000 BGN shall be any driver who organizes or participates in illegal racing on the roads open for public use, or uses them for any purpose other than in accordance with their purpose to transport people and cargo.

(2) For a repeated offense under par. 1, the punishment shall be deprivation of the right to drive a motor vehicle for a period of three years and a fine of BGN 5 000.

Art. 176. (1) (amend. SG 43/02) Punished by depriving of driving vehicle for a period up to 6 months or a fine from 200 to 300 levs shall be a driver who drives a vehicle with a dangerous cargo without a document for the necessary professional competence for transportation of this cargo.

(2) (amend. SG 43/02) For repeated violation under para 1 the penalty shall be depriving of the right of driving vehicle for a period of 3 months to 1 year and a fine from 300 to 400 levs.

Art. 177. (amend. SG 43/02) (1) Fined with 100 to 300 levs shall be:

1. who drives a motor vehicle after he has been deprived from this right by court or administrative order;

2. (amend. – SG 2/18, in force from 03.01.2018) who drives a motor vehicle without being a qualified driver, without holding a driving license valid for the category to which the motor vehicle belongs, or after having lost the right to drive pursuant to Art. 157, Para. 4, or after his driving license has been temporarily withdrawn pursuant to Art. 171, item 1 or 4, or by the order of Art. 69a of the Penal Procedure Code, or it has been declared invalid due to loss, being stolen or damaged;

3. (amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017, amend. - SG 77/17, in force from 26.09.2017, amend. – SG 2/18, in force from 03.01.2018) owner, official or driver, who admits or concedes the driving of a motor vehicle to a person who

a) is not a licensed driver, does not hold a driving license valid for the category to which the motor vehicle belongs, or who is deprived of the right to drive a vehicle by way of judicial or administrative procedure, or his driving license has been temporarily withdrawn by the order of Art. 171, item 1 or 4, or by the order of Art. 69a of the Penal Procedure Code, or his license has been declared invalid due to loss, being stolen or damaged;

b) has a blood alcohol concentration of more than 0.5 per mille and/or has used narcotic

substances or their analogues;

4. (suppl. – SG 54/10) who drives a motor vehicle, stopped from movement, or a composition of road vehicles including a road vehicle taken out of operation, without permission of the service for control of the Ministry of Interior;

5. who without the respective permission carries out courses for training or additional training of drivers;

6. who puts on the road signs, the turn-lights and the other means for signalling things or devices, which are not related with the means for signalling and the purpose they are used for;

7. who puts posters, propaganda materials, lighting bodies, as well as other means for attracting the attention, which simulate road signs or other means for regulation of the traffic, reduce the visibility or the efficiency of the road signs and the other means for regulation of the traffic or blind the participants in the traffic;

8. who, by a vehicle, blocks a road with the purpose of obstructing the normal traffic on it, or of a rally, procession or competition and the like;

9. who puts road signs or other means for signalling in breach of the order, determined with the ordinance of art. 3, para 3;

10. official who has been warned and who does not undertake immediately measures for rendering safety and removal of an obstacle from the road, which threatens the traffic;

11. who, without having the right to this, puts road sign, road marking or another means for organising the traffic on the roads.

(2) With a fine from 100 to 500 levs shall be punished the one:

1. (revoked – SG 39/11)

2. who removes, moves and damages or destroys a road sign, put on the road, without creating danger for the life or the property of third persons.

(3) (new - SG 39/11, amend. - SG 60/12, in force from 07.08.2012, amend. - SG 68/13, in force from 02.08.2013, amend. - SG 14/2015, amend. - SG 97/17) A fine from BGN 500 to BGN 3 000 shall be imposed on a driver who, without complying with the procedure established,:

1. drives a vehicle with dimensions, weight or axle load that exceed the standards set by the Minister of Regional Development and Public Works;

2. enters after a road sign prohibiting the entry of a vehicle with dimensions, mass or axle load above the indicated ones.

(4) (New - SG 2/18, in force from 20.05.2018) Whoever manages a road vehicle with unsecured cargo in violation of the requirements of the ordinance under Art. 127, Para. 4, shall be fined:

1. BGN 500 - in case of established minor deficiencies in securing the cargo;

2. BGN 1 000 - in case of established major deficiencies in securing the cargo;

3. BGN 1 500 - in case of established dangerous deficiencies in securing the cargo.

(5) (prev. text of Para 03, suppl. – SG 39/11; amend. – SG 60/12, in force from 07.08.2012, previous Para. 4, suppl. - SG 2/18, in force from 20.05.2018) When the offence of para 1, items 1, 2 and 3 and para 2 has been committed for second time, the penalty shall be fine from 300 to 1500 levs, and for repeated offence under Para 3 and 4, the penalty shall be a fine between BGN 1000 and 5000.

(6) (new - SG 77/17, in force from 26.09.2017, previous Para. 5 - SG 2/18, in force from 20.05.2018) A person who does not fulfill an obligation under Art. 144, Para. 3 or under Art. 145 Para. 2, a fine or a proprietary sanction of BGN 200 shall be imposed.

Art. 178. (1) (prev. art. 178 – SG 43/02; amend. – SG 39/11) Fined with 2000 to 7 000 levs shall be:

1. (revoked – SG 43/02);

2. who, without observing the established order, assembles basic units from different models or

changes the construction of a vehicle;

3. who orders a repair of a road or the placement of installation without taking precautions for providing the traffic safety;

4. (revoked SG 43/02);

5. (new – SG 43/02; revoked – SG 54/10)

6. (new – SG 43/02; amend. – SG 54/10, amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) who breaches the prescriptions, established with a normative act in connection with the status of the material base and with the fulfilment of the study programmes in the study forms for training of drivers of motor vehicles, received permission by the order of art. 152, para 3;

7. (new – SG 43/02) official, who has not undertaken timely measures for removal or signalling by the established order of an obstacle on the road or a defect of the road requisites, which can endanger the safety of the traffic;

8. (new – SG 51/07) who alters the introduced traffic organisation without co-operation with the bodies of the Ministry of Interior and the administration, managing the road;

9. (new – SG 51/07) who fails to fulfill an order, given according to Art. 165, para 1, item 3;

10. (new – SG 51/07) who does not provide access to the control bodies to the sites, subject to supervision, or refuses to submit documents, referring to the activity of the said site.

11. (new – SG 2/18, in force from 03.01.2018) whoever manipulates and/ or modifies the readings of the motor vehicle milage indicator.

(2) (new – SG 43/02; suppl. – SG 51/07; amend. – SG 54/10) When the offence of para 1, items 6 and 10 is committed for second time, the penalty shall be fine from 1000 to 5000 BGN and withdrawal of the permission.

Art. 178a. (new – SG 54/10) (1) A fine or a property sanction amounting to BGN 5000 shall be imposed to any person that issues documents for periodical checks of the technical fitness of road vehicles without being issued a permission under Art. 148, Para 2.

(2) A fine or a property sanction amounting to BGN 3000 shall be imposed to any person that fails to assist the control authorities under Art. 166 with the check of the material base, facilities and measurement equipment related to the periodical checks for technical fitness of the road vehicles.

(3) In cases of repeated offence under Para 2 the penalty shall be a fine or a property sanction amounting to BGN 5000.

(4) A property sanction amounting to BGN 1000 shall be imposed to a person granted permission under Art. 148, Para 2, which:

1. fails to file a notification or a document certifying the performance of periodical checks with the competent authorities;

2. as a result of the inappropriate storage of documents certifying the performance of periodical checks for technical fitness of road vehicles has allowed their loss, theft or damage.

(5) In cases of repeated offence under Para 4 the property sanction shall amount to BGN 2000.

(6) Whoever, within their competence pursuant to the requirements of the ordinance under Art. 147, Para 1, has failed to establish the required organization or has failed to exercise control of compliance with its requirements shall be imposed a property sanction amounting to BGN 2000.

(7) A fine amounting to BGN 1500 shall be imposed to:

1. a chairman of an inspection commission or a technical specialist who allows a periodical check for technical fitness of a road vehicle to be carried out in violation of the requirements determined in the ordinance referred to in Art. 147, Para 1, or by using facilities and measuring equipment not meeting the requirements of the ordinance referred to in Art. 147, Para 1;

2. a chairman of an inspection commission or a technical specialist who fails to enter the data of an inspection for the technical fitness of a road vehicle according to the requirements of the ordinance

referred to in Art. 147, Para 1;

3. a technical specialist who fails to check the fitness of the equipment, parts, units, apparatus, mechanisms, components and characteristics of the road vehicles subject to inspection for technical fitness according to the methods prescribed in the ordinance referred to in Art. 147, Para 1;

4. a technical specialist who qualifies a technical deficiency in breach of the requirements specified in the ordinance under Art. 147, Para 1 or issues incorrect opinion in the document for periodical inspection for technical fitness;

5. a technical specialist working with malfunctioning equipment, apparatus and measuring means or uses the improperly, or manipulates or changes their indications;

6. (suppl. - SG 2/18, in force from 03.01.2018) a Technical Specialist, Chairperson of a commission carrying out inspections, or a Technical Specialist who fails to notify the Executive Agency "Automobile Administration" within the time limit specified in the ordinance referred to in Art. 147, Para 1 that his individual stamp is lost, stolen or damaged or lost.

7. (new - SG 2/18, in force from 20.05.2018) Chairperson of a commission carrying out inspections who does not introduce into the information system under Art. 147 the exact indication of the vehicle's mileage indicator.

(8) In cases of repeated offence under Para 7 the penalty shall be a fine amounting to BGN 3000.

(9) (Amend. - SG 2/18, in force from 03.01.2018) Chairperson of a commission carrying out inspections, or a technical specialist who, as a result of improper storage of the individual stamp, has made possible its loss, theft or damage shall be imposed a fine amounting to BGN 1000.

(10) For violations of the requirements for performance of periodical checks for technical fitness of road vehicles and the requirements for keeping the documentation related thereto, where no other penalty has been specified, the guilty persons shall be imposed a fine or a property sanction amounting to BGN 500.

(11) (New - SG 2/18, in force from 03.01.2018) Whoever performs periodic roadworthiness tests of road vehicles with devices or equipment, whose marking or sealing has been damaged, shall be fined or a pecuniary sanction be imposed amounting to BGN 3 000.

Art. 178b. (new – SG 54/10) (1) A fine or property sanction amounting to BGN 5000 shall be imposed to any person who trains driving license candidates without holding a permission under Art. 152, Para 3.

(2) A fine or a property sanction amounting to BGN 3000 shall be imposed to any person who fails to make it possible for the control authorities referred to in Art. 166 to check the material base, as well as if he fails to supply for check the entire documentation related to the training of driving license candidates.

(3) In cases of repeated offence under Para 2 the penalty shall be a fine or a property sanction amounting to BGN 5000.

(4) A fine or a property sanction amounting to BGN 1000 shall be imposed to any person who was granted permission under Art. 152, Para 3, who:

1. fails to keep the register of driving license candidates and of the documentation in compliance with the requirements of the training documentation for the candidates under Art. 153, Item 1;

2. improperly keeps the register of the driving license candidates, which results in loss, theft or damage of the register;

3. orders or makes possible the performance of the activity with a head of the training activity who fails to meet the requirements specified in the ordinance under Art. 152, Para 1, Item 3;

4. orders or makes possible the organization of activity in an office that fails to meet the

requirements specified in the ordinance under Art. 152, Para 1, Item 3;

5. fails to provide the conditions for carrying out the theoretical and practical examinations;

6. fails to supply the video records after the theory exams in the training centre;

7. (new – SG 60/12, in force from 07.08.2012) conducts or has conducted a training of a candidate for acquiring competency to drive a vehicle of category C, D, Ttb, Ttm and subcategories C1 and D1, where the candidate does not hold a valid certificate of psychological fitness.

(5) A fine amounting to BGN 500 shall be imposed to the head of training activity in a training centre of candidates for driving licenses who:

1. fails to ensure the compliance with the requirements of the training documentation for training of the driving license candidates under Art. 153, Item 1 during the training;

2. fails to issue in time and fails to keep the training related documents;

3. during the organization of the training orders or allows violation of:

a) the daily workload of the trainees;

b) the daily workload of the trainers;

c) violation of the schedule for the theory training;

d) obligation for notification for individual training;

e) performance of the intermediary and internal examinations;

4. fails to announce and update the information regarding the training and examination fees;

5. allows the issue of a certificate for admission to examination of a person who has not passed the required training and/or has failed to successfully pass the internal exams;

6. allows violations regarding the training-related documentation.

(6) A fine amounting to BGN 500 shall be imposed to a trainer in theory and/or practical training of candidates for driving license of motor vehicles, who:

1. fails to observe the requirements for the training documentation for training of candidates for driving license under Art. 153, Item 1 during the training;

2. allows violation in keeping the documentation related to training;

3. fails to enter in time the data into the training-related documents;

4. violates the daily load of the trainers;

5. during training violates:

a) the daily load on the trainees;

b) the schedule for the theory training;

c) the length of the studying classes;

d) the sitting of the intermediary and internal exams;

6. as a member of an examination commission violates the procedure for the theory and practice exams.

(7) For violations of the training requirements for candidates for driving licenses of motor vehicles and of the requirements to keeping the related documentation, where not other penalty has been determined, the guilty persons shall be imposed a fine or a property sanction amounting to BGN 500.

Art. 178c. (new - SG 54/10; new – SG 60/12, in force from 07.08.2012) (1) A fine or proprietary sanction amounting to BGN 3000 shall be imposed to a natural or legal person who:

1. organizes and conducts psychological examinations pursuant to the Ordinance under Art. 152, para 1, item 2 and para 2 without a valid certificate of registration for organization and conducting of psychological examinations;

2. organizes and conducts psychological examinations pursuant to the Ordinance under Art. 152, para 1, item 2 and para 2 after their registration for organization and conducting of psychological examinations has been deleted or after a coercive administrative measure has been imposed on them under Art. 171, item 7;

3. denies access to employees of Executive Agency "Automobile Administration" performing functions related to operational guidance and control of the psychological examinations, to psychological laboratory during conducting of psychological examinations and the documentation related thereto.

(2) A fine or proprietary sanction amounting to BGN 1500 shall be imposed to a natural or legal person holding a certificate of registration for organization and conducting of psychological examinations, who:

1. does not inform Executive Agency "Automobile Administration" of the change of address, number of premises, workplaces and equipment of psychological laboratories in the list attached to the certificate within the term fixed in the Ordinance under Art. 152, para 1, item 2;

2. uses the methods designated for conducting psychological examinations for purposes other than the ones set out in the Ordinance under Art. 152, para 1, item 2;

3. disclose the methods designated for conducting psychological examination;

4. organizes and conducts training of the persons subject to psychological examination prior to the conducting thereof;

5. orders the admission to psychological examination of persons who are not included in the list from the schedule for conducting psychological examination;

6. (suppl. - SG 9/17, in force from 27.02.2017) orders or allows the issue of a certificate of psychological fitness and/or the issuance of a certificate of psychological fitness based on missing data except in the cases, in which a conclusion "not allowed" is given in more than one invalid test of cognitive sphere and/or invalid personality test;

7. does not fulfil orders and/or instructions of the control bodies and /or of the employees of Executive Agency "Automobile Administration" performing functions related to operational guidance and control of psychological examinations.

8. (new - SG 9/17, in force from 27.02.2017) orders or allows the commencement of psychological examination in an hour different from the one previously determined in the schedule;

9. (new - SG 9/17, in force from 27.02.2017) orders or allows a failure to comply with requirements for record keeping in relation to the organization and conduct of psychological examination;

10. (new - SG 9/17, in force from 27.02.2017) orders or allows the conducting of psychological examination in premises other than the one registered in the protocol for inspecting the laboratory;

11. (new - SG 9/17, in force from 27.02.2017) orders or allows the conducting of psychological examination of a foreigner in the absence of an interpreter or in the absence of a declaration by the translator that the translation will be done correctly;

12. (new - SG 9/17, in force from 27.02.2017) orders or allows the conducting of psychological examination of a person who has not submitted the documents specified by the ordinance under Art. 152, para. 1, item 2.

(3) Fined with BGN 500 shall be a psychologist who, in the course of psychological examination:

1. admits to psychological examination a person who is not in the list from the psychological examination schedule;

2. (amend. - SG 9/17, in force from 27.02.2017) begins psychological examination at an hour different from the one previously announced in the schedule;

3. breaks the sequence and/or the number of methods for conducting psychological examination fixed in the established guidelines;

4. (suppl. - SG 9/17, in force from 27.02.2017) gives conclusion for psychological fitness and/or issues a certificate of psychological fitness based on missing data (except in cases, in which a conclusion "not allowed" is given in more than one invalid test of cognitive sphere and/or an invalid personality test) or based on results which do not comply with the ones determined by the methods of

the psychological examination;

5. (suppl. - SG 9/17, in force from 27.02.2017) gives conclusion for psychological fitness and/or issues a certificate of psychological fitness without having conducted a psychological examination;

6. (new - SG 9/17, in force from 27.02.2017) does not meet the requirements for record keeping in relation to the organization and conduct of psychological research;

7. (new - SG 9/17, in force from 27.02.2017) The psychological study conducted in premises other than the registered protocol for inspecting the laboratory;

8. (new - SG 9/17, in force from 27.02.2017) The conduct psychological study of a foreigner in the absence of an interpreter or, in the absence of a declaration by the translator that the translation will be done correctly;

9. (new - SG 9/17, in force from 27.02.2017) The conduct psychological examination of a person who does not submit the documents specified in the ordinance under Art. 152, para. 1, item 2 and/or does not archive their copies.

(4) (amend. - SG 9/17, in force from 27.02.2017) A fine or a property sanction of BGN 200 shall be imposed to a natural or legal person who allows or commits a violation of requirements determined in the ordinance under Art. 152, para. 1, item 2, unless a more severe punishment is not otherwise provided for.

(5) (suppl. - SG 9/17, in force from 27.02.2017) A fine of BGN 500 shall be imposed on a driver who carries out taxi transport services for their own expense or public transport of passenger or goods without a valid certificate of psychological fitness.

(6) In cases of repeated violation under paras 1 through 5, the punishment shall be the double amount of fine or proprietary sanction set for the respective violation.

Art. 178d. (new - SG 54/10) (1) (amend. - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) Whoever places on the market a vehicle without the required type-approved certificate of conformity, or whoever places on the market a vehicle in breach of an applicable regulatory act, shall be fined BGN 2 500.

(2) A proprietary sanction amounting to BGN 5 000 shall be imposed on a legal entity or a sole trader who commits the violation under para. 1.

(3) (amend. and suppl. - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) Whoever places on the market components or separate technical units subject to type approval, where they fail to meet the requirements of an applicable regulatory act or their compliance with the requirements is not certified properly, shall be fined BGN 2 000.

(4) A proprietary sanction amounting to BGN 4 000 shall be imposed on a legal entity or a sole trader who commits the violation under para. 3.

(5) A fine of BGN 3 000 or a proprietary sanction amounting to BGN 6 000 shall be imposed on whoever orders, allows or issues a document with false information regarding:

1. the conformity of vehicles or systems, components and separate technical units with the technical requirements for type approval applicable to them, where the act does not qualify as a crime;

2. the conformity of vehicles and the technical requirements applicable to them for individual approval or modification in the structure, where the act does not qualify as a crime.

(6) Whoever during testing or compliance check of new vehicles, systems, components and individual technical units with the technical type approval requirements applicable thereto, as well as for individual approval of vehicles uses equipment, apparatus, devices or measuring units, which are unfit, or uses them in inappropriate manner, manipulates or changes their indications, shall be fined BGN 3 000 or imposed a property sanction amounting to BGN 6 000, where the act does not qualify as a crime.

(7) (amend. - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) For the violations referred to in:

1. Article 13, paragraph 2, letter "d" of Regulation (EC) № 715/2007 of the European

Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2007 on type approval of motor vehicles with regard to emissions from light vehicles to transport passengers and goods (Euro 5 and Euro 6) and on the access to information on repair and maintenance of vehicles (OJ, L 171/1 of June 29, 2007), hereinafter referred to as "Regulation (EC) № 715/2007";

2. Article 15, paragraph 2, letter "e" of Regulation (EC) № 79/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 January 2009 on type-approval of motor vehicles powered by hydrogen, and on amending Directive 2007/46/EC (OJ, L 35/32 of February 4, 2009), hereinafter referred to as "Regulation (EC) № 79/2009";

3. Article 11, paragraph 2, letter "d" of Regulation (EC) № 595/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 June 2009 on type-approval of motor vehicles and engines with respect to emissions from heavy duty vehicles (Euro VI) and on access to information on the repair and maintenance of vehicles and on amending Regulation (EC) № 715/2007 and Directive 2007/46/EC and repealing Directives 80/1269/EEC, 2005/55/EC and 2005/78/EC (OJ, L 188/1 of 18 July 2009), hereinafter referred to as "Regulation (EC) № 595/2009";

4. Article 76, paragraph 2, letter "d" of Regulation (EU) № 168/2013;

5. (in force from 31/03/2018) Article 11, paragraph 2, letter "d" and "e" of Regulation (EU) № 2015/758 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2015 on requirements for type approval for the introduction of on-board eCall based on the service 112, and on amending Directive 2007/46/EC (OJ, L 123/77 of 19 May 2015), hereinafter referred to as "Regulation (EU) № 2015/758", a natural person shall be imposed a fine of BGN 4 000 and a legal entity or a sole trader - a proprietary sanction of BGN 8 000.

(8) (new - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) For the violations referred to in:

1. Article 13, paragraph 2, letter "a" and "c" of Regulation (EC) № 715/2007;

2. Article 13, paragraph 2, letter "a" and "c" of Regulation (EC) № 78/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 14 January 2009 on type approval of motor vehicles with regard to pedestrian protection and that of other vulnerable participants in the road traffic, on amending Directive 2007/46/EC and repealing Directives 2003/102/EC and 2005/66/EC (OJ, L 35/1 from February 4, 2009) hereinafter referred to as "Regulation (EC) № 78/2009";

3. Article 15, paragraph 2, letter "a" and "c" of Regulation (EC) № 79/2009;

4. Article 11, paragraph 2, letter "a" and "c" of Regulation (EC) № 595/2009;

5. Article 16, paragraph 2, letter "a" and "c" of Regulation (EC) № 661/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 13 July 2009 on the requirements for type approval with regard to the general safety of motor vehicles, their trailers and systems, components and separate technical units intended for them (OJ, L 200/1 of 31 June 2009)

6. Article 76, paragraph 2, letter "a" and "c" of Regulation (EU) № 168/2013;

7. (in force from 31.03.2018) Article 11, paragraph 2, letter "a" and "c" of Regulation (EU) № 2015/758,

a natural person shall be imposed a fine of BGN 3 000, and a legal entity or sole trader - proprietary sanction of BGN 6 000.

(9) (new - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) For the violations referred to in:

1. Article 13, paragraph 2, letter "b" of Regulation (EC) № 715/2007;

2. Article 13, paragraph 2, letter "b" of Regulation (EC) № 78/2009;

3. Article 15, paragraph 2, letter "b" of Regulation (EC) № 79/2009;

4. Article 11, paragraph 2, letter "b" of Regulation (EC) № 595/2009;

5. Article 16, paragraph 2, letter "b" of Regulation (EC) № 661/2009;

6. Article 76, paragraph 2, letter "b" of the Regulation (EU) № 168/2013;

7. (In force from 31.03.2018) Article 11, paragraph 2, letter "b" of the Regulation (EU) № 2015/758,

a natural person shall be imposed a fine of BGN 4 000, and a legal entity or sole trader -

proprietary sanction of BGN 8 000.

(10) (new - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) For the violations referred to in:

1. Article 13, paragraph 2, letter "e" of Regulation (EC) № 715/2007;
2. Article 13, paragraph 2, letter "d" of Regulation (EC) № 78/2009;
3. Article 15, paragraph 2, letter "d" of Regulation (EC) № 79/2009;
4. Article 11, paragraph 2, letter "e" of Regulation (EC) № 595/2009;
5. Article 76, paragraph 2, letter "e" of Regulation (EU) № 168/2013,

a natural person shall be imposed a fine of BGN 2 000, and a legal entity or sole trader - a proprietary sanction of BGN 4 000.

Art. 178e. (new – SG 60/12, in force from 07.08.2012) Whoever, without being entitled to, parks at a place designated for vehicles servicing persons with permanent disabilities or for vehicles adapted for and driven by persons with permanent disabilities, shall be fined with BGN 200.

Art. 178f. (new - SG 37/15) A person who has parked a vehicle in parks, gardens, playgrounds, areas intended for pedestrians only, on sidewalks and in settlements outside permitted areas shall be punishable by a fine from BGN 50 to BGN 200.

Art. 178g. (new - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) (1) (suppl. - SG 77/17, in force from 26.09.2017) Punishable by deprivation of the right to drive a motor vehicle for a period of 3 months and a fine of 1 000 BGN shall be any driver who drives in emergency stopping lane of a motorway without the exceptions under Art. 58, Item 3 or in the opposite traffic lane on a motorway and express road.

(2) For a repeated offense under par. 1, the punishment shall be deprivation of the right to drive a motor vehicle for a period of 6 months and a fine of BGN 4 000.

Art. 179. (1) (prev. art. 179 – SG 43/02, amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) Fined with BGN 150 shall be:

1. driver who has not indicated by the established order compulsory stopped vehicle on the road or has not taken precautions for the timely removal of the vehicle from the traffic road if it does not create immediate danger for the traffic;

2. who throws out, leaves or spills on the road objects or substances which create danger for the traffic;

3. owner or official who admits to the traffic on the roads vehicle whose construction has been changed without the respective permit;

4. (revoked - SG 2/18, in force from 20.05.2018)

5. (suppl. SG 43/02; amend. – SG 60/12, in force from 07.08.2012) who does not observe the prescription of the road signs, the road marks and the other means for signalling, the rules of priority, passing each other, overtaking or driving round if this creates immediate danger for the traffic;

6. who does not give way for the safe passing of a vehicle signalling by a special sound and light signal or for the vehicles escorted by it.

(2) (new – SG 43/02, amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) The one, who due to movement with inappropriate speed, not observing of distance or offence of para 1, causes a traffic accident, shall be punished with fine of BGN 200, if the act does not constitute a crime.

(3) (new, SG 6/04; amend. – SG 51/07; amend. – SG 39/11, amend. – SG 105/18 (*)) Any driver who drives a road vehicle on a road included in the scope of the paid road network, for which a fee is due but has not been paid under Art. 10, Para. 1, item 1 of the Roads Act, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 300.

(3a) (New – SG 105/18, in force from 16.08.2019) Any driver who drives a road vehicle of the category under Art. 10b, Para. 3 of the Roads Act on a road included in the scope of the paid road

network, for which the respective distance-related obligations have not been met according to the requirements of the Roads Act for the section of road covered by the paid road network, it has begun to use or there is no purchased roadmap for the same network, according to the category of the vehicle, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 1 800.

(3b) (New – SG 105/18, in force from 16.08.2019) Any owner of a road vehicle of the category under Art. 10b, Para. 3 of the Roads Act, for which the due fee under Art. 10, Para. 1, item 2 of the Roads Act has not been paid in full or in part, including as a result of incorrectly declared data, referred to in Art. 10b, Para. 1 of the Roads Act, shall be sanctioned with a fine of BGN 2 500. The fine shall be imposed on the registered user of the road vehicle, if any. If the owner or the registered user is a legal person, a pecuniary penalty of BGN 2 500 shall be imposed.

(3c) (New – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019) For violations under Para. 3 in the cases where the registration number of the vehicle is illegible or hidden in any way, a fine of BGN 500 shall be imposed on the driver, and for violations under Para. 3a and 3b – a fine amounting to BGN 3 000. In these cases, Art. 183, Para. 4, item 11 shall not apply.

(3d) (New – SG 105/18, in force from 16.08.2019) If the road vehicle has an installed device for the purpose of submitting declared toll data which is not functioning, and if, when an on-the-spot check by the control authorities has revealed that failure to submit declared data is not due to intentional tampering with the functioning of the said device, no sanctions under Para. 3a shall be imposed, if the procedure for notifying the Road Infrastructure Agency for discontinued submission of data has been followed, and a declaration for the used sections of the road has been submitted under the conditions and procedure established by the ordinance under Art. 10, Para. 7 of the Roads Act.

(3e) (New – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019) In the cases of Para. 3, 3a or 3b, travelling on a road covered by the paid road network by one and the same vehicle within the same calendar day, shall be considered a single violation and one sanction shall be imposed in the amount specified in Para. 3, 3a or 3b respectively. Travelling on a road covered by the paid road network, with the same road vehicle from 00.00 hours to 23.59 hours of the next calendar day shall be considered a separate administrative violation, for which a separate sanction is to be imposed. Where the same vehicle of the category under Art. 10b, Para. 3 of the Roads Act has travelled in one calendar day on a road included in the scope of the paid road network, and in case of violations under Para. 3a and 3b, sanction shall be imposed only under Para. 3a.

(3f) (New – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019) The violation under Para. 3 - 3c shall be deemed to have been committed where the traffic on the road covered by the paid road network is established by the control bodies when carrying out a roadworthiness test. If the act of establishing the administrative violation is drawn up on the basis of the data under the system under Art. 167a, Para. 2, the location where the violation was committed shall be considered to be the first place where traffic has been detected on a road covered by the pay-road network with the vehicle within each 24-hour period in accordance with Para. 3e.

(3g) (New – SG 105/18, in force from 16.08.2019) With the introduction of a temporary ban on public use of a road pursuant to Art. 9, Para. 3 - 5 of the Roads Act, when this road is included as part of a route of a road vehicle under Art. 10b, Para. 3 of the Roads Act, in declared toll data specified in a route map, the owner, registered user and driver of the road vehicle shall not be imposed sanctions under Para. 3a and 3b for the use of the signaled and specified bypass route in accordance with the Roads Act.

(4) (New – SG 39/11, repealed – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019)

(5) (New – SG 51/07; prev. text of Para 04 – SG 39/11; amend. - SG 102/2015, in force from 01.01.2016) Any driver who drives a motor vehicle, which has not been stopped from movement, on which there is no valid sticker attached pursuant to Art. 100, para 3, who does not carry along a valid control counterfoil of the sign, issued by the Guarantee fund for compulsory Civil liability insurance of the motorists according to Art. 487, para 1 of the Insurance Code, shall be punished by a fine amounting to 50 BGN.

(6) (New - SG 2/18, in force from 20.05.2018) Whoever drives a technically defective road vehicle shall be liable to a fine of:

1. BGN 50 - in case of minor deficiencies established;
2. BGN 200 - in case of established major deficiencies;
3. BGN 500 - in case of established dangerous deficiencies.

Art. 180. (1) (amend. SG 43/02) Fined from 20 to 150 levs shall be a driver who:

1. (suppl. – SG 51/07, amend. - SG 2/18, in force from 20.05.2018) violates the rules of using the lights for stay of a vehicle or for parking, for using the traffic road when, as a result of the offence, immediate danger is created for the traffic;

2. (amend. SG 43/02) refuses transportation to a representative of the control bodies under this Act by a vehicle for public transport, with exception of the taxi cabs;

3. (new – SG 43/02, amend. - SG 97/17) violates the rules for movement on a detached lane for movement of rail vehicle or the rules for passing through a railway crossing.

(2) The penalty under para 1 shall also be imposed on:

1. the person ceding the right who, in case of expropriation of a registered vehicle, does not notify, within the determined period, the body which has issued the registration number of the expropriated vehicle, the data of the acquirer; the same penalty shall be imposed on the acquirer of the registered vehicle which, within the determined period, has not notified the office of registration of the acquired property at the place of residence;

2. the owner of vehicle with installed alarm which switches on without valid reason or whose signals are similar to those of the vehicles of special regime of movement.

Art. 181. (Amend. - SG 97/17) Fined with BGN 50 shall be:

1. owner or official who, without valid reasons does not present within the determined period a vehicle for technical examination;

2. driver who uses a device interfering the operation of devices used for measurement of the driving speed of the vehicles;

3. (suppl. SG 43/02) driver who drives a vehicle without carrying the documents related to the transportation or they do not meet the respective requirements;

4. driver who drives a vehicle for public transportation for a period longer than the legally established working time, as well as a driver who drives a vehicle in sickness or in other condition creating danger for the traffic;

5. driver who does not stop the engine when the vehicle is stopped or parked, unless its operation is necessary for carrying out loading and unloading or other technological activity;

6. (revoked - SG 2/18, in force from 20.05.2018)

7. (new – SG 51/07) a driver of a motor vehicle, transporting passengers whose number exceeds the specified number of seats.

Art. 182. (amend. – SG 51/07) (1) A driver, who exceeds the permitted maximal speed in a populated area shall be punished, as follows:

1. (amend. - SG 54/10; amend. – SG 10/11) for exceeding up to 10 km/h – a fine of 20 BGN;

2. (amend. - SG 54/10; amend. – SG 10/11) for exceeding from 11 to 20 km/h - a fine of 50 BGN;

3. (amend. - SG 54/10) for exceeding from 21 to 30 km/h - a fine of 100 BGN;

4. (amend. - SG 54/10; amend. – SG 10/11, amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) for

exceeding from 31 to 40 km/h - a fine of 400 BGN;

5. (amend. - SG 54/10; amend. – SG 10/11, amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) for exceeding over 40 km/h - a fine of 600 BGN;

6. (amend. - SG 54/10; amend. and suppl. – SG 10/11, amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) for exceeding over 50 km/h - a fine of 700 BGN and deprivation of the right to drive a motor vehicle for three months, where for every 5 km/h above 50 km/h the fine shall increase by 50 BGN.

(2) A driver, who exceeds the permitted maximal speed outside populated area shall be punished, as follows:

1. (amend. - SG 54/10; amend. – SG 10/11) for exceeding up to 10 km/h – a fine of 20 BGN;

2. (amend. - SG 54/10; amend. – SG 10/11) for exceeding from 11 to 20 km/h - a fine of 50 BGN;

3. (amend. - SG 54/10; amend. – SG 10/11) for exceeding from 21 to 30 km/h - a fine of 100 BGN;

4. (amend. - SG 54/10; amend. – SG 10/11, amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) for exceeding from 31 to 40 km/h - a fine of 300 BGN;

5. (amend. - SG 54/10; amend. – SG 10/11, amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) for exceeding from 41 km/h to 50 km/h - a fine of 400 BGN.

6. (amend. - SG 54/10; amend. – SG 10/11, amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) for exceeding over 50 km/h - a fine of 600 BGN and deprivation of the right to drive a motor vehicle for three months, where for every 5 km/h above 50 km/h the fine shall increase by 50 BGN.

(3) A driver of a public transport motor vehicle, who exceeds the permitted maximal speed outside populated area shall be punished, as follows:

1. (amend. - SG 54/10; amend. – SG 10/11) for exceeding up to 10 km/h – a fine of 20 BGN;

2. (amend. - SG 54/10; amend. – SG 10/11) for exceeding from 11 km/h to 20 km/h - a fine of 50 BGN;

3. (amend. - SG 54/10; amend. – SG 10/11) for exceeding from 21 km/h to 30 km/h - a fine of 150 BGN and deprivation of the right to drive a motor vehicle for a month;

4. (amend. - SG 54/10; amend. – SG 10/11, amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) for exceeding from 31 km/h to 40 km/h - a fine of 500 BGN;

5. (amend. - SG 54/10; amend. – SG 10/11, amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) for exceeding from 41 km/h to 50 km/h - a fine of 800 BGN;

6. (amend. - SG 54/10; amend. and suppl. – SG 10/11, amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) for exceeding over 50 km/h - a fine of 1 000 BGN and deprivation of the right to drive a motor vehicle for three months, where for every 5 km/h above 50 km/h the fine shall increase by 50 BGN.

(4) (amend. - SG 54/10; amend. – SG 10/11) Where the violation under Para 1, Items 1 – 5, Para 2 and Para 3, Items 1 – 5 is repeated, the penalty shall amount to double the prescribed fine for the respective violation, and for repeated violation under Para 1, Item 6 and Para 3, Item 6 - double the amount of the prescribed fine for the respective violation and deprivation of the right to drive a motor vehicle for three months.

(5) (new – SG 10/11) Where the violations under Para 1, Items 4 – 6, Para 2, Items 4 – 6 and Para 3, Items 4 – 6 qualify as systematic, the driver shall be punished with the fine prescribed for the respective violation in double amounts and deprivation of the right to drive a motor vehicle for a period of 6 months.

Art. 183. (1) (amend. SG 43/02) Fined by 10 levs shall be a driver who:

1. (amend. SG 43/02; amend. – SG 103/05, on force from 01.01.2006; amend. and suppl. SG -

51/07) does not carry the determined documents – driving license, control counterfoil and certificate for registration of the driven motor vehicle;

2. (new - SG 51/07) does not carry along a document for concluded obligatory insurance "Civil responsibility" of the motorists – in case the driver has fulfilled his/her obligation according to Art. 100, para 3 and the sticker, attached by him/her is valid by the date of ascertaining the offence;

3. (prev. text of item 2 - SG - 51/07) improperly uses sound signal in populated area;

4. (revoked – SG 43/02; prev. text of item 3 - SG - 51/07; revoked - SG 88/08)

5. (new – SG 60/12, in force from 07.08.2012) rides a bicycle without a reflective waistcoat in violation of Art. 80, item 1.

(2) (amend. SG 43/02) Fined with 20 levs shall be a driver who:

1. improperly stays or parks;

2. violates the rules for location of the vehicle on the traffic road;

3. (amend. - SG 97/17) does not stop at the road sign "Stop! Give way to the vehicles with priority!", improperly enters the traffic, improperly shifts to another lane, or does not observe the priority of another participant in the traffic;

4. (revoked – SG 85/04)

5. (revoked – SG 85/04)

6. (revoked - SG 2/18, in force from 20.05.2018)

7. (revoked SG 43/02);

8. drives a vehicle with a cargo not identified by the established order, which protrudes from the sides of the vehicle by more than 0.20 cm and on the front and on the back - by 1 meter;

9. (revoked – SG 85/04)

10. (new – SG 51/07; revoked – SG 10/11)

11. (new – SG 51/07) breaks the reverse movement rules.

(3) (amend. SG 43/02) Fined with 30 levs shall be a driver who:

1. (revoked – SG 85/04)

2. (revoked – SG 37/15)

3. (revoked – SG 85/04)

4. (revoked – SG 85/04)

5. enters after a sign prohibiting the entering of the respective road vehicle or drives in the opposite direction of a one-way road;

6. (amend. SG 43/02) for improper overtaking, not creating danger for the traffic;

7. (revoked - SG 2/18, in force from 20.05.2018)

8. (revoked – SG 85/04)

(4) (new – SG 85/04; amend. – SG 51/07) Punished with fine of 50 BGN shall be a driver who:

1. (revoked – SG 60/12, in force from 07.08.2012)

2. passes incorrectly along a stop of vehicles for public transport of passengers or stopped bus;

3. (revoked – SG 60/12, in force from 07.08.2012)

4. drives road vehicle, which is not motor, without the necessary reflector elements;

5. (suppl. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) drives motor vehicle with worn out or torn tires or in violation of Art. 139, Para. 1, item 4;

6. (amend. - SG 19/15) uses a mobile telephone during driving of the vehicle unless by means of a device, allowing the use of the telephone without participation of his hands;

7. (suppl. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) does not fulfill the obligation to use a seatbelt or wear a helmet, or to drive a passenger who does not fulfill the obligation to use safety belt or helmet;

8. incorrectly stays or parks in the zone of pedestrian path, stop for public transport of passengers or crossing;

9. stays or parks as second row in active lane for movement by stopped motor vehicles in the direction of movement;

10. (new – SG 51/07) transports children in violation of the requirements laid down in Chapter Two, Section XXV.

11. (new - SG 88/08) drives a vehicle with illegible or covered in any way registration plates, in this number infringing Art. 100, Para 4, Item 1;

12. (new – SG 10/11) drives a motor vehicle along a road line marked for use only by vehicles of the regular lines of the public transport of passengers without having such rights.

(5) (new – SG 60/12, in force from 07.08.2012) Fined with BGN 100 shall be a driver, who:

1. passes through when the traffic lights' signal does not allow this;

2. does not provide an advantage when driving through a walkway

(6) (new – SG 60/12, in force from 07.08.2012) In cases of repeated violation under para 5, item 1 or 2, the driver shall be punishable by a fine amounting to BGN 200 and deprivation of the right to drive a motor vehicle for a month.

(7) (new - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) Punished with deprivation of the right to drive a motor vehicle for a period of one month and a fine of BGN 300 shall be a driver who enters after a sign prohibiting the entry of respective vehicles during a provisional ban on traffic.

Art. 184. (1) (Amend. - SG 97/17) Fined with BGN 30 shall be:

1. driver of a vehicle which is not motor driven, as well as a leader of an organised group of pedestrians, of animals or herds who violates the traffic rules;

2. driver or passenger who throws out of the vehicle objects or substances polluting the road;

3. (new – SG 43/02) a person, which national driving license for motor vehicle, issued in the Republic of Bulgaria, has been revoked, and he has not given back his international license at the respective service of the Ministry of Interior in 7 days term after the act for revoking has entered into force;

4. (new – SG 43/02) a person, to whom during the stay abroad has been revoked the international driving license, issued in the Republic of Bulgaria and has not informed about this the respective service of the Ministry of Interior in 7 days term after entering in the country.

5. (new – SG 85/04, amend. - SG 81/16, in force from 01.01.2018; amended as regards the date of entry into force in SG 81/16 – SG 98/16, in force from 01.01.2017, suppl. - SG 97/17, in force from 01.01.2018) owner of road vehicle, which is parked on the road 30 days after divesting or returning of the certificate for registration of the road vehicle at the Ministry of the Interior;

6. (new – SG 51/07; revoked – SG 60/12, in force from 07.08.2012)

(2) (new – SG 60/12, in force from 07.08.2012) Fined with BGN 50 shall be a pedestrian who:

1. goes through enclosures of railings or chains;

2. does not observe the traffic lights and the signals of the traffic cop;

(3) (amend. SG 43/02; prev. text of para 2 – SG 51/07; revoked – SG 60/12, in force from 07.08.2012) Apart from the cases envisaged in para 2, fined with 20 levs shall be a pedestrian who violates the traffic rules.

(4) (amend. SG 43/02, amend. SG 85/04; amend. – SG 51/07; prev. text of para 3 – SG 51/07; revoked – SG 60/12, in force from 07.08.2012) Fined with 50 BGN shall be a passenger who does not fulfil the obligation for using safety belt or helmet.

(5) (amend. SG 43/02; prev. text of para 4, amend. – SG 51/07; revoked – SG 60/12, in force from 07.08.2012, amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) When, as a result of the violations under para 1, items 1 and 2, and para 2, damages have been caused to a vehicle, to passengers or other persons, the offender shall be fined BGN 100.

Art. 185. (Amend. - SG 97/17) For violation of this Act and the normative acts issued on its

grounds, for which another penalty is not stipulated, a fine of BGN 20 shall be imposed.

Art. 186. (1) (amend. SG 43/02, amend. SG 85/04; amend. and suppl. - SG 105/05, in force from 01.01.2006; amend. – SG 51/07; amend. and suppl. – SG 69/08, amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) For administrative violations, established at the time of their commitment, and for which no provision is made for deprivation of the right to drive a motor vehicle or for revocation of control points, at the scene of the offense may be imposed a fine with a slip either in the minimum amount, or in the amount specified in the administrative penal provision for the respective offense. The slip issued for the imposed fine must contain data for the identity of the official who has imposed the fine, the identity of the offender, the place and the time of the offence; the vehicle of offence; the violated provisions and the size of the fine, the time limit, the account or the ways for its voluntary payment. The slip shall be signed by the official who has imposed the fine and by the offender, when he agrees to pay the fine. The sample of the slip form shall be approved by the Minister of Interior and the instructions therein shall be on Bulgarian and English.

(2) An act shall be issued to a person who disputes the offence or the size of the imposed fine or refuses to sign the slip.

(3) (amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) A slip for improperly parked vehicle can also be issued in the absence of the offender. In this case, the slip shall be issued to the owner of the vehicle, where the first copy of the slip is sent, and the second and third copies remain for keeping at the control service. To the vehicle shall be attached a notification stating the time and place of the offense, the vehicle with which the offense was committed, the violated provisions, the amount of the fine, the deadline, the account or the place for its voluntary payment. The attaching of the notification to the vehicle shall be considered as the slip being served.

(4) (new – SG 51/07, amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) In the event of violations, ascertained by technical means or systems, shooting or recording the date, exact hour of the offence and the registration number of the motor vehicle, to the owner, to whom is registered the motor vehicle, and in case it is a property of a legal person –to its manager shall be sent an invitation by registered letter with return of service to appear before the respective control office in one month term from the receipt thereof, in order a slip to be issued or to indicate the person, to whom he/she has conceded the driving of the vehicle, with which the offence has been committed. In case the person does not appear within the fixed term or the person, to whom has been conceded the driving of the vehicle is not indicated, a slip shall be issued to the owner or the manager of the legal person – owner of the motor vehicle in his/her absence, the slip being considered to be delivered on the date of issuing thereof.

(5) (new – SG 51/07) A slip shall be issued under the procedure of para 4 to a person, announced as the one to whom is conceded the driving of the motor vehicle, by a declaration by the owner of the motor vehicle, with which the offence has been committed, or by the manager of the legal person, in case the motor vehicle is a property of the legal person.

(6) (new – SG 51/07; revoked – SG 69/08)

(7) (new – SG 43/02; amend. - SG 105/05, in force from 01.01.2006; prev. text of para 4, amend. – SG 51/07; suppl. – SG 69/08) An issued slip, which fine has not been paid voluntary in 7 days term after the date of issuing, shall be considered as punitive decree, entered into force and shall be sent for enforcement to the public bailiff.

Art. 187. Owner or official who orders or conscientiously admits his employee to commit offence under this Act shall be punished by the penalty stipulated for the committed offence.

Art. 187a. (New – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019) (1) Upon establishing violations under Art. 179, Para. 3 - 3b in the absence of the offender, it shall be deemed that the vehicle was driven by its owner and, in the cases where a user is registered in the registration certificate – by the user of the vehicle, unless it is established that the road vehicle is driven by a third party.

(2) If the owner of the vehicle is a legal person or a sole trader, in order to allow the movement of the road vehicle without fulfilling the obligations to establish the amount and the payment of the respective fee under Art. 10, Para. 1 of the Roads Act, a proprietary sanction shall be imposed on the owner as follows:

1. under Art. 179, Para. 3 - in the amount of 300 BGN;
2. under Art. 179, Para. 3a - in the amount of BGN 1 800;
3. under Art. 179, Para. 3b - in the amount of 2 500 BGN.

(3) Where in the vehicle's registration certificate a registered user is registered, the proprietary sanction under Para. 2 shall be imposed on him. If the registered user is a natural person, Para. 1 shall apply.

(4) The registered owner, respectively the user, shall be exempt from the administrative –penal liability under Para. 1 and 2 in connection with administrative violations under Art. 179, Para. 3 - 3b, if within 7 days of service of the act of administrative violation, or the electronic ticket, he submits a declaration indicating data about the person who committed the violation and a copy of his driving license.

(5) In the cases under Para. 4, on the basis of the initially issued act for establishing an administrative violation, no penalty decree shall be issued, and the administrative penal proceedings shall be terminated, and the initially issued electronic ticket shall be canceled. In such cases, administrative penal proceedings shall be instituted against the person found to have committed the violation.

Art. 188. (1) (prev. text of Art. 188 – SG 10/11) The owner or the person to whom the vehicle is submitted, shall be responsible for the offence committed by it. The owner shall be punished by the penalty stipulated for the committed offence if he does not indicate the person to whom he has submitted the vehicle.

(2) (new – SG 10/11) Where the offence was committed by driving a motor vehicle owned by a legal person, the penalty provided for in this Act shall be imposed to its lawful representative or to the person indicated by him that was provided to drive the motor vehicle.

Art. 189. (1) The acts establishing the offences under this Act shall be issued by the officials of the control bodies stipulated by this Act.

(2) The regularly issued acts under this Act shall have evidence effect until proven otherwise.

(3) Witness of the act can also be an official.

(4) (new – SG 10/11; amend. - SG 19/15, amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017, amend. - SG 54/17) In case of offenses, established and captured by an automated technical device or system, for which there is no penalty provided of driving disqualifications or of control points subtraction, an electronic slip shall be issued in the absence of the control authority and offender for imposing a fine in the amount set for the respective offence. The electronic slip shall contain information for: the territorial unit of the Ministry of Interior, on which territory the offence was established, the location, date, exact hour of committing the offence, the registration number of the motor vehicle, the registered owner of the motor vehicle, description of the offence, the infringed provisions, the amount of the fine, the term, the account or the ways for its voluntary payment. The form of the electronic slip shall be approved by the Minister of Interior.

(5) (new – SG 10/11, amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) The electronic slip referred to in Para 4 shall be served to the person under Art. 188, para. 1 or 2 by a registered letter with acknowledgment of receipt or by the officials of the control services, designated by the Minister of Interior, in performing their functions and powers. Within 14 days from its receipt the owner shall pay the fine or submit to the respective territorial unit of the Ministry of Interior a written declaration with information of the person, who has committed the offence, and a copy of his driving license. The person indicated in the declaration shall be issued and sent an electronic slip as set out in Para 4 for committed offence. The initial electronic slip shall be annulled.

(6) (new – SG 10/11) Within 7 days from receipt of the electronic slip a written objection may be filed with the director of the respective unit of the Ministry of Interior. The director shall consider the objection and the evidence within 7 days from their filing. The issued electronic slip shall be annulled, if the collected evidence shows that:

1. the motor vehicle was announced as wanted;
2. the offence was committed by a motor vehicle under a special regime.

(7) (new – SG 10/11) The director of the regional directorate of the Ministry of Interior shall notify the owner of the vehicle, and if owned by a legal person – its legal representative, of its decision under Para 6 within 7 days from the date of annulment, respectively the refusal to annul the slip.

(8) (new – SG 10/11; suppl. - SG 19/15) The electronic slip shall be subject to appeal under the Administrative Violations and Penalties Act. The appeal of the electronic slip shall be filed within 14 days from its receipt, and where an objection has been made under Para 6 – within 14 days from notification of the refusal to annul the slip. Within 7 days from receipt of the appeal the director of the competent structure of the Ministry of Interior, on which territory the violation was established, or a person authorised by him, shall send it together with the entire file to the competent district court, whereby the cover letter shall mention also the evidence in support of the appealed electronic slip and information of the road section with a description of the location and the geographic coordinates, the applicable speed limit under Art. 21, the direction of movement of the vehicle, the location of the automated technical device, its type and information regarding metrological inspection.

(9) (new – SG 10/11) Where the fine imposed in an electronic slip is paid within the term referred to in Para 8, it shall be due in 70 % of its amount. The fine imposed in an electronic slip appealed and confirmed by the court shall be due in its full the amount.

(10) (new – SG 10/11) In force shall enter the electronic slips, which:

1. are not subject to appeal;
2. were not appealed within the term under Para 8;
3. were appealed, but confirmed or amended by the court.

(11) (new – SG 10/11) The electronic slip that has enter dint force shall be deemed a penal decree in force.

(12) (suppl. – SG 51/07 ; amend. – SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009; prev. text of Para 04 – SG 10/11) The penalty decrees shall be issued by the Minister of Interior, the Minister of Defence, the Minister of Transport, Information Technology and Communications and by the mayors of the municipalities or by officials authorised by them according to their competence.

(13) (revoked – SG 43/02; new – SG 51/07; prev. text of Para 05, suppl. – SG 10/11; declared unconstitutional in DCC No 1 of 2012 – SG 20/12) **Shall not be subject to appeal penal decrees and electronic slips, with which a fine is imposed in the amount of up to 50 BGN inclusive.**

(14) (prev. text of Para 06 – SG 10/11, suppl. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) For the cases not settled by this Act, related to the issuance of the acts, the issuance and the appeal of the penalty decrees and slips, and on the fulfilment of the imposed penalties shall apply the provisions of the Administrative Violations and Penalties Act.

(15) (new – SG 51/07; prev. text of Para 07 – SG 10/11) The prepared by technical means or systems, shooting or recording the date, exact hour of the offence and the registration number of the

motor vehicle, photographs, videotapes and print-outs shall be considered material evidence in the administrative-punitive procedure.

(16) (new – SG 51/07; prev. text of Para 08 – SG 10/11) Upon delivery of the penalty decree, the driver shall obligatory submit valid licence to drive a motor vehicle.

Art. 189a. (new - SG 19/15) (1) In case of offence committed by using a road vehicle registered in another Member State of the European Union, where the offender cannot be identified, an automated search shall be carried out in the national data bases of road vehicle registration of the respective Member State of the European Union in order to identify the owner of the road vehicle by which the offence has been committed.

(2) After identifying the owner of the road vehicle, by which the offence was committed, shall be sent a notification letter in a form approved by an order of the Minister of Interior.

(3) The notification letter referred to in Para 2 shall contain the following mandatory information:

1. the offence;
2. date, hour and place of the offence;
3. legal qualification of the offence;
4. the prescribed sanction for the offence;
5. information of the device, by which the offence was established - in case such was used.

(4) The notification letter under Para 2 shall be drawn up in one of the official languages of the Member State of the European Union, where the road vehicle is registered.

(5) In the notification letter under Para 2 shall be prescribed a time limit for the owner of up to 60 days from the date of its receipt to pay the fine or provide information of the person that was driving the road vehicle, by which the offence was committed.

(6) To the person under Para 5, named by the owner, shall be sent the notification letter under Para 2 of committed offence.

Art. 189b. (new - SG 19/15 (*)) The procedure under Art. 189a shall apply in case of establishing one or several of the following offences:

1. (amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017, amend. - SG 77/17, in force from 26.09.2017) operation of a road vehicle with a blood alcohol concentration of more than 0.5 per mille and/or after use of narcotic substances or their analogues;
2. crossing on traffic lights that do not allow crossing;
3. operation of a road vehicle on a road lane regulated by traffic lights placed above the lane signalling that the use of the road lane is prohibited;
4. unauthorised operation of a road vehicle on a road lane that is marked for use only by road vehicles of the regular public transport lines;
5. exceeding the allowed speed limit;
6. unauthorised driving in the emergency lane of a highway;
7. use of a mobile phone during operation of a road vehicle except when using a device enabling the hand-free use of a phone;
8. failure to observe the duty of use of a belt or a helmet;
9. transportation of children in breach of the requirements for use of safety systems.

Art. 189c. (new - SG 19/15) The personal data obtained during the automated search under Art. 189a, Para 1 shall be processed in accordance with the provisions of the Protection of Personal Data Act and the Ministry of Interior Act.

Art. 189d. (new - SG 19/15) The National contact centre for facilitating the trans-boundary exchange of information regarding traffic offences related to the road safety shall be at the Ministry of Interior.

Art. 189e. (new - SG 19/15, in force from 07.05.2016) The Minister of Interior or an official authorised by him shall present to the European Commission a biannual report of the advance of the national activities of facilitating the trans-boundary exchange of information regarding road traffic offences.

Art. 189f. (New – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019) (1) The acts establishing administrative violations under Art. 179, Para. 3 - 3c shall be drawn up by the officials of the control bodies under Art. 165, Art. 167, Para. 3 - 3b and Art. 167a according to their competence.

(2) Upon establishment of a violation under Art. 179, Para. 3 - 3b, before drawing up an act establishing an administrative violation, the controlling authorities shall inform the offender of the option to pay the fee under Art. 10, Para. 2 of the Roads Act. Where the act establishing the violation is drawn up in the absence of the offender, the option to pay that fee shall be provided during the serving of the act.

(3) The fee under Art. 10, Para. 2 of the Roads Act may be paid by bank transfer or by card, and before the bodies under Art. 167, Para. 3 - 3b - in cash, whereby the payment may be made upon the inspection or within 14 days of the serving of the act establishing the administrative violation under Art. 179, Para. 3 - 3b.

(4) In cases where the fee under Art. 10, Para. 2 of the Roads Act is paid after serving the act establishing the administrative violation, the offender must indicate in the payment order the number of the act establishing the administrative violation.

(5) Upon payment of the fee under Art. 10, Para. 2 of the Roads Act within the term and under the conditions of Para. 3 and 4, and upon receipt of the amount in the account of the Road Infrastructure Agency, the offender shall be exempt from administrative-penal liability for the particular violation under Art. 179, Para. 3 - 3b established in the administrative violation act. In such cases, exempt from administrative-penal liability shall be the owner, the registered user and the driver for the committed administrative violation under Art. 179, Para. 3 to 3b in relation to the particular road vehicle for the respective case of travelling on a road covered by the pay road network.

(6) If the fee under Art. 10, Para. 2 of the Roads Act is paid within the term and under the conditions of Para. 3 and 4, an act for establishing an administrative violation under Art. 179, Para. 3 - 3b shall not be drawn up and, when an act is drawn up, no penalty decree shall be issued and the proceedings shall be terminated.

(7) Irrespective of the imposition of an administrative penalty, the offender shall pay the relevant fee under Art. 10a, Para. 2 or Art. 10b, Para. 5 of the Roads Act according to the category of the vehicle. The obligation shall be considered fulfilled upon payment of the fee under Art. 10, Para. 2 of the Roads Act.

(8) The control bodies may consult the electronic system for the collection of road tolls under Art. 10, Para. 1 of the Roads Act and the data reported therein shall be considered as evidence in relation to the following circumstances: the place, the date, the exact time of the committed violation, the registration number of the road vehicle, as well as the data related to the road traffic included in the scope of the paid road network, data on the absence or presence of declared data and the presence or non-payment of the tolls due.

(9) The administrative file may be accompanied by a reference from the electronic system for toll collection under Art. 10, Para. 1 of the Roads Act, which has the probative force for the circumstances reflected in it, unless the contrary is proved.

(10) The acts drawn up for establishing administrative violations shall be noted in the information system under Art. 167a, Para. 4 until the end of the working day, in which the violation was established, and for the tolls collected under Art. 10, Para. 2, Art. 10a, Para. 2 or respectively Art. 10b, Para. 5 of the Roads Act - by the end of the working day following the day of their collection.

(11) The control bodies shall complete the act establishing the administrative violation together with all the documents compiling it and the objections received therein, within two weeks from the

drafting of the act, and shall send the file to the Chairperson of the Management Board of the Road Infrastructure Agency within the same term.

(12) The penal decrees for administrative violations under Art. 179, Para. 3 - 3c shall be issued by the Chairperson of the Management Board of the Road Infrastructure Agency or officials authorized by him.

(13) The drawn acts establishing administrative violations and the penal decrees issued under this Article shall be governed by the provisions of Art. 189, Para. 1-3 and Para. 13 - 16.

Art. 189g. (New – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019) (1) In case of violation under Art. 179, Para. 3, established and videotaped by the electronic system under Art. 167a, Para. 3, an electronic ticket may be issued in the absence of a control body and an offender for the imposing of a fine or proprietary sanction at the amount determined for the respective violation. The electronic ticket shall contain data on: the place, date, exact time of the violation, vehicle registration number, owner or registered user, description of the violation, violated provisions, the option to pay the toll under Art. 10, Para. 2 of the Roads Act, the amount of the fine, the term and the ways of its voluntary payment. The template of the electronic ticket shall be approved by the Managing Board of the Road Infrastructure Agency.

(2) Within 14 days of receipt of the electronic ticket, the person may pay the toll under Art. 10, Para. 2 of the Roads Act in compliance with the requirements of Art. 189f, Para. 3 and 4, or may request the cancellation of the electronic ticket on the grounds of Para. 3 with a request towards the Chairperson of the Management Board of the Road Infrastructure Agency.

(3) The electronic ticket shall be canceled when:

1. the toll under Art. 10, Para. 2 of the Roads Act has been paid;
2. the vehicle has been declared for search;
3. the road vehicle does not owe the respective toll fee according to a law or an international agreement, under Art. 10, Para. 1 of the Roads Act.

(4) The Chairperson of the Managing Board of the Road Infrastructure Agency, or a person authorized by him, shall notify the person who submitted a request under Para. 2, for their decision under Para. 3 within 7 days from the date of cancellation or from the date of the refusal to cancel the ticket.

(5) The electronic ticket shall be subject to appeal under the procedure of the Administrative Violations and Penalties Act. The complaint against the electronic ticket shall be filed within 14 days of its receipt, and when a request is made under Para. 3 - within 14 days of the notification of the refusal to cancel the ticket. Within 7 days of receipt of the complaint, the Chairperson of the Management Board of the Road Infrastructure Agency, or officials authorized by him, shall send it to the competent district court together with the entire file.

(6) If the toll fee under Art. 10, Para. 2 of the Roads Act is not paid, the full amount of the fine mentioned in the electronic ticket shall be due.

(7) With respect to the electronic ticket for violation under Art. 179, Para. 3 - 3b shall apply the provisions of Art. 189, Para. 10.

Art. 190. (1) (amend. – SG 82/06) Upon enactment of a penalty decree which imposes penalty on a driver or an owner of vehicle, a copy of it shall be submitted to the respective structural unit of the Ministry of Interior taking account of the driver and the vehicle. The driving licence, withdrawn in this case, shall be sent to the respective office of the Ministry of Interior for storing and account.

(2) The penalty "depriving of the right to drive a vehicle" shall begin its term on the date of withdrawing the driving licence.

(3) (new – SG 51/07, suppl. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) The penalty "fine" shall be

paid in one-month term from the entry into force of the penal decree, electronic slip or the judicial decision of the court in the event of appeal.

Additional provisions

§ 1. (1) Established at the Council of Ministers shall be a State – public consultative commission for the issues of the traffic safety;

(2) (new – SG 43/02) The commission of para 1 shall:

1. assist the Council of Ministers in taking decisions, connected with the traffic safety on roads;
2. give statements and develop drafts of laws and acts of secondary legislation bearing relation to the traffic safety on roads;
3. analyse the information and prepare annual report about the status of the safety of the traffic on roads, which shall be considered by the Council of Ministers;
4. prepare national programmes for improvement of the status of the safety of the traffic on roads, which shall be approved by the Council of Ministers;
5. give proposal for the necessary state and municipal expenses for ensuring the safety of the traffic;
6. co-ordinate and undertake measures for the fulfilment of the international programmes for the safety of the traffic;
7. participate in the working group "Safety of the traffic" at the Committee for internal transport at the European Economic Commission of UN.

(3) (prev. (2), amend. SG 43/02) The members, the financing, the functions, the tasks and the order of carrying out the activity of the body under para 1 shall be determined by the Council of Ministers.

(4) (new – SG 10/11) A Traffic Safety Fund managed by the Minister of Interior is established:

1. the Traffic Safety Fund shall accumulate the payments from fines, established by technical means and systems, as well as funds from donations and other income stipulated in a normative act;
2. the resources of the Fund shall be spent for traffic control activities and traffic safety improvement;
3. the conditions and order for managing the resources of the fund shall be determined in an act of the Council of Ministers.

(5) (new – SG 15/13, in force from 01.01.2014) The Minister of Finance, upon proposal by the Minister of Interior, shall approve pursuant to Art. 110, para 4 of the Public Finance Act additional expenses to the budget of the Ministry of Interior for the Traffic Safety Fund under para 4, amounting to the size of revenue received in the fund from fines.

(6) (new – SG 15/13, in force from 01.01.2014) The excess of income over expenditure in the Fund at the end of the year shall be made available for the following year to serve the same purposes pursuant to para 5.

§ 1a. (1) (new – SG 43/02; prev. text of § 1a – SG 51/07) The regional governors and the mayors of the municipalities shall outline measures for improvement of the status of the safety of the traffic on their territories, developing for this purpose programmes in co-ordination with the commission of § 1, para 1.

(2) (new – SG 51/07) To the district governors and mayors of municipalities shall be established district and municipal committees for traffic safety on the roads.

(3) (new – SG 51/07) The district and municipal committees for safety traffic on the roads shall

coordinate and control the problems related to traffic safety, draw up annual reports on the condition of traffic safety and undertake measures for improvement thereof.

§ 2. (1) (amend. - SG 61/06; amend. – SG 53/12, in force from 13.07.2012) The vehicles taken off accounting shall be considered waste in the context of § 1, item 17 of the Additional provisions of the Waste Management Act.

(2) (amend. SG 43/02) The Council of Ministers shall determine the conditions and the order for collecting, submitting, preserving and dismantling of the vehicles of para 1.

(3) The activity under para 2 can be carried out by entrepreneurs on own or rented terrain on the basis of a permit issued by the Minister of environment and waters.

(4) The municipalities shall be obliged to allot terrain for the activities under para 2 when it is carried out by trade companies with municipal participation.

§ 3. On all projects related to the organisation of the traffic on the roads, upon request by the interested persons, the respective bodies of the Ministry of Interior shall be obliged to present written statement within one month.

§ 4. (amend. – SG 74/09, in force from 15.09.2009; amend. – SG 68/13, in force from 02.08.2013) The Minister of education and science shall provide, through the respective educational plans, the obligatory study by the students in the system of the high education, of the rules of the road traffic.

§ 5. The persons trained for drivers of vehicles in organised forms of education by the respective order shall not be responsible under this Act for traffic accidents, as well as for their consequences, having occurred during practice, unless they have acted deliberately.

§ 6. In the context of this Act:

1. "Road" is every land area or installation designated for or usually used for driving vehicles or pedestrian walking. Equivalent to the roads are also the streets.

2. "Traffic lane" is a longitudinal part of the road outlined or not by a marking and providing the traffic of vehicles with more than three wheels in one direction, one after another.

3. "Traffic road" is the total width of the traffic lanes. The road can have several traffic lanes, visibly separated from each other.

4. "Border of the traffic road" is the line outlined or not by road marking, which separates the traffic road from the other constructive elements of the traffic road - banquette, sidewalk, lane for compulsory stopping and others. The line outlining the "BUS" lane is also a border of the traffic road.

5. "Road banquette" is a longitudinal part of the road limiting the traffic road. The banquette can be fortified or not.

6. "Sidewalk" is a constructed, surrounded or outlined by a road marking longitudinal part of the road limiting the traffic road and designated only for pedestrian walking.

7. "Roadway" is the total width of the banquettes, the sidewalks, the traffic road and the isles of the traffic road.

8. "Crossroads" is a place where two or more roads cross, divide or join on one level.

9. (amend. SG 43/02, SG 79/05, amend. - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) "Type approval"

is a procedure which certifies that a type of vehicle, system, component or individual technical unit satisfies the relevant administrative provisions and technical requirements defined in the applicable regulation.

10. (supple. - SG 54/10) "Road vehicle" is a unit driven on wheels and used for transportation of people and/or cargo. Equivalent to the road vehicles are the trams, tractors and the self propelled machines when driving on the roads.

11. "Motor vehicle" is a road vehicle with an engine with exception of the rail vehicles.

12. "Automobile" is a vehicle on more than three wheels used for transportation of passengers and cargo or for drawing other vehicles. Equivalent to the automobiles are the trolley buses. Depending on their purpose the automobiles are:

a) passenger cars - for transportation of passengers where the number of seats, without the seat of the driver, does not exceed 8;

b) lorries - for transportation of cargo and/or drawing trailer;

c) buses - for transportation of passengers, with more than 8 seats without the seat of the driver;

d) special - with permanently mounted equipment, installation or machines which do not allow their use for other purposes.

13. (amend. SG 43/02; amend. - SG 54/10) "Motorcycle" is a two-wheel vehicle with or without a side car, with an engine of capacity over 50 cubic cm. Equivalent to the motorcycles shall be the vehicles on three wheels whose weight without cargo does not exceed 400 kg, as well as the two-wheel vehicles with engine capacity up to 50 cubic cm and whose constructive maximal speed exceeds 45 km/h.

14. (amend. SG 43/02; amend. - SG 54/10) "Moped" is a two- or three- wheel vehicle with an engine of capacity up to 50 cubic cm and whose constructive maximal speed does not exceed 45 km/h.

15. "Tractor" is a vehicle designated for specific activities, as well as for drawing cargo trailers. Admitted in the traffic shall only be wheel tractors. Equivalent to the wheel tractors shall also be the self propelled chassis.

16. (amend. – SG 51/07; amend. - SG 54/10) "Self propelled machine" is a facility or machine designated for specific activities and moving or being moved on the roads as an exception. Such are the electric fork lift trucks, the motor fork lift trucks and the self propelled agricultural and forestry machinery within the meaning of § 1, item 12 of the Additional Provisions of the Act on Registration and Control of Agricultural and Forestry Machinery, construction machines, chain special and chain armour-plated machines of the Bulgarian Army and the Ministry of Interior and other similar. The self propelled machine is of small dimensions and drawing capacity up to 200 kg, its maximal driving speed is up to 25 km/h, the distance between the axles - up to 900 mm and the weight without cargo - up to 900 kg.

17. "Trailer" is a vehicle designated to be drawn by a motor vehicle. Equivalent to the trailers are the semi-trailers.

18. "Semi-trailer" is a vehicle attached to a motor vehicle in such a way that a part of it lies on the motor vehicle and a considerable part of its weight and of the weight of its cargo is born by the motor vehicle.

18a. (new - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) "Registration" is an administrative authorization for the vehicle to be involved in road traffic, which includes the identification of the vehicle and the issuance of registration plates with numbers.

19. "Bicycle" is a vehicle on at least two wheels which is set in motion by the muscular force of the person driving it, with exception of wheelchairs.

20. "Composition of vehicles" are mechanically connected vehicles participating in the traffic as an entity.

21. "Category of vehicle" is a group of vehicles united according to their purpose and constructive particularities.

22. "Loading per axle" is the part of the weight with cargo born by each axle of the vehicle.

23. (amend. SG 43/02) "Vehicle with excessive overall dimensions" is a vehicle (or a composition of vehicles which, with or without cargo, exceeds the admissible dimensions or weight determined by the order of Art. 139, para 1, item 2.

24. "Slow vehicle" is a vehicle which, for constructive reasons, cannot move by a speed higher than 30 km/h. Equivalent to the slow vehicles are those which, due to the nature of the cargo carried by them, cannot move by a speed higher than 30 km/h.

25. "Driver" is a person who drives a vehicle.

25a. (new - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) "New driver" is a driver who obtains for the first time their license to drive a motor vehicle.

26. "Passenger" is a person who is in or on a vehicle but does not participate in its driving.

27. "Participant in traffic accident" is everybody who is affected by the accident or who has contributed by his behaviour to its occurrence.

28. "Participant in the traffic" is every person who is on the road and by his activity or inactivity influences the traffic on the road. Such are the drivers, the passengers, the pedestrians as well as the persons working on the road.

29. "Public transportation" is the one carried out against payment.

30. "Traffic accident" is an event occurred in the process of the driving of a vehicle and causing injuries or death to people, damage of vehicle, road, road installation, cargo or other material damages.

31. "Priority" is the right of one participant in the traffic to pass before another through a certain place of the road.

32. "Insignificant" is the offence which, though of insignificant deviation from the normative behaviour of the participant in the traffic, in other road circumstances would have led to a traffic accident.

33. (amend. - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017) "Repeated" is the offence committed within a period of one year and in the cases under Art. 174, para 2 - within a period of two years from the enactment of the penalty decree by which penalty is imposed on the offender for the same type of offence, including when the first punishment was imposed to them as a new driver.

34. (new – SG 43/02) "Technically admissible maximum mass" is the maximum mass of the road vehicle in loaded status, pointed out by the producer, admissible for its construction and production fulfilment.

35. (new – SG 43/02) "Admissible maximum mass" is the permitted maximum mass of the road vehicle in loaded status, determined as admissible by the competent bodies.

36. (new – SG 43/02) "Increased passability" exists, when the motor vehicles meet certain conditions for surmounting of slope, moving axis, front and rear angle of passability, blocking of the differential, clearance etc.

37. (new – SG 43/02) "Obstacle on the road " is damaging of the entity of the road cover, as well as subjects, substances or other similar, which are on the road and create danger for the traffic.

38. (new – SG 43/02) "Light signal" is light with certain colour, emitted by a lighting field with certain form and dimensions.

39. (new – SG 43/02) "Section with concentration of road accidents" is a section of the road, on which for certain period have happened more, than certain number of road accidents.

40. (new – SG 43/02) "First pre-doctor aid" is the application of appropriate life maintaining activities and measures for prevention of complications, suffered at traumas, connected with road accidents, on the spot or near it, by drivers of motor vehicles and other participants in the traffic till the arrival of a team of Urgent medical aid.

41. (new – SG 43/02) "Type of vehicle" are the vehicles, being in one category, produced by one and the same producer, marked by him in a unified manner (production mark, VIN-code of the vehicle, trade mark etc.) which do not differ in their essential characteristics.

42. (new – SG 43/02, revoked - SG 101/16, in force from 21.01.2017)

43. (new – SG 43/02) "Release on the market" is the transition to the stage of distribution and/or use, free of charge or against payment of a motor vehicle, trailer, system, component or separate technical unit after the stage of production or import for the first time in the country.

44. (new – SG 43/02) "Setting into operation" is the moment, when the component or the separate technical unit passes into stage of first use by the end user.

45. (new - SG 61/06) "Abandoned registered motor vehicle" means motor vehicle out of use which is located in a property of state or municipal ownership, it is abandoned by its owner and he does not show before the competent bodies in a period of three months from his notification according to the legal order.

46. (new – SG 51/07; amend. - SG 54/10) "Custom residence in the Republic of Bulgaria" shall be the place where a person usually resides for more than 185 days during the last 12 consecutive months due to personal or employment relations, or where the person lack employment relations - due to personal relations indicating a close relation of the person to the place of his residence.

The usual place of residence of a person, whose employment relations are on a place other than his personal relations and who therefore resides on different places in two or more Member States, shall be deemed the place of his personal relations, provided that the person regularly returns there. The compliance with the last condition is not necessary, if the person resides in a certain Member State for performance of a task of certain duration. Studying in a university or other educational establishment shall not be deemed change of the custom residence.

47. (new – SG 51/07) "Safety belt" (belt for a seat) is a set of straps with securing buckle, regulation mechanisms and adjusting devices, which can be attached to the motor vehicle and are designated to reduce the risk of harming the user by restricting the mobility of his/her body in case of a crash or sudden reduction of the speed of the vehicle. A set like that is usually referred to as a "belt set", a concept comprising each device for transformation of energy or for folding a belt.

48. (new – SG 51/07) "Child-restraint system" is a set of components, which may be included in a combination of straps or flexible components with a securing buckle, adjusting devices, attachments and in some cases a supplementary chair and/or impact shield in case of crash, which can be attached to the vehicle. It is designated to reduce the risk of harming the user in case of a crash or sudden pulling up of the vehicle by restricting the mobility of the passenger's body;

49. (new – SG 51/07) "Populated area" shall mean a territory built up with buildings, where the beginning and the end of it are marked by the relevant road signs.

50. (new – SG 51/07) "Railway crossing" shall mean a crossing of one level of a road with a railway line.

51. (new – SG 51/07) "Safeguarded railway crossing " shall mean a crossing, equipped with barriers. The lights of the crossings shall be signals, and not signs of safeguarding.

52. (new – SG 51/07) "Highway" is an automobile road, which does not serve directly the adjacent territory, designated for high speed in observance of special traffic rules, with separated traffic roads in the two opposite directions, which does not cross any roads, railway or tram lines and pedestrian walkways on one level and is marked by signs for highway.

52a. (new – SG 47/12) "High-speed road" is a road which meets the requirements of Art. 3, para 8 of the Roads Act.

53. (new – SG 51/07) "Articulated vehicle" shall mean a combination of vehicles, consisting of a motor vehicle and a semi-trailer attached to it.

54. (new – SG 51/07) "Pedestrian crossing" shall be a part of the traffic road, outlined or not by road marking, designated for passing by of pedestrians. At crossroads pedestrian crossings shall be the extensions of the sidewalks and hard shoulders on the traffic road.

55. (new – SG 51/07) "Reduced visibility" is present in the event of twilight, mist, rainfall, dust, smoke and other such-like cases.

56. (new – SG 51/07) "Restricted visibility" is present when there are steep slopes, turns and other obstacles, disturbing the visibility.

57. (new – SG 51/07) "Tachograph" is a measuring device within the meaning of the Measurements Act, intended to be installed in a motor vehicle in order to register and show in an automatic or semi-automatic regime data concerning the automobile movement and the fixed periods of driving, interruption and rest of the drivers.

58. (new – SG 51/07) "Artificial roughness" shall mean a protuberant or concave surface above the road level, designated for reduction of the speed of the motor vehicle.

59. (new – SG 51/07) "Day lights" shall be lights, designated for improvement of perception and visibility of the front part of the vehicle during its movement.

60. (new – SG 51/07) "Road martial divisions" shall be special military subdivisions of Bulgarian Army, responsible for regulation of the mobility of military units and single machines regardless of their nationality.

61. (new – SG 51/07) "Identification number of the vehicle" shall be a combination of signs in an order, placed on the vehicle by the manufacturer for the purpose of its identification.

62. (new – SG 10/11) "Systematic" shall be any offence committed three or more times within a year from entry into force of the first penal decree or the first electronic slip imposing a fine to the same offender for the same type of offence.

63. (new – SG 10/11; suppl. - SG 19/15) "Electronic slip" means an electronic statement, fixed on paper, magnetic or other carrier, created by an administration information system on the basis of collected and processed information for offences received from automated technical devices or systems.

64. (new – SG 60/12, in force from 07.08.2012, amend. – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019) "Person with permanent disabilities" means a person within the meaning of § 1, item 2 of the Additional provision of the Persons with Disabilities Act.

65. (new - SG 19/15) "Automated technical devices and systems" means control devices operating independently or interconnected approved and checked in accordance with the Measurements Act, which detect or automatically photograph offences in the presence or absence of a control body an may be:

a) stationary - fixed to the earth and periodically serviced by a control body;

b) mobile - fixed to the road vehicle or temporarily placed on a road section, which detect an offence in the presence of a control body, who starts or stops the working process.

66. (new - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) "Regulatory Act" shall be:

a) regulations under Art. 138, para. 4;

b) Regulation (EC) № 715/2007, including its implementing acts;

c) Regulation (EC) № 78/2009;

d) Regulation (EC) № 79/2009;

e) Regulation (EC) № 595/2009, including its implementing acts;

f) Regulation (EC) № 661/2009, including its implementing acts;

g) Regulation (EU) № 168/2013, including implementing acts and delegated acts;

h) a rule of the Economic Commission for Europe of the United Nations, annexed to the Agreement Concerning the adoption of uniform technical prescriptions for wheeled vehicles, equipment and parts which can be fitted and/or used on wheeled vehicles, and the conditions for mutual recognition of Approvals granted on the basis of these prescriptions, done at Geneva on March 20, 1958 (ratified by an act - SG 95 of 1999) (SG 1 of 2000);

i) the regulations set out in Part I of Annex IV of Directive 2007/46/EC, including their implementing acts;

j) Ordinance № H-3 of the 2013 on change in the structure of registered vehicles and individual approval of vehicles registered outside the Member - States of the European Union or in another country - party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area (prom. SG 21 of 2013; amend., SG 31 of 2014

and SG 17 of 2015);

k) (in force from 31.03.2018) Regulation (EU) № 2015/758.

67. (new - SG 9/17, in force from 27.27.2017) "Historic vehicle" means a mechanically propelled vehicle which is at least 30 years old, is not used for daily transportation, is preserved and maintained in a historically-relevant condition, forms part of the world's technical and cultural heritage and as such, has an identity card issued by the International Historic vehicles Federation or by other organization authorized by it in a Member – State territory.

68. (new - SG 97/17, in force from 06.06.2018) "Temporary revoking of registration" shall mean the marking in the automated information system in the cases under Art. 143, Para. 17 that the malfunctioning vehicle has been stopped from traffic and is not allowed to be used in traffic.

69. (new - SG 97/17) "Termination of registration" shall be the revocation of the permit for the vehicle to be used in traffic.

70. (new - SG 97/17) "Restoring a terminated registration" shall be the restoration of the revoked permit of the vehicle to be used in traffic.

71. (new - SG 2/18, in force from 20.05.2018) "Minor deficiencies", including when securing the cargo, shall be the deficiencies discovered during the inspection which are without significant effect on the safety of the vehicle, or without significant environmental impact, as well as other minor non-compliances.

72. (new - SG 2/2018, in force from 20.05.2018) "Major deficiencies", including when securing the cargo, shall be the deficiencies discovered during the inspection, which may affect the safety of the vehicle, or have an impact on the environment, or pose a risk to other road users, as well as other more significant non-compliances.

73. (new - SG 2/2018, in force from 20.05.2018) "Dangerous deficiencies", including when securing the cargo, shall be the deficiencies discovered during the inspection which represent a direct and imminent risk for road safety, or have an impact on the environment.

§ 6a. (new – SG 43/02; amend. – SG 51/07; amend. – SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009; amend. – SG 68/13, in force from 02.08.2013; amend. – SG, 14/2015) For issuing of permissions and other documents under this Act fees shall be paid, determined in tariffs, approved by the Council of Ministers upon proposals by the Minister of Transport, Information Technology and Communications, the Minister of Interior, the Minister of Regional Development and Public Works or the Minister of Health.

§ 6b. (new - SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017) For the purposes of this Act shall also be used the applicable definitions of Art. 3 of Regulation (EU) № 168/2013.

§ 6c. (New - SG 97/17) This Act shall introduce the requirements of Directive 2014/46/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 April 2014 amending Council Directive 1999/37/EC on the registration documents of vehicles (OJ, L 127/129 of 29 April 2014).

Transitional and concluding provisions

§ 7. (amend. - SG 54/10) The drivers who have obtained right to drive vehicles of category M before June 1, 1996 shall have the right to drive vehicles of category A with engine capacity up to 50

cubic cm.

§ 7a. (new – SG 22/03) (1) The wheel tractors, the trailers, pulled by them and the self propelled chassis, acquired till 1999, at incomplete documents for origin or ownership, or of data about the machine, as well as when the data are different from what is found on the machine, shall be registered till September 30, 2004 after conceding by the owner of declaration, certified by a notary, containing the circumstances of the acquisition and the reasons for the non compliance of the data.

(2) Upon lack of number on the frame (the chassis) a new number shall be determined and put.

§ 8. The offences committed by January 1, 2 shall not be taken into consideration in introducing the point system under Art. 157.

§ 9. This Act revokes the Act on traffic on the roads (prom., SG, No 53 of 1973; amend. and suppl., No 22 of 1976, No 54 of 1978, No 28 of 1982, No 28 of 1983, No 36 of 1986, No 55 and 73 of 1991, No 21 and 34 of 1994, No 45 of 1996, No 87 of 1997, No 11 and 79 of 1998).

§ 10. The acts for implementation of the revoked Act on traffic on the roads shall retain their effect inasmuch as they do not contradict this Act.

§ 11. (1) (amend. SG 43/02; amend. and suppl. – SG 51/07; amend. - SG 36/08; amend. – SG 74/09, in force from 15.09.2009; amend. – SG 93/09, in force from 25.12.2009; amend. – SG 68/13, in force from 02.08.2013; amend. – SG, 14/2015, amend. – SG 58/17, in force from 18.07.2017) The fulfilment of the Act is assigned to the Minister of Transport, Information Technology and Communications, the Minister of Interior, the Minister of Regional Development and Public Works, the Minister of Education and Science, the Minister of Health, the Minister of Agriculture, Foods and Forestry and the Minister of Economy, the Minister of Justice, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Environment and waters, the district governors and the mayors of municipalities.

(2) (amend. SG 43/02) For implementation of this Act and of the ratified international agreements in the sphere of the traffic on the roads the Ministers of para 1 shall issue ordinances and instructions.

(3) (new – SG 51/07) Within the scope of their competence the bodies under para 1 shall annually work out and fulfill measures for implementation of the Act and for restriction of the number of victims from traffic accidents.

§ 11a. (new – SG 43/02, revoked – SG 115/04, amend. - SG 88/08, in force from 01.01.2009; revoked - SG 107/14, in force from 01.01.2015)

§ 12. (New, SG 76/02; suppl. - SG 92/15, in force from 01.01.2016) The regime of art. 91, as well as the legal capacities according to art. 165, para 2, item 1 of this Act shall also be exercised by specialised control bodies of Agency "Customs" in exercising the legal capacities assigned to them according to the Customs Act and Excises and Tax Warehouses Act and by observing the requirements of art. 170 of this Act.

§ 12a. (New – SG 16/03; amend. – SG 19/11, in force from 09.04.2011; amend. – SG 60/12, suppl. SG 55/18) The regime of art. 91, as well as the authorities of art. 165, para 2, item 1 shall be used also by the persons under Art. 197 and 198 of the Forestry Act when exercising their powers related to protection and control of the forest areas as well as by the authorized officers of the Executive Agency for Fisheries and Aquaculture under Art. 54, para. 1 of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Act in the exercise of their control powers on the use and conservation of fishery resources and observing the requirements of Art. 170.

§ 13. (Prev., § 12 - SG 76/02) The Act shall come into force on September 1, 1999 with exception of the provisions of Art. 143, para 6 and Art. 157 which shall apply from January 1, 2000.

The Act was passed by the 38th National Assembly on February 18, 1999 and was affixed with the official seal of the National Assembly.

**Concluding provisions
of the Act amending and supplementing the Road Traffic Act (SG 43/02)**

§ 78. (1) In one month term after this Act enters into force the Minister of Education and Science shall submit to the Minister of Transport and Communications the register of the issued and the revoked permissions for training for acquiring of competence for driving of motor vehicle and the submitted applications for issuing of permissions for implementing training of drivers of motor vehicles.

(2) The term of art. 152, para 1, item 3 for issuing of permission for training of drivers of motor vehicles shall be extended with 30 days for the applications, received till this Act enters into force.

§ 79. The introduction of a certificate for registration of the motor vehicles under art. 141, para 1 shall be implemented at initial registration, change of the registration and in compliance with the requirements of the European Union.

§ 80. In six months term after this Act enters into force the Council of Ministers shall approve regulation for implementation of the law.

§ 81. The ordinances, provided in this Act, shall be issued in six months term after it enters into force.

§ 82. The Act shall enter into force on the day of its promulgation in State Gazette, except § 17 and § 76, item 2, which shall enter into force one month after its promulgation.

The Act was passed by the 39th National Assembly on April 11, 2002 and is affixed with the official seal of the National Assembly.

**Concluding provisions
TO THE INSURANCE CODE
(PROM. – SG 103/05, IN FORCE FROM 01.01.2006)**

§. 28. The code shall enter in force from 1st of January 2006, except:

1. Art. 45, Para 3, Art. 47, Chapter Four, Art. 71, Para 4, Art. 77, Para 5, Art 80, Para 5, Art. 88, Para 3, Art. 89, Art. 99, Para 4, Art. 112-116, Art. 127, 137, 139-149, Chapter Seventeen, Chapter Twenty Two, Art. 254, Para 1, item 2, Art. 258, Para 1, items 2, 3 and 5, Art. 282, Para 2 and §. 13, item 2, letter "b", item 3, item 4, letter "c" and item 5 of the transitional and concluding provisions, which shall enter in force from the date of the Pre-accession to the European Union of the Republic of Bulgaria Agreement becomes effective;

2. Art. 254, Para 2 which shall enter in force from the date of the Decision of the European Commission, after the data about conclusion of an agreement between the National Bureau of the Bulgarian Automobile Insurers and the Bureaus of the Automobile Insurers of the Member States in accordance with Art. 2, Para 2 of Directive 72/166/EEC for harmonization of the legislation of the Member States, related with the insuring against civil liability with regard to the usage of motor vehicles and for imposing of obligation to insure against such liability is provided;

3. Art. 266, which shall enter into force from 11th of June 2012;

4. Art. 282, Para 4 and Art. 284 – 286, which shall enter in force from the date of the Decision of the European Commission, after the data about conclusion of an agreement between the National Bureau of the Bulgarian Automobile Insurers and the Bureaus of the Automobile Insurers of the Member States in accordance with Art. 6, Para 3 of Directive 200/26/EU for harmonization of the legislation of the Member States related with the insuring against civil liability with regard to the usage of motor vehicles and for amendment of Directives of the Council 73/239/ EEC and 88/357/EIO is provided. Until the date the Pre-accession to the European Union of the Republic of Bulgaria Agreement enters in force, the National Bureau of the Bulgarian Automobile Insurers shall establish the organization for execution of the functions as a compensatory body.

5. Art. 288, Para 2, which shall enter into force from 11th of June 2007 shall be applied for all filed claims for compensation on which up to this date the managing council of the Guarantee Fund has not pronounced; up to the date on which shall enter in force the Pre-accession to the European Union of the Republic of Bulgaria Agreement, the Guarantee Fund shall pay compensations only if the road-transport accident has occurred on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria; the Guarantee Fund shall establish the organisation for execution of the functions of Information Centre within a six-months term from the code enters in force.

Transitional and concluding provisions TO THE TAX-INSURANCE PROCEDURE CODE

(PROM. – SG 105/05, IN FORCE FROM 01.01.2006)

§ 88. The code shall enter in force from the 1st of January 2006, except Art. 179, Para 3, Art. 183, Para 9, § 10, item 1, letter "e" and item 4, letter "c", § 11, item 1, letter "b" and § 14, item 12 of the transitional and concluding provisions which shall enter in force from the day of promulgation of the code in the State Gazette.

Transitional and concluding provisions TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE CODE

(PROM. – SG 30/06, IN FORCE FROM 12.07.2006)

§ 40. In the Traffic Act (prom. SG 20/99; amend. SG 1/2000, SG 43, 45 and 76/02, SG 16 and 22/03 and SG 6, 70, 85 and 115/04. SG 79, 92, 99, 102, 105/05) the words "the Act for administrative procedures" shall be replaced everywhere by "the Administrative procedure code".

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§ 142. The code shall enter into force three months after its promulgation in State Gazette, with the exception of:

1. division three, § 2, item 1 and § 2, item 2 – with regards to the repeal of chapter third, section II "Appeal by court order", § 9, item 1 and 2, § 15 and § 44, item 1 and 2, § 51, item 1, § 53, item 1, § 61, item 1, § 66, item 3, § 76, items 1 – 3, § 78, § 79, § 83, item 1, § 84, item 1 and 2, § 89, items 1 - 4§ 101, item 1, § 102, item 1, § 107, § 117, items 1 and 2, § 125, § 128, items 1 and 2, § 132, item 2 and § 136, item 1, as well as § 34, § 35, item 2, § 43, item 2, § 62, item 1, § 66, items 2 and 4, § 97, item 2 and § 125, item 1 – with regard to the replacement of the word "the regional" with the "administrative" and the replacement of the word "the Sofia City Court" with "the Administrative court - Sofia", which shall enter into force from the 1st of May 2007;

2. paragraph 120, which shall enter into force from the 1st of January 2007;

3. paragraph 3, which shall enter into force from the day of the promulgation of the code in State Gazette.

**Transitional and concluding provisions
TO THE COMMERCIAL REGISTER ACT**

(PROM. – SG 34/06, IN FORCE FROM 01.10.2006)

§ 56. This Act shall enter into force from the 1st of October, with the exception of § 2 and § 3, which shall enter into force from the day of the promulgation of the law in State Gazette.

**Concluding provisions
TO THE ACT AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT**

(PROM. – SG 51/07)

§ 63. Everywhere in the Act the words "the Ministry of Transport and Communications", "the Minister of Transport and Communications", "Minister of Transport and Communications" shall respectively be replaced by "the Ministry of Transport", "the Minister of Transport" and "Minister of Transport".

**Transitional and concluding provisions
TO THE STATE AGENCY FOR NATIONAL SECURITY ACT**

(PROM. - SG 109/07, IN FORCE FROM 01.01.2008)

§ 44. The Act shall enter into force from 1 January 2008.

**Transitional and concluding provisions
TO THE ACT AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE FISHERY AND AQUACULTURE
ACT**

(PROM. - SG 36/08)

§ 81. In the Road Traffic Act (prom. - SG 20/99; amend. - SG 01/00, SG 43, 45 and 76/02, SG 16 and 22/03, SG 06, 70, 85 and 115/04, SG 79, 92, 99, 102, 103 and 105/05, SG 30, 34, 61, 80, 82, 85 and 102/06 and SG 22, 51, 53, 97 and 109/07) everywhere the words "the Minister of the Agriculture and the Forests" and "the Ministry of the Agriculture and the Forests" shall be replaced by "the Minister of the Agriculture and Food Supply" and "the Ministry of the Agriculture and Food Supply".

Concluding provisions

TO THE ACT AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING ACT

(PROM. – SG 74/09, IN FORCE FROM 15.09.2009)

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§ 21. Everywhere in the Road Traffic Act (prom. – SG 20/99; amend. – SG 01/00, SG 43 and 76/02, SG 16 and 22/03, SG 06, 70, 85 and 115/04, SG 79, 92 and 99/05, SG 102, 103 and 105/05, SG 30, 34, 61, 64, 80, 82, 85 and 102/06, SG 22, 51, 53, 97 and 109/07, SG 36, 43, 69, 88 and 102/08) the words "Minister of Education and Science" and "the Minister of Education and Science" shall be replaced respectively with "Minister of Education, Youth and Science" and "the Minister of Education, Youth and Science".
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§ 48. This Act shall enter into force from the day of its promulgation in the State Gazette, except § 1, which shall enter into force from 15 September 2009, and § 47, which shall enter into force from 1 October 2009.

Concluding provisions

TO THE ACT AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACT

(PROM. – SG 82/09, IN FORCE FROM 16.10.2009)

§ 4. This Act shall enter into force from the day of its promulgation in the State Gazette.

Transitional and concluding provisions

TO THE ACT AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR ACT

(PROM. – SG 93/09, IN FORCE FROM 25.12.2009)

§ 77. In the Road Traffic Act (prom. – SG 20/99; amend. – SG 01/00, SG 43 and 76/02, SG 16 and 22/03, SG 06, 70, 85 and 115/04, SG 79, 92 and 99/05, SG 102, 103 and 105/05, SG 30, 34, 61, 64, 80, 82, 85 and 102/06, SG 22, 51, 53, 97 and 109/07, SG 36, 43, 69, 88 and 102/08) shall be made the following amendments:

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7. In the rest texts of the Act the words "the Minister of Transport", "Minister of Transport" and "the Ministry of Transport" shall be replaced respectively by "the Minister of Transport, Information Technology and Communications", "Minister of Transport, Information Technology and Communications" and "the Ministry of Transport, Information Technology and Communications".
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§ 100. The Act shall enter into force within a month from its promulgation in the State Gazette,

except for § 1, 2, 21, 36, 39, 41, 44, 45, 49, 50, 51, 53, 55, 56, 57, 59, 62, 63,

Additional provisions
TO THE ACT AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT

(RPOM. - SG 54/10)

§ 34. Everywhere in this Act the measurement units "km/h", "kg", "cm³", "t", "km/h" and "mm" in Cyrillic shall be replaced by their Latin equivalents.

§ 35. This Act shall implement the requirements for:

1. Directive 2007/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 September 2007 establishing a framework for the approval of motor vehicles and their trailers, and of systems, components and separate technical units intended for such vehicles (OJ L 263/1 of 9 October 2007);

2. Directive 2002/24/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 March 2002 relating to the type-approval of two or three-wheel motor vehicles and repealing Council Directive 92/61/EEC;

3. Directive 2006/126/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 December 2006 on driving licenses.

Transitional and concluding provisions
TO THE ACT AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR ACT

(PROM. - SG 54/10; AMEND. – SG 60/12, IN FORCE FROM 07.08.2012)

§ 36. The provision of § 14 regarding Art. 147, Para 8 shall enter into force from 1 January 2011.

§ 37. The provisions of § 15 regarding Art. 148, Para 4, Item 2 and Para 9 - 14 shall enter into force three months after the date of promulgation of this Act in the State Gazette.

§ 38. The provisions of § 19 regarding Art. 150a and § 20 regarding Art. 151 shall enter into force from 19 January 2013, except for the provisions of Art. 151, Para 5, 6, 7 and 9.

§ 39. (1) In case of replacement, issue of a copy and issue of a driving license after obtaining a new category, category M shall be made equivalent to category AM.

(2) (amend. – SG 60/12, in force from 07.08.2012) All rights for driving a motor vehicle acquired before 19 January 2013 shall be preserved.

(3) (new – SG 60/12, in force from 07.08.2012) The persons holding capacity for driving motor vehicles of category Ttb, shall undergo training for acquiring capacity to drive a motor vehicle of category D by January 19, 2013.

§ 40. The provisions of Art. 166a, Para 1, Item 5 regarding the parts and equipment, which may

pose substantial risk to the proper functioning of primary systems related to the safety of vehicles on the roads or to its environmental characteristics, shall apply after the European Commission specified the requirements thereto.

**Transitional and concluding provisions
TO THE ACT AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE HEALTH ACT**

(PROM. – SG 98/10, IN FORCE FROM 01.01.2011)

§ 121. This Act shall enter into force from 1 January 2011, except for:

1. paragraphs 1, 16, 20, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 42, 44, § 56, Items 1 and 2, § 65, 68, 70, 76, 80, 81, 90, 92, 96, § 102, Items 3, 4, 5, 7 and 8, § 105, Items 1, 3 and 5, § 107, Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, Letter "a", Items 7, 10, 11, 13 and 15, Letter "a", § 109, 110, 112, 113, § 115, Item 5, § 116, Items 4 and 6, § 117, Items 5 and 7 and § 118, Item 1, which shall enter into force from the date of promulgation of this Act in the State Gazette;
2. paragraph 102, Items 1, 2 and 6, which shall enter into force from 1 March 2011;
3. paragraphs 22, Item 1 (regarding Art. 36, Para 1, second sentence), § 37, § 48, Item 2, § 51 and 59, which shall enter into force from 1 July 2011;
4. paragraph 107, Item 15, Letter "b", which shall enter into force from 30 September 2011.

**Transitional provisions
TO THE FORESTRY ACT**

(PROM. – SG 19/11, IN FORCE FROM 09.04.2011)

§ 42. This Act shall enter into force one month after its promulgation in the State Gazette except for:

1. paragraph 3, § 9, Para 9 – 11 and § 16, Item 41, which shall enter into force from the day of promulgation of the Law in the State Gazette;
2. Art. 14, Para 1, Item 2, Art. 115, Para 1, Item 2, Art. 116, Para 2, Art. 183, Para 2, Item 3 and Art. 249, Para 5, Item 3, which shall enter into force from 1 January 2016.

**Transitional and concluding provisions
TO THE WASTE MANAGEMENT ACT**

(PROM. – SG 53/12, IN FORCE FROM 13.07.2012)

§ 35. This Act shall enter into force from the day of its promulgation in the State Gazette except for the following provisions:

1. Art. 10, para 3 and 6, Art. 11, para 1, Art. 19, para 5, Art.38, para 4 and Art.39, para 3, which shall enter into force in two years time from the entry into force of the Act;
2. Art.33, para 4 and Art.34, which shall enter into force from January 1, 2013;
3. Art.49, para 8, which shall enter into force from January 1, 2015.

**Transitional and concluding provisions
TO THE LAW ON AMENDMENT AND SUPPLEMENTATION OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC**

ACT

(PROM. – SG 10/11)

§ 11. For offences, established before entry into force of this Act, shall apply the previous order.

Concluding provisions TO THE ACT AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (PROM. - SG 60/12, IN FORCE FROM 07.08.2012)

§ 30. The Act shall enter into force from the date of its promulgation in the State Gazette, except for § 1, which shall enter into force in one-year term from the promulgation of the Act in the State Gazette.

Transitional and concluding provisions TO THE ACT AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE BULGARIAN PERSONAL DOCUMENTS ACT

(PROMULG. - SG 75/12)

§ 6. (1) Paragraph 1 shall enter into force as of January 19, 2013.

(2) Driving licenses issued prior to January 19, 2013 shall be valid for the time period fixed therein.

Transitional and concluding provisions TO THE PUBLIC FINANCE ACT

(PROM. – SG 15/13, IN FORCE FROM 01.01.2014)

§ 123. The Act shall enter into force from January 1, 2014 except for § 115, which shall enter into force as of January 1, 2013 and § 18, § 114, § 120, § 121 and § 122, which shall enter into force as of February 1, 2013.

Concluding provisions TO THE ACT AMENDING THE YOUTH ACT (PROM. – SG 68/13, IN FORCE FROM 02.08.2013)

§ 21. In the Road Traffic Act (prom. SG 20/99; amend. SG 1/00, SG 43 and 76/02; SG 16 and 22/03; SG 6, 70, 85 and 115/04; SG 79, 92, 99, 102, 103 and 105/05; SG 30,34, 61, 64, 80, 82, 85 and 102/06; SG 22, 52, 53, 97 and 109/07; SG 36, 43, 69, 88 and 102/08; SG 74, 75, 82 and 93/09, SG 54, 98 and 100/10; SG 10, 19, 39 and 48/11; Decision No. 1 of the Constitutional Court of 2012 – SG 20/12; amend. SG 47, 53, 54, 60 and 75/12 and SG 15/13) everywhere the words "the Minister of Education, Youth and Science" and "Minister of Education, Youth and Science" shall be replaced respectively with "the Minister of Education and Science" and "Minister of Education and Science", the words "the Minister of Regional Development and Public Works" and "Minister of Regional Development and Public Works" shall be replaced respectively with "the Minister of Regional Development" and "Minister of Regional Development" and the words "the Minister of Economy, Energy and Tourism"

and "Minister of Economy, Energy and Tourism" shall be replaced respectively with "the Minister of Economy and Energy" and "Minister of Economy and Energy".

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§ 55. The Act shall enter into force from the day of its promulgation in State Gazette.

**Transitional and concluding provisions
TO THE ACT ON THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2015**

(PROM. - SG 107/14, IN FORCE FROM 01.01.2015)

§ 21. The Act shall enter into force as of January 1, 2015, except for § 19, which shall enter into force from December 2014.

**Additional provisions
TO THE ACT ON THE AMENDMENT AND SUPPLEMENTATION OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC
ACT**

(PROM. - SG 19/15; AMEND. - SG 37/15)

§ 11. Everywhere in this Act the words "Minister of Regional Development" shall be replaced by "Minister of Regional Development and Public Works".

§ 12. The present act shall implement the requirements of:

1. Commission Implementing Directive 2014/37/EU of 27 February 2014 amending Council Directive 91/671/EEC relating to the compulsory use of safety belts and child restraint systems in vehicles (OJ, L 59/32 of 28 February 2014).

2. (amend. - SG 37/15) Directive 2015/413/EU of the European Parliament and the Council of 11 March 2015 facilitating the cross-border exchange of information on road safety related traffic offences (OJ, L 68/9 of 13 March 2015).

**Concluding provisions
TO THE ACT ON THE AMENDMENT AND SUPPLEMENTATION OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC
ACT**

(PROM. - SG 19/15)

§ 13. The Minister of Interior or an official authorised by him shall present to the European Commission a comprehensive report of the advance of the national actions facilitating the trans-boundary exchange of information of the violations under Art. 189b by 6 May 2016.

§ 14. Within three months from entry into force of this Act the Minister of Interior shall issue the ordinance referred to in Art. 165, Para 3.

§ 15. The provision of § 9 regarding Art. 189e shall enter into force from 7 May 2016.

**Transitional and concluding provisions
TO THE PRE-SCHOOL AND SCHOOL EDUCATION ACT**

(PROM. - SG 79/15, IN FORCE FROM 01.08.2016)

§ 60. This Act shall enter into force from 1st August 2016, with the exception of:

1. Art. 22, para. 2 it. 3, 4 and 13 and para. 3, Chapter Six, Sections I, II and III and § 58, which

shall enter into force one month after the promulgation of the Act in the "State Gazette"

2. Chapter Seven, which shall enter into force two months after the promulgation of the Act in the "State Gazette"

3. Chapter Sixteen, which shall enter into force on January 1, 2017;

4. § 46 it. 1, letter "a", which shall enter into force on August 1, 2022.

Transitional and concluding provisions
TO THE ACT AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE EXCISES AND TAX
WAREHOUSES ACT

(PROM. - SG 92/15, IN FORCE FROM 01.01.2016)

§ 81. The Act shall enter into force on 1st of January 2016, with exception of § 26, item 1, letter "d" which shall enter into force on 1st of February 2016.

Transitional and concluding provisions
TO THE ACT AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE ACT ON REGISTRATION AND
CONTROL OF AGRICULTURAL AND FORESTRY MACHINERY

(PROM. - SG 95/15, IN FORCE FROM 01.01.2016)

§ 47. This Act shall enter into force from 1st of January 2016.

Concluding provisions
TO THE ACT AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE ROADS ACT
(PROM. – SG 101/15, IN FORCE FROM 22.12.2015)

§ 21. The Act shall enter into force from the date of its promulgation in the State Gazette.

Transitional and concluding provisions
TO THE INSURANCE CODE

(PROM. – SG, 102/2015, IN FORCE FROM 01.01.2016)

§ 50. (1) This Code shall enter into force on January 1, 2016, with the exception of Art. 574, Para. 8, which comes into force on July 1, 2016.

(2) Until July 1, 2016 the exchange of data under Art. 574, Para. 3-7 shall be performed weekly, as each first working day of the week:

1. The Ministry of Interior and Executive Agency "Automobile Administration" shall provide the Information Center actual data as per Art. 574, Para. 3 and 4;

2. The Information Center shall provide the Ministry of Interior and the Executive Agency "Automobile Administration" actual data as per Art. 574, Para. 5-7.

Transitional and concluding provisions
TO THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT ACT

(PROM. – SG 13/16, IN FORCE FROM 15.04.2016)

§ 29. This Act shall enter into force on April 15, 2016, with the exception of:

1. Article 39, which shall enter into force on July 1, 2017 and – regarding the central purchasing bodies - from January 1, 2017;

2. Article 40:
 - a) Para 1 and Para 3, item 1-4 and item 10, which shall enter into force from July 1, 2017;
 - b) Para 3 item 5-9, which shall enter into force from January 1, 2020;
3. Article 41, Para 1 - on technical compatibility and connectivity, and para 2, which shall enter into force from July 1, 2017;
4. Article 59, Para 4, which shall enter into force on July 1, 2018;
5. Article 67:
 - a) Para 4 - concerning the mandatory representation of ESPD in electronic form, which shall enter into force on April 1, 2018;
 - b) Para 8, item 2, which shall enter into force on June 1, 2018;
6. Article 97, which shall enter into force on January 1, 2017;
7. Article 232, which shall enter into force on September 1, 2016;
8. § 26, Para 1 and § 27, which shall enter into force from the day of promulgation of the Act in the State Gazette.

Transitional and concluding provisions
TO THE ACT AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE ELECTRONIC GOVERNMENT
ACT

(PROM. - SG 50/16, IN FORCE FROM 01.07.2016)

§ 60. This Act shall enter into force on the day of its promulgation in the State Gazette, except for the provisions of:

1. paragraph 15, which shall enter into force on January 1, 2018;
2. paragraph 18, items 2 and 3, which shall enter into force on June 1, 2017.

Transitional and concluding provisions
TO THE ACT AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR ACT

(PROM. - SG 81/16, IN FORCE FROM 01.01.2017; SUPPL. – SG 98/16, IN FORCE FROM 01.01.2017)

§ 102. This Act shall enter into force on January 1, 2017, except for:

1. paragraphs 6-8, § 12, items 1, 2 and 4, § 13, § 14, § 18-20, § 23, § 26-31, § 32, items 1 and 4, § 33-39, § 41-48, § 49 on Art. 187, para. 3, first sentence, § 50-59, § 61-65, § 81-85, § 86, item 4 and 5, § 87, item 3, § 90, item 1, § 91, item 2 and 3, § 92, § 93 and § 97-101, which shall enter into force from the day of the Act's promulgation in the State Gazette.

2. paragraph 32, item 2 and 3, § 49 on Art. 187, para. 3, new second sentence, § 69-72, § 76 concerning persons under § 70, § 78 with respect to employees under § 69 and § 70, § 79 regarding employees under § 69 and § 70, § 91, item 1 and § 94, which shall enter into force on February 1, 2017.

3. (new – SG 98/16, in force from 01.01.2017) Para 22, § 73 - 75, § 76 on persons under § 75, § 77, § 78 with regard to persons under § 73, § 79 with regard to persons under § 73, § 80 and § 89 items 2-5, which shall enter into force from 1 of January 2018.

Transitional and concluding provisions
TO THE ACT ON THE STATE BUDGET FOR 2017

(PROM. – SG 98/16, IN FORCE FROM 01.01.2017)

§ 20. This Act shall enter into force on 1 of January 2017.

Concluding provisions

TO THE ACT AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT

(PROM. - SG 101/16, IN FORCE FROM 21.01.2017)

§ 41. This Act shall enter into force one month after its promulgation in the State Gazette, with the exception of § 20 which shall enter into force on July 1, 2017.

Transitional and concluding provisions

TO THE ACT AMENDING AN SUPPLEMENTING THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT

(PROM. - S SG 9/17, in force from 26.01.2017)

§ 25. Certificates for determining of technical services, issued before the enactment of this Act, shall remain in effect until the expiry of their validity.

§ 26. Applications for the issuance of a certificate to determine the technical service, received before the enactment of this Act, shall be considered under the order prevailing hitherto.

§ 27. This Act shall enter into force on the day of its promulgation in the State Gazette, except for:

- 1. paragraph 13, item 1 and § 20 which shall enter into force one month after the promulgation of the act in the State Gazette;
- 2. paragraphs 8, 9 and § 23, item 3 which shall enter into force 6 months after the promulgation of the act in the State Gazette;
- 3. paragraph 21,item 3 relating to para. 7, item 5, § 21, item 4 relating to para. 8, item 7 and para. 9, item 7 and § 23, item 2 relating to item 66, letter "k", which shall enter into force on March 31, 2018.

Transitional and concluding provisions

TO THE ACT AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE ROADS ACT

(PROM. - SG 11/17, IN FORCE FROM 31.01.2017)

§ 8. This Act shall enter into force from the day of its promulgation in the State Gazette, except for § 3, item 1 regarding Art. 10a, Para. 3, first and third sentences in the part "quarterly", sentence four in the part "three months", as well as for the one-year validity period of the annual vignette from the day of its purchase, and item 4 regarding Para. 14, which shall enter into force from January 1, 2018.

Concluding provisions

TO THE ACT AMENDING THE ACT ON BULGARIAN FOOD SAFETY AGENCY

(PROM. - SG 58/17, IN FORCE FROM 18.07.2017)

§ 17. In the Road Traffic Act following amendments shall be made:

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2. Everywhere in the Act words "Minister of Agriculture and Food" and "Ministry of Agriculture and Food" shall be replaced with words "Minister of Agriculture, Food and Forestry" and "Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forestry".

§ 76. This Act shall enter into force on the day of its promulgation in the State Gazette.

Transitional and concluding provisions

TO THE ACT AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT

(PROM. - SG 77/17, IN FORCE FROM 26.09.2017)

§ 16. Persons who have completed basic education or who have completed the 10th grade in accordance with the repealed National Education Act (Prom., SG, No 86/1991; amend., No 90/1996, No

36, 124 and 153/1998, No 67 and 68/1999, No 90 and 95/2002, No 71, 86 and 114/2003, No 40/2004, No 28, 94, 103 and 105/2005, No 41 and 105/2006, No 113/2007, No 50/2008, No 35, 36 and 74/2009, No 50 and 78/2010, No 9, 23 and 99/2011, No 102/2012, No 68, 84 and 109/2013, No 61/2014; revoked, No 79/2015; suppl., No 80/2015) until the entry into force of this Act shall receive a driving license under the current procedure.

§ 17. The Act shall enter into force on the day of its promulgation in the State Gazette with the exception of:

1. Paragraphs 5, 6 and 7 and § 13, item 2, which shall enter into force three months after the promulgation of the Act in the State Gazette;
2. Paragraph 11, which shall enter into force on 1 January 2018.

Transitional and concluding provisions
TO THE ACT AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR
ACT

(PROM. – SG 97/17)

§ 56. (1) Paragraphs 4, 6, 11, 12, 14, § 34, item 1, letter “b” and item 2, § 40, 41, § 51, item 1, item 2 regarding sentence two, item 7, letter “b” and item 12, letter “b” and § 52, shall enter into force on January 1st, 2018.

(2) Paragraph 44, item 11, shall enter into force on January 1st, 2017.

(3) Paragraph 45, item 4 shall enter into force on August 1st, 2017.

(4) Paragraph 47, item 2 and item 14, letter "d", § 51, item 2 regarding sentence one, item 3, letter "b" and item 14, letter "a" regarding item 68, shall enter into force 6 months after the promulgation of the act in the State Gazette.

Additional provisions
TO THE ACT AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT

(PROM. - SG 2/18, IN FORCE FROM 03.01.2018)

§ 25. This Act shall introduce the requirements of:

1. Directive 2014/45/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 April 2014 on periodic roadworthiness tests for motor vehicles and their trailers and repealing Directive 2009/40/EC (OJ, L 127/51 of 29 April 2014);

2. Directive 2014/47/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 3 April 2014 on the technical roadside inspection of the roadworthiness of commercial vehicles circulating within the Union, and repealing Directive 2000/30/EC (OJ, L 127/134 of 29 April 2014).

Concluding provisions
TO THE ACT AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT

(PROM. - SG 2/18, IN FORCE FROM 03.01.2018)

§ 26. This Act shall enter into force on the day of its promulgation in the State Gazette, with the exception of:

1. paragraph 1, § 2, § 4, § 5, § 7, items 1 and 2, item 3 - concerning Para. 3, items 1 - 4, item 5, letter “a” and item 6, and items 4-8, § 8, items 1, 5 and 6, letter "c", § 13, § 14, § 17, items 2 - 4, § 19, item 1, letter “b”, § 20, § 21, § 22, § 23 and § 24, which shall enter into force on May 20, 2018;

2. paragraph 6, items 2 and 3, which shall enter into force on June 6 2018;

3. paragraph 7, item 3 - regarding Para. 3, item 5, letter "b", which shall enter into force on January 1st, 2023.

Transitional and concluding provisions
TO THE ACT ON THE ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES
RELATED TO CRUDE OIL AND PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

(PROM. - SG 62/18, IN FORCE FROM 28.01.2019)

§ 9. The Act shall enter into force within 6 months of its promulgation in the State Gazette, except for:

1. Article 4, Para. 4, § 6 and § 8, which are to enter into force on the day of its promulgation in the State Gazette;
2. Paragraph 2 on the minimum storage capacity of the tax warehouses for LPG storage, which is to enter into force two years after its promulgation in the State Gazette.

Transitional and concluding provisions
TO THE ACT AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE
CODE

(PROM. - SG 77/18, IN FORCE FROM 01.01.2019)

§ 156. The Act shall enter into force on 1 January 2019, with the exception of:

1. paragraphs 4, 11, 14, 16, 20, 30, 31, 74 and § 105 item 1 on the first sentence, and item 2 which shall enter into force on 10 October 2019;
2. paragraphs 38 and 77, which shall enter into force two months after the promulgation of this Act in the State Gazette;
3. paragraph 79, items 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7, § 150 and 153, which shall enter into force on the day of the promulgation of this Act in the State Gazette.

Transitional and concluding provisions
TO THE ACT AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT ACT

(PROM. - SG 86/18, IN FORCE FROM 01.03.2019)

§ 141. The Act shall enter into force on 1 March 2019, with the exception of:

1. paragraphs 95, 97, 98, 100, 102, 136 and 138, which shall enter into force on the day of the promulgation of this Act in the State Gazette;
2. paragraph 14, item 3, § 22, § 24 on the revocation of Art. 40 and 41, § 42, item 2, § 43, item 2, § 44, item 2, § 47, 51, 52, 53, § 69, item 2, § 127 and 137, which will enter into force on 18 October 2018;
3. Paragraph 10, item 4, § 12, § 14, items 1 and 2, § 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, § 23 concerning Art. 39a, para. 1, para. 2, items 1-4, 8, 10 and 11 and para. 4 - 11, § 24 on the revocation of Art. 43 § 25, § 39, item 1, § 42, item 1, § 43, item 1, § 44, item 1, § 65, 67, 68, § 69, item 1, § 70, 73, 76, § 81, item 2, § 84, 85, § 86, item 3, § 88, 90, § 91, item 2, § 94, 99, § 105, item 1, letter "d", § 109, item 3, § 122 concerning Art. 256c and § 130, which shall enter into force on 1 November 2019;
4. Paragraph 19 on Art. 36a, para. 5 and § 23 concerning Art. 39a, para. 2, items 5 - 7 and 9 and para. 3, which shall enter into force on 1 January 2021.

Transitional and concluding provisions

TO THE ACT AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT

(PROM. – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019)

§ 18. The special motor vehicles of the General Directorate for Fire Safety and Protection of the Population of the Ministry of Interior shall undergo a roadworthiness check before 1 July 2019.

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§ 22. This Act shall enter into force on 1 January 2019, with the exception of:

1. Paragraph 21, item 1, letter “c” which shall enter into force on 1 March 2019;
2. Paragraph 4, item 2 regarding Art. 139, Para. 7, § 10 concerning Art. 167, Para. 3a and § 14, item 2 regarding Art. 179, Para. 3a, 3b, 3d and 3g, which shall enter into force on 16 August 2019;
3. Paragraph 14, item 1 regarding Art. 179, Para. 3 in respect of road vehicles with a technically permissible maximum laden mass over 3,5 tonnes, which shall enter into force on 16 August 2019;
4. paragraph 8, item 2, letter “c”, which shall enter into force on 1 May 2019.

**Transitional and concluding provisions
TO THE PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**



(PROM. – SG 105/18, in force from 01.01.2019)

§ 28. This Act shall enter into force on 1 January 2019, with the exception of:

1. Article 73, Para. 3 and § 16 and 18, which shall enter into force on 1 January 2020;
2. Paragraph 7, Para. 6, which shall enter into force on the day of promulgation of the Act in the State Gazette;
3. Paragraphs 12 and 13 which shall enter into force on 1 January 2021.

Appendix to Art. 99a, para 1

(new - SG 60/12, in force from 07.08.2012, amend. - SG 17/18)

	<p>PARKING CARD FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES</p>  <p>Модел на Европейските общности Parking card Parksehein Carte de stationnement Κάρτα στάθμευσης cardul de parcare</p>
<p>Date of expiry: Serial number: Mayor of municipality:..... (name, signature, stamp)</p>	<p>This card entitles its holder to preferential parking of vehicles transporting persons with disabilities at the designated places.</p> <p>When in use, the card is to be displayed at the front of the vehicle in such a way that the front of the card is clearly visible for checking purposes.</p>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 100%; text-align: center; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <p>PICTURE</p> </div> <p>Surname: Name: Signature:</p>	

1. The preferential parking card for a vehicle used by people with disabilities shall have the following dimensions: 106 mm height and 148 mm width.

2. (amend. - SG 17/18) The colour of the parking card shall be light blue, except for the white wheelchair-user symbol "people with disabilities", which shall have a dark blue background.

3. Preferential parking cards shall be plastic-coated.

4. Fields on the front and back of preferential parking cards shall be divided vertically into two parts.

The left-hand side of the front shall contain:

- the wheel-chair user symbol in white on a dark blue background,
- the date of expiry of the parking card,
- the serial number of the parking card,
- the name and stamp of the issuing authority/organisation;

The right-hand side of the front shall contain:

- in capital letters, the words "Parking card for people with disabilities" in Bulgarian language; after a suitable space, the words 'Parking card` shall appear in small type in the other languages of the European Union,

- the words "Модел на Европейските общности" ("European Communities' model") in Bulgarian language,

- as a background the distinguishing country code of Bulgaria - BG, surrounded by a circle of 12 stars symbolizing the European Union.

The left-hand side of the reverse shall contain:

- the holder's surname;

- the holder's forename(s);

- the holder's signature or other authorised mark, if allowed under national legislation;

- the holder's photograph.

The right-hand side of the reverse shall contain:

the statement: 'This card entitles the holder to the special local parking facilities available in the Member State concerned`;

the statement: 'When in use, the card is to be displayed at the front of the vehicle in such a way that the front of the card is clearly visible for checking purposes`.

All the information is in Bulgarian language.

Relevant acts of European legislation

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COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 1999/37/EC OF 29 APRIL 1999 ON THE REGISTRATION DOCUMENTS FOR VEHICLES

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COUNCIL DIRECTIVE 76/914/EEC OF 16 DECEMBER 1976 ON THE MINIMUM LEVEL OF TRAINING FOR SOME ROAD TRANSPORT DRIVERS

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