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COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
AND PUBLIC WORKS
MANUAL OF BASIC REGULATIONS OF OPERATION

MATTER: Regulations for regulating the issuance, use, renewal, and cancellation of the special license plate of the official vehicle of the chief of each consular mission that request it.	REGULATIONS NO. 87-20-01	PAGES: 1 to 6
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ARTICLE I - AUTHORITY

THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POWERS CONFERRED ON HIM BY LAW NO. 40 OF MAY 30, 1984, IN ADDITION TO SECTION 2-412 OF LAW NO. 141 OF JULY 20, 1960, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE VEHICLES AND TRANSIT LAW OF PUERTO RICO, HEREBY PROMULGATES THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS, TO GOVERN THE ISSUANCE, USE, RENEWAL, AND CANCELLATION OF THE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE OF THE OFFICIAL VEHICLE OF THE CHIEF OF EACH CONSULAR MISSION THAT REQUESTS IT.

ARTICLE II - APPLICATION

THE PROVISIONS OF THESE REGULATIONS SHALL BE APPLICABLE TO THE CONSUL OR HIGHEST OFFICIAL OF THE CONSULAR MISSION, AS DEFINED IN ARTICLE III OF THESE REGULATIONS.

ARTICLE III - DEFINITIONS

THE FOLLOWING TERMS SHALL HAVE THE MEANINGS EXPRESSED BELOW:

CONSUL OR HIGHEST OFFICIAL (CHIEF) OF THE CONSULAR MISSION:

SHALL BE THAT PERSON WHO IN AN INHABITED AREA CARES FOR THE NATIONALS AND THE INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRY THAT HE REPRESENTS, DULY ACCREDITED BEFORE THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF PUERTO RICO AS A CARRER OR

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Secretario de Estado
Por: [signature]
Secretaria Auxiliar de Estado

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	HONORARY CONSUL AND WHO IS THE PERMANENT, NOT TEMPORARY, CHIEF OF A DULY ACCREDITED CONSULAR POST.
CONSULAR MISSION	SHALL MEAN THE REPRESENTATION OR OFFICE WHICH IN AN INHABITED AREA TAKES CARE OF THE NATIONALS AND INTERESTS OF THE COUNTRY THAT HE REPRESENTS, DULY ACCREDITED BEFORE THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF PUERTO RICO AS A PERMANENT, NOT TEMPORARY, CONSULAR MISSION, DIRECTED ADMINISTERED, AND SUPERVISED BY THE CONSUL OR HIGHEST OFFICIAL (CHIEF) OF THE CONSULAR MISSION.
SECRETARY	SHALL MEAN THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS.
SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE	SHALL MEAN THE LICENSE PLATE AUTHORIZED BY THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS, WHICH SHALL BEAR THE LETTERS "MC" MENTION CONSULAR MISSION, THE TERM PUERTO RICO, AND SPECIAL NUMBERING FOR THEIR CONTROL AND IDENTIFICATIONS.

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ARTICLE IV - ISSUANCE OF SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE

THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS SHALL ISSUE YEARLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURE PRESCRIBED BY THESE REGULATIONS, A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE FOR THE VEHICLE OF THE CONSUL OR HIGHEST OFFICIAL (CHIEF) OF A CONSULAR MISSION DULY ACCREDITED BEFORE THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATE AND OF PUERTO RICO, IN ADDITION TO THE OFFICIAL LICENSE PLATE ISSUED TO THE VEHICLE. SAID ISSUANCE SHALL BE MADE AT THE REQUEST OF THE INTERESTED PARTY.

ARTICLE V - APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE

THE CONSUL OR HIGHEST OFFICIAL (CHIEF) OF THE CONSULAR MISSION, DULY CERTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND WHO COMPLIES WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE VEHÍCLES AND TRANSIT LAW OF PUERTO RICO, WHO WISHES A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE TO BE ISSUED TO HIM BY THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS, MUST APPLY FOR IT BY USING THE FORM ADOPTED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

ARTICLE VI - USE OF THE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE

THE SPECIAL LICENCE PLATE ISSUED TO THE CONSUL OR HIGHEST OFFICIAL (CHIEF) OF THE CONSULAR MISSION SHALL BE UTILIZED SOLELY AND EXCLUSIVE ON THE VEHICLE USED BY HIM, FOR WHICH IT WAS ISSUED, DURING THE PERIOD OF EFFECTIVENESS OF THE REGULAR PLATE. THE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE SHALL BE DISPLAYED AT THE REAR OF THE VEHICLE; IT BEING PRECRIBED THAT THE REGULAR LICENSE PLATE SHALL BE DISPLAYED AT THE FRONT OF THE VEHICLE, AT THE SPOT DESIGNATED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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ARTICLE VII - RENEWAL OF THE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE

THE CONSUL OR HIGHEST OFFICIAL (CHIEF) OF THE CONSULAR MISSION TO WHOM THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS HAS ISSUED A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE SHALL BE OBLIGATED TO RENEW SAID LICENSE PLATE ON THE EXPIRATION OF THE PERIOD OF ITS EFFECTIVENESS, FOLLOWING THE ESTABLISHED PROCEDURE.

ARTICLE VIII - CANCELLATION OF THE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE

THE OCCURRENCE OF ONE OF THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS SHALL BE SUFFICIENT CAUSE FOR THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC WORKS TO CANCEL THE AUTHORIZATION GRANTED FOR THE USE OF A SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE:

A. WHEN THE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE IS USED ON A VEHICLE FOR WHICH IT WAS NOT ISSUED, OR WHEN IT IS DRIVEN BY A PERSON TO WHOM THIS PRIVILEGE HAS NOT BEEN EXTENDED.

B. WHEN THE CONSUL OR HIGHEST OFFICIAL (CHIEF) OF THE CONSULAR MISSION, TO WHOM THE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE WAS ISSUED, HAS NOT RETURNED IT BY REASON OF:

1. HAVING CEASED IN HIS FUNCTIONS AS CONSUL OR HIGHEST OFFICIAL (CHIEF) OF THE CONSULAR MISSION OR HAVING LOST HIS ACCREDITATION AS SUCH.
2. HAVING DISPOSED OF THE VEHICLE AS JUNK OR HAVING ABANDONED IT AS USELESS.

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3. HAVING SOLD THE VEHICLE OR HAVING SENT IT OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY.

4. THE VEHICLE NOT BEING AUTHORIZED TO BE USED ON THE PUBLIC ROADS OF PUERTO RICO.

C. WHEN THE INFORMATION GIVEN ON THE APPLICATION FOR THE ISSUANCE OR RENEWAL OF THE SPECIAL LICENSE PLATE IS FALSE OR INSUFFICIENT, OR LEGAL REQUIREMENTS HAVE NOT BEEN MET.

D. WHEN THE SECRETARY OF STATE SO REQUEST, IN CASE OF NONCOMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF LAW.

ARTICLE IX - PENALTIES

ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THESE REGULATIONS SHALL BE PUNISHED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS ESTABLISHED IN SECTION 2-412 (K) OF LAW NUMBER 141 OF JULY 20, 1960, AS AMENDED, KNOWN AS THE VEHICLES AND TRANSIT LAW OF PUERTO RICO.

ARTICLES X - AMENDMENTS

THESE REGULATIONS SHALL BE AMENDED WHENEVER THE SECRETARY DEEMS IT NECESSARY IN ORDER TO FULFIL ITS PURPOSES.

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ARTICLE XI - SEPARABILITY CLAUSE

IF ANY PROVISION AUTHORIZED IN THESE REGULATIONS IS DECLARED UNONSTITUTIONAL OR VOID BY A COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION, THE REMAINING PROVISIONS OF THE REGULATIONS SHALL CONTINUE IN EFFECT.

ARTICLE XII - EFFECTIVENESS

THESE REGULATIONS SHALL ENTER INTO EFFECT THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER HAVING BEEN FILED AT AND PROMULGATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

APPROVED:
25/11/87

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SECRETARY

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