

**REGULATION NO. 2001/29**

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**ON DOCUMENTS PERMITTING THE OPERATION OF VEHICLES IN KOSOVO  
AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS**

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General,

Pursuant to the authority given to him under the United Nations Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) of 10 June 1999,

Taking into account United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) Regulation No. 1999/1 of 25 July 1999, as amended, on the Authority of the Interim Administration in Kosovo and UNMIK Regulation No. 2000/12 of 14 March 2000 on the Establishment of the Administrative Department of Public Services,

For the purpose of regulating the operation of vehicles in Kosovo and other related matters,

Hereby promulgates the following:

Section 1

**Documents Permitting the Operation of Vehicles in Kosovo**

1.1 A person shall be permitted to operate a vehicle in Kosovo if he/she is the holder of :

- (a) a valid driver's license (hereinafter the "Kosovo driver's license") issued by the competent governmental authority in Kosovo;
- (b) a valid driver's license issued by the competent authorities of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia;
- (c) a valid driver's license issued by the competent authorities of a foreign State;
- (d) a valid driver's permit issued by the United Nations for United Nations staff permitting the use of United Nations vehicles. Such driver's permit shall only be valid for the operation of a United Nations vehicle;
- (e) a valid driver's permit issued by organizations that form an integral part of UNMIK (e.g. Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe) for their staff permitting the use of vehicles of such organizations. Such driver's permit shall only be valid for the operation of a vehicle of such organization; or
- (f) a valid driver's permit issued by KFOR for KFOR staff permitting the use of KFOR vehicles. Such driver's permit shall only be valid for the operation of a KFOR vehicle.

1.2 A driver's license issued by a foreign State shall be deemed valid for use in the territory of Kosovo unless UNMIK, in its sole discretion, determines otherwise and so advises the holder of such driver's license.

## Section 2

### **Kosovo Driver's License**

2.1 The Kosovo driver's license shall be issued to habitual residents of Kosovo, within the meaning of the term under the applicable law, by the competent governmental authority responsible for public services in Kosovo (hereinafter the "competent governmental authority").

2.2 The Kosovo driver's license shall be issued in the English, Albanian and Serbian languages.

2.3 The Kosovo driver's license shall be valid for a period of up to five (5) years from the date of issuance with the possibility of extension.

## Section 3

### **Responsibilities of the Competent Governmental Authority**

3.1 The competent governmental authority shall be responsible for the overall management of the issuance of the Kosovo driver's license, licenses for the operation of driving schools, licenses for driving school instructors and other related matters.

3.2 The competent governmental authority shall *inter alia*:

(a) issue, replace, revoke, suspend and/or extend the Kosovo driver's license in accordance with the applicable law;

(b) determine the contents of driving tests and examinations for drivers;

(c) in cooperation with UNMIK Police, establish a commission that is responsible for conducting the driving tests and examinations for drivers who have completed their theoretical and practical training at a licensed driving school. The members of the commission shall be appointed and dismissed in accordance with the applicable law;

(d) issue, revoke, suspend and/or extend licenses for the operation of driving schools in accordance with procedures that shall be set out in an administrative direction;

(e) approve teaching materials, including teaching plans and programs, for the licensed driving schools;

(f) supervise the activities of the licensed driving schools and carry out inspections of such driving schools as may be required;

(g) set the maximum attendance fees and other charges that may be levied by the licensed driving schools;

- (h) establish schools for driving instructors and issue, revoke, suspend and/or extend licenses for driving instructors in accordance with the applicable law;
- (i) set and levy fees and other charges for the issuance, replacement and extension of the Kosovo driver's license, licenses for the operation of driving schools and licenses for driving school instructors;
- (j) establish and maintain an archive for records relating to the issuance of the Kosovo driver's license, licenses for the operation of driving schools, licenses for driving school instructors and other related matters;
- (k) coordinate with other governmental authorities, Municipalities and UNMIK Police on issues relating to the issuance of the Kosovo driver's license, licenses for the operation of driving schools, licenses for driving school instructors and other related matters; and
- (l) issue administrative instructions and operating guidelines on any matters pertaining to the functions of the competent governmental authority under the present regulation.

#### Section 4

##### **Medical Examinations**

Medical examinations for persons applying for the Kosovo driver's license shall be carried out by accredited general practitioners in accordance with procedures under the applicable law.

#### Section 5

##### **Transitional Provisions**

5.1 A driver's license issued by the competent authorities of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in the territory of Kosovo that has expired after 1 January 1999 shall be deemed valid until 30 June 2002. Thereafter, such driver's license, unless duly extended by the competent authorities of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia outside of Kosovo or in conformity with arrangements expressly authorized by UNMIK, shall be replaced by the Kosovo driver's license upon application to the competent governmental authority.

5.2 Where a valid driver's license issued by the competent authorities of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia in the territory of Kosovo is destroyed, stolen or lost, the holder of such driver's license may apply to the competent governmental authority for a certified copy of the driver's license back-up document. The certified copy of the driver's license back-up document shall be recognized by UNMIK as the official replacement document of the original driver's license with the same validity.

5.3 Where a member of the Kosovo Police Service cannot demonstrate that he/she holds a valid driver's license, such member may apply to the competent governmental authority for a provisional driver's certificate on the condition that he/she has successfully completed driver's training at the Kosovo Police Service School. The provisional driver's certificate shall be recognized by UNMIK as a temporary driver's permit and shall be valid for a period

of up to six (6) months from the date of issuance. The provisional driver's certificate shall allow such member to operate an official vehicle while on duty.

Section 6  
**Implementation**

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General may issue administrative directions for the implementation of the present regulation.

Section 7  
**Applicable Law**

The present regulation shall supersede any provisions in the applicable law which is inconsistent with it.

Section 8  
**Entry into Force**

The present regulation shall enter into force on 27 October 2001.

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