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PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL

Government Notifications

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THE MOTOR TRAFFIC ACT (CHAPTER 203)

REGULATIONS made by the Minister of Transport and Highways under Section 237 of the Motor Traffic Act (Chapter 203) read with sections 21, 22, 23, 24 and 24A of that Act.

DR. BANDULA GUNAWARDANE,
Minister of Transport and Highways.

Colombo,
October 04th 2023.

Regulations

The Motor Traffic (Miscellaneous) Regulations 1951, published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 10,360 of February 27, 1952 and last amended by regulations published in the *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 2032/ 36 of August 18, 2017, are hereby further amended as follows: -



(1) in regulation 10 of those regulations-

- (a) in paragraph (1) of that regulation, by the substitution for the figure and words “(1) The Identification Number Plate shall be”, of the words “The Identification Number Plate shall be”; and
- (b) by the repeal of paragraph (2) of that regulation;

(2) by the repeal of regulation 11 of those regulations and the substitution therefor of the following regulation: -

“11. The Identification Number Plates of classes of motor vehicles which are described in Columns I, II and III of Part ‘A’ and Columns I, II and III of Part ‘B’ of the First Schedule to these regulations and which are depicted in the Diagrams set out in Part ‘A’ to Part ‘E’ of the Third Schedule to these regulations shall conform to the following specifications as more fully described in the Second Schedule to these regulations: -

- (a) the Emblem of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka shall be embedded at the top left corner of the high-quality reflecting sheeting of the given specifications and shall be incorporated with the specified security features;
- (b) the chromium-based security hologram shall be hot stamped to the Identification Number Plate on the right-hand side to the Emblem referred to in paragraph (a); and
- (c) in the case of a motor vehicle belonging to a diplomatic mission in Sri Lanka, the letters “DP”, and in the case of a motor vehicle belonging to the United Nations Organization or any of its agencies in Sri Lanka, the letters “UN” shall be embossed below the Emblem referred to in paragraph (a) as depicted in Diagrams B1 to B5 in Part B and D1 to D5 in Part D of the Third Schedule to these regulations.”.

(3) by the repeal of regulation 18 of those regulations and the substitution therefor of the following regulation: -

“18. (1) The letters, figures and numbers of the Identification Number Plate of-

- (a) any motor vehicle other than the motor vehicles belonging to the Government or semi-Government Institutions or the United Nations Organization or any of its agencies in Sri Lanka, shall be-
 - (i) black hot stamped or pressed; or
 - (ii) black hot stamped or pressed with a chromatic inscript “DMT”;
 - (b) any motor vehicle belonging to the Government or semi-Government Institutions shall be-
 - (i) blue (colour code RAL 5013) hot stamped or pressed; or
 - (ii) blue (colour code RAL 5013) hot stamped or pressed with a chromatic inscript “DMT”; and
 - (c) any motor vehicle belonging to the United Nations Organization or any of its agencies in Sri Lanka shall be-
 - (i) blue (colour code PANTONE PMS 279) hot stamped or pressed; or
 - (ii) blue (colour code PANTONE PMS 279) hot stamped or pressed with a chromatic inscript “DMT”.
- (2) The letters, figures and numbers of the Identification Number Plate of motor vehicles referred to in paragraph (1) shall be stamped or pressed in the manner specified in that subsection-
- (a) in the case of the front Identification Number Plate, on a white retro – reflective background; and
 - (b) in the case of the rear Identification Number Plate, on a yellow retro – reflective background.”.

(4) in regulation 19 of those regulations-

(a) in paragraph (2) of that regulation-

(i) by the substitution for the words “more fully depicted in the diagrams set out in the Third schedule to those regulations”, of the words and figures “more fully depicted in the Diagrams E1 and E2 set out in Part E of the Third Schedule to these regulations”; and

(ii) by the repeal of item (iii) of that paragraph, and the substitution therefor of the following item: -

“(iii) one letter which shall be the district identification letter as specified in regulation 21B, two figures immediately after the district identification letter which shall be the last two digits of the year of issue of the Identification Number Plate, a dash and four figures after the dash as assigned to the respective motor vehicle;”;

(b) in paragraph (3) of that regulation, by the substitution for the words “as are set out in the First Schedule and Schedule to those regulations.”, of the words “as are morefully described in the Second Schedule to these regulations.”; and

(c) by the repeal of paragraph (4) of that regulation.

(5) by the repeal of regulation 20 of those regulations and the substitution therefor of the following regulation: -

“20. (1) A motor vehicle registration identification number plate sticker (hereinafter referred to as the “sticker”) shall be issued for all motor vehicles other than the motor vehicles referred to in regulation 19, on payment of such fees as are specified in the Fourth Schedule to these regulations.

(2) Where the sticker issued under paragraph (1) is for motor cycles, hand tractors or land vehicles, the sticker shall conform to the specifications which are set out below and which are more fully depicted in Diagram 1 set out in the Fifth Schedule to these regulations: -

(a) the sticker shall be rectangular in shape of the size 100mm x 18mm and shall be lined with an enduring security adhesive;

(b) the sticker shall contain-

(i) the Emblem of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka at its right corner;

(ii) the Radio Frequency Identification tag (hereinafter referred to as the “RFID tag”) in the middle; and

(iii) the logo of the Department of Motor Traffic at the left corner;

(c) the sticker shall consist of a liner, RFID tag inlaid with a self- destructive effect, transparent printable sticker, transparent printed foil and transparent top foil; and

(d) the letters and figures of the motor vehicle registration number, two Provincial identification letters assigned for each Province as specified in regulation 21A and the chassis number shall be included in the passive UHF RFID tag.

(3) The sticker shall be pasted in a conspicuous point on the top outside of the headlamp of the motor vehicle. Where the motor vehicle has two headlamps, the sticker shall be pasted on a conspicuous point on the top outside of the left side headlamp:

Provided however, where the motor vehicle has no headlamps in the front side, the sticker shall be pasted on a conspicuous point on the top left outside of the motor vehicle.

- (4) Where the sticker issued under paragraph (1) is for motor vehicles other than the motor vehicles specified in paragraph (2), the sticker shall conform to the specifications which are set out below and which are more fully depicted in Diagram 2 set out in the Fifth Schedule to these regulations: -
- (a) the sticker shall be rectangular in shape of the size 86mm x 54mm and shall be lined with an enduring security adhesive;
 - (b) the sticker shall contain-
 - (i) the Emblem of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka at its top left corner;
 - (ii) the RFID tag at the top middle;
 - (iii) the logo of the Department of Motor Traffic at the top right corner; and
 - (iv) an area of the size 60mm x 20mm for personalization data at the bottom middle;
 - (c) the base of the sticker shall be of foil, embedded with a RFID inlay, printed with security features on a foil, transparent holographic self-destructive layer having a top foil and contain personalization data;
 - (d) the sticker shall contain the security features of the micro text “DMT” within a black frame which shall be a pre-printed graphic hologram. The images on the transparent hologram shall only be visible under UV light, and the hologram shall be on the complete surface of the sticker;
 - (e) the personalization area shall contain the letters or figures, as the case may be, of-
 - (i) the motor vehicle registration number as assigned by the Commissioner-General;
 - (ii) the class of motor vehicle;
 - (iii) the fuel identification letter denoting letter “P” for petrol motor vehicles, “D” for diesel motor vehicles, “E” for electrically powered motor vehicles, “G” for liquid petroleum gas motor vehicles, and “M” for multi fuel motor vehicles;
 - (iv) the year of first registration;
 - (v) the QR code; and
 - (vi) the letters “DP” for motor vehicles belonging to a diplomatic mission in Sri Lanka, and the letters “UN” for motor vehicles belonging to the United Nations Organization or any of its agencies in Sri Lanka, where necessary; and
 - (f) the RFID unit shall contain the chassis number in addition to the features specified in subparagraph (e).
- (5) The sticker referred to in paragraph (4) shall be pasted on a conspicuous point on the top left inside corner of the windscreen above the revenue licence:

Provided however, where the motor vehicle has no windscreen, the sticker shall be pasted on a conspicuous point on the top left outside of the motor vehicle.”;

- (6) For the purpose of this regulation-

“holographic self-destructive layer” means the metallized layer that remains in the place where the hologram was glued and which cannot be removed without destroying the backing identification features;

“passive UHF Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tag” means a batteryless tag which is powered by energy transmitted from the Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) reader;

“Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Inlay” means the Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) chip and the antenna placed on a substrate or on a film face in order to be processed into Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) labels;

“Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tag” means an electronic tag that exchanges data with a Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) reader by using radio waves; and

“transparent printed foil” or “transparent top foil” means a clear, strong, lightweight and fully recyclable plastic layer made of polyethylene terephthalate used as the top most layer for printing in the Radio Frequency Identification tag.”;

- (6) by the addition immediately after regulation 21B of those regulations, of the following regulation which shall have effect as regulation 21C of those regulations: -

“**21C.** The Commissioner General of Motor Traffic shall be the sole authority to issue, re-collect, suspend or cancel the number plates and stickers under these regulations.”; and

- (7) by the repeal of the First Schedule, Second Schedule, Third Schedule and Fourth Schedule to those regulations and the substitution therefor of the following Schedules: -

FIRST SCHEDULE

[Regulations 8, 11 and 19]

PART ‘A’

Diagram numbers of the Identification Number Plates in the Third Schedule, applicable for each class of motor vehicle (except motor vehicles belonging to United Nations Agencies and Diplomatic Missions)

<i>Column I</i>	<i>Column II</i>	<i>Column III</i>
Class of Motor Vehicle	Diagram Number applicable for Identification Number Plates with two English letters, a dash and four figures	Diagram Number applicable for Identification Number Plates with three English letters and four figures
1. Motor Cycles	A4 or A5	C4 or C5
2. Hand Tractors	A4	C4
3. Motor Tricycles and Motor Tricycle Vans	A1 or A4	C1 or C4
4. All motor vehicles other than those referred to in items 1, 2 and 3 above in this column	A1, A2 or A3	C1, C2 or C3

PART 'B'

Diagram numbers of the Identification Number Plates in the Third Schedule, applicable only for motor vehicles belonging to United Nations Agencies and Diplomatic Missions

<i>Column I</i>	<i>Column II</i>	<i>Column III</i>
Class of Motor Vehicle	Diagram Number applicable for Identification Number Plates with two English letters, a dash and four figures	Diagram Number applicable for Identification Number Plates with three English letters and four figures
1. Motor Cycles	B4 or B5	D4 or D5
2. Hand Tractors	B4	D4
3. Motor Tricycles and Motor Tricycle Vans	B1 or B4	D1 or D4
4. All motor vehicles other than those referred to in items 1, 2 and above in this column	B1, B2 or B3,	D1, D2 or D3

SECOND SCHEDULE

[Regulations 8, 11 and 19]

Specifications of the Identification Number Plates depicted in the Diagrams in Part 'A' to Part 'E' of the Third Schedule

(all dimensions are given in millimeters)

<i>Column I</i>	<i>Column II</i>	<i>Column III</i>	<i>Column IV</i>	<i>Column V</i>	<i>Column VI</i>	<i>Column VII</i>	<i>Column VIII</i>	<i>Column IX</i>
Diagram No. in the Third Schedule	Size of the ID Number Plate with a tolerance of +/- 1%	Height and width of the Emblem	Height, width and thickness of the letters "DP", "UN" and Provincial Identification Letters (for Diagram Nos. B1-B5, D1-D5, and E1 and E2 only)	Diameter of the security stamp	Width and thickness of the dash	Height, width and thickness of letters	Height, width and thickness of numbers other than the year identification numbers	Height, width and thickness of fuel type identification letters, or year identification numbers (Diagrams E1 and E2)

Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV	Column V	Column VI	Column VII	Column VIII	Column IX
A1, B1, C1, D1	520 x 110	35 x 25	40 x 20 x 6	20	45 x 9	75 x 47.5 x 12	75 x 45 x 12	-
A2, B2, C2, D2	280 x 200	35 x 25	40 x 20 x 6	20	45 x 9	75 x 47.5 x 12	75 x 45 x 12	-
A3, B3, C3, D3	280 x 180	35 x 25	40 x 20 x 6	20	38 x 7	75 x 47.5 x 12	75 x 45 x 12	-
A4, B4, C4, D4	240 x 130	30 x 20	35 x 18 x 5	20	30 x 7	50 x 30 x 7	50 x 25 x 7	-
A5, B5, C5, D5	300 x 80	25 x 17	28 x 15 x 5	20	25 x 7	49 x 26.5 x 8	49 x 25 x 8	-
E1	520 x 110	35 x 25	40 x 20 x 6	20	45 x 9	75 x 47.5 x 12	75 x 45 x 12	60 x 35 x 9
E2	280 x 180	35 x 25	40 x 20 x 6	20	45 x 9	75 x 47.5 x 12	75 x 45 x 12	60 x 35 x 9

THIRD SCHEDULE

[Regulations 8, 11 and 19]

PART 'A'

Diagrams Depicting the Dimensions of the Identification Number Plates with Two English Letters, a Dash and Four Figures

DIAGRAM A1

(all dimensions are in millimeters)

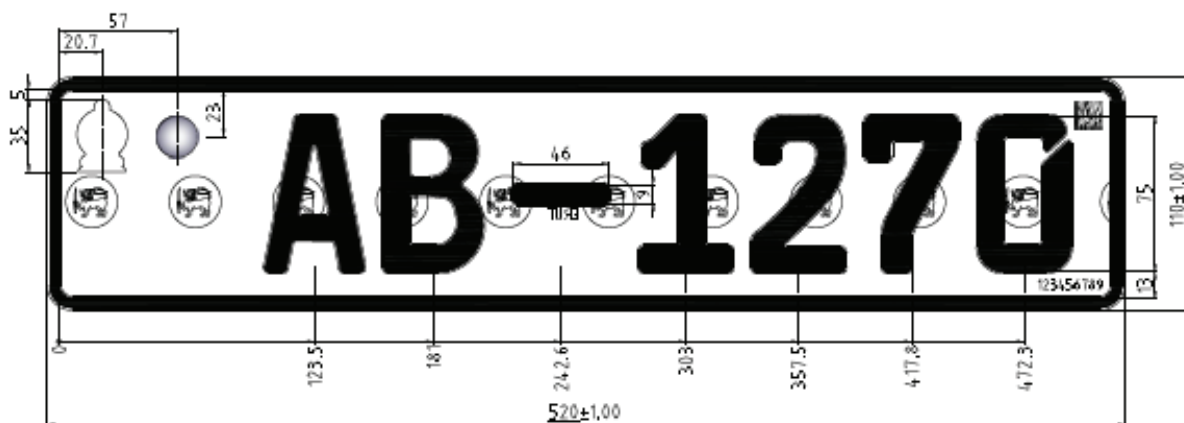


DIAGRAM A2
 (all dimensions are in millimeters)

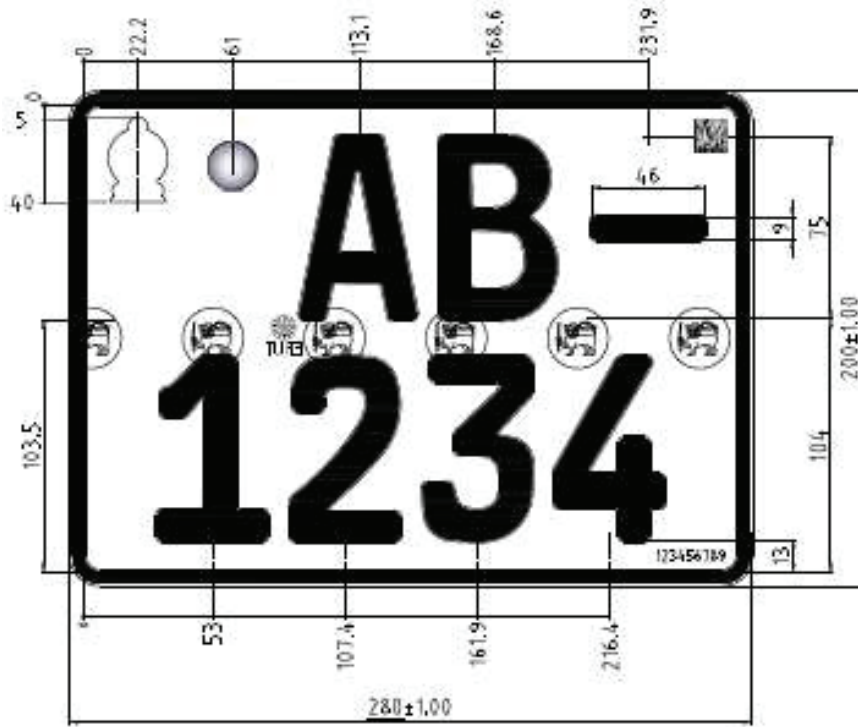
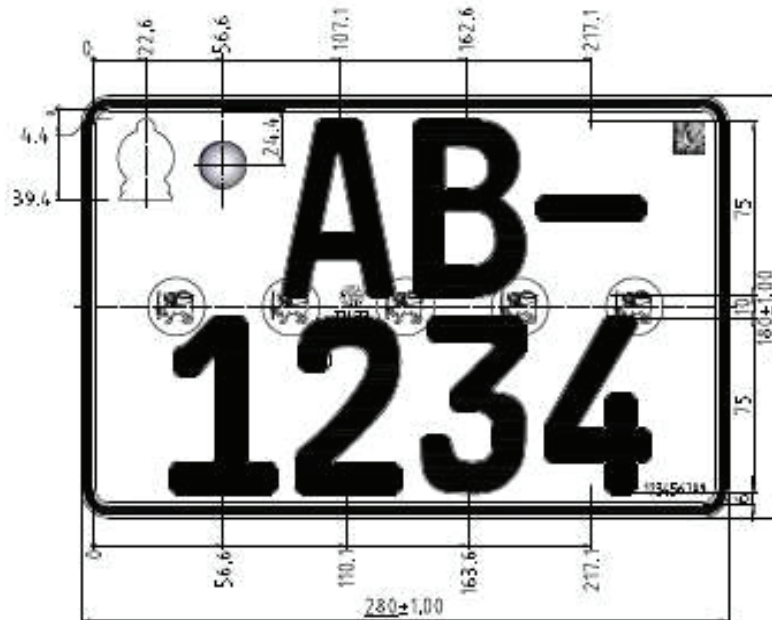


DIAGRAM A3
 (all dimensions are in millimeters)



PART ' B'

Diagrams Depicting Dimensions of the Identification Number Plates of Motor Vehicles Belonging to Diplomatic Missions in Sri Lanka or United Nations Organization or Its Agencies in Sri Lanka with Two English Letters, a Dash and Four Figures

DIAGRAM B1
 (all dimensions are in millimeters)

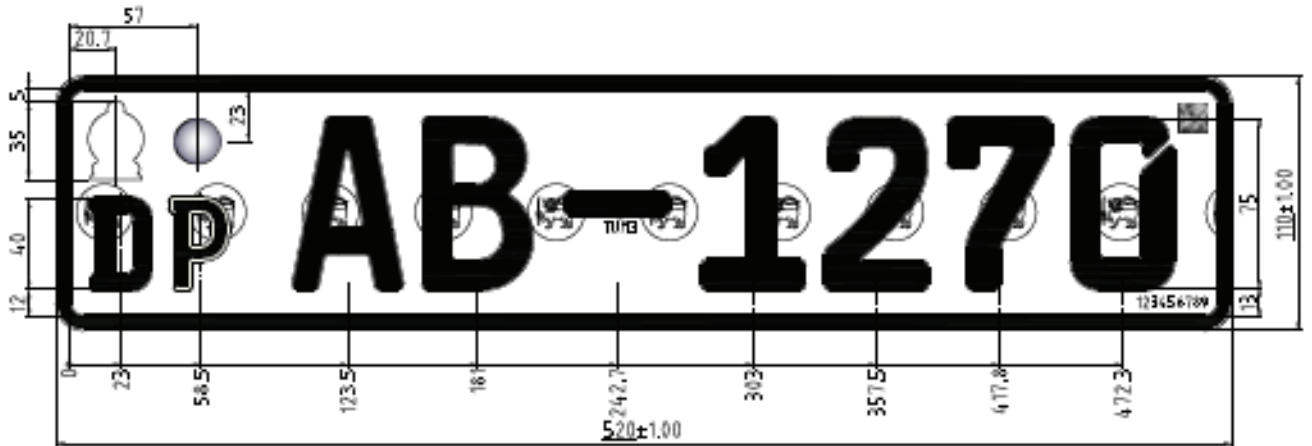


DIAGRAM B2
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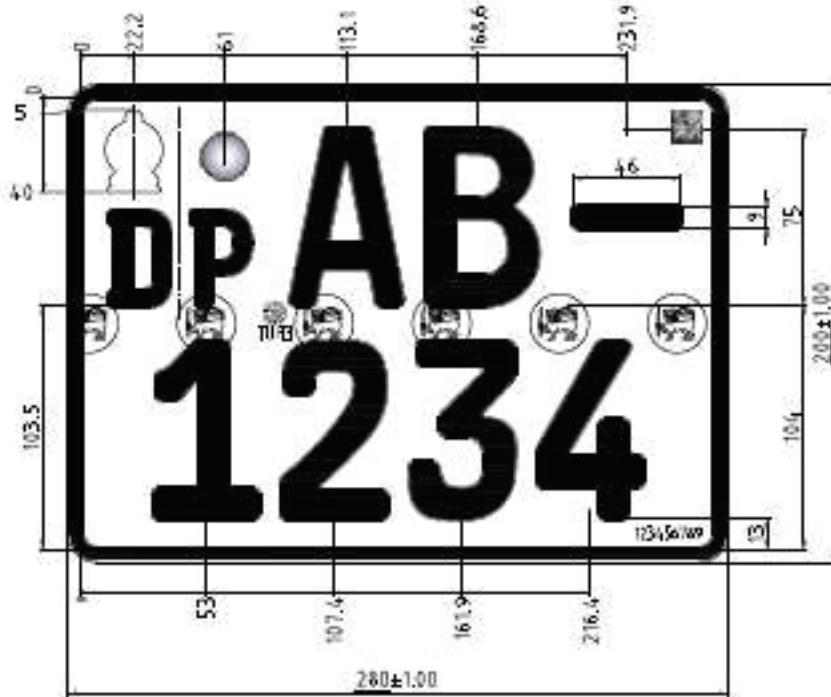


DIAGRAM B3

(all dimensions are in millimeters)

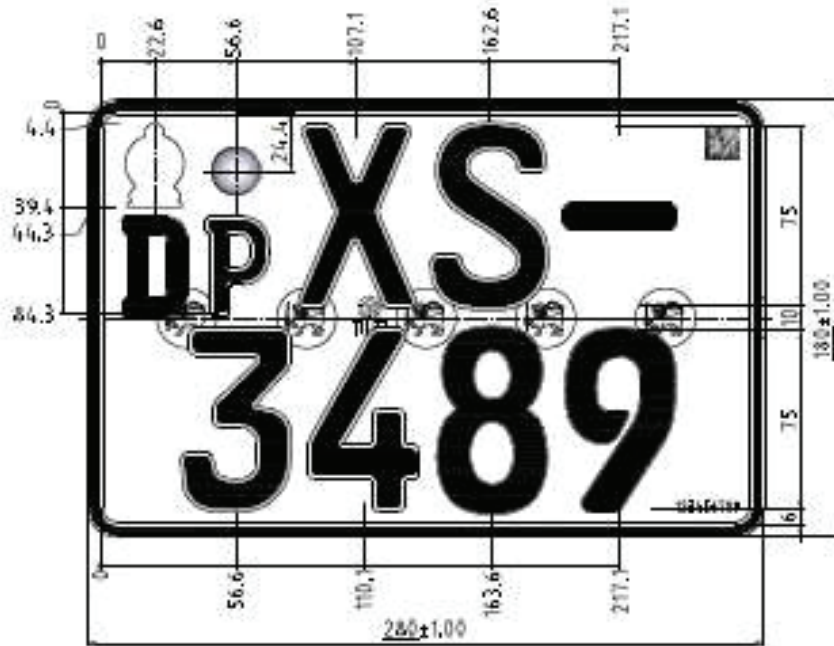


DIAGRAM B4

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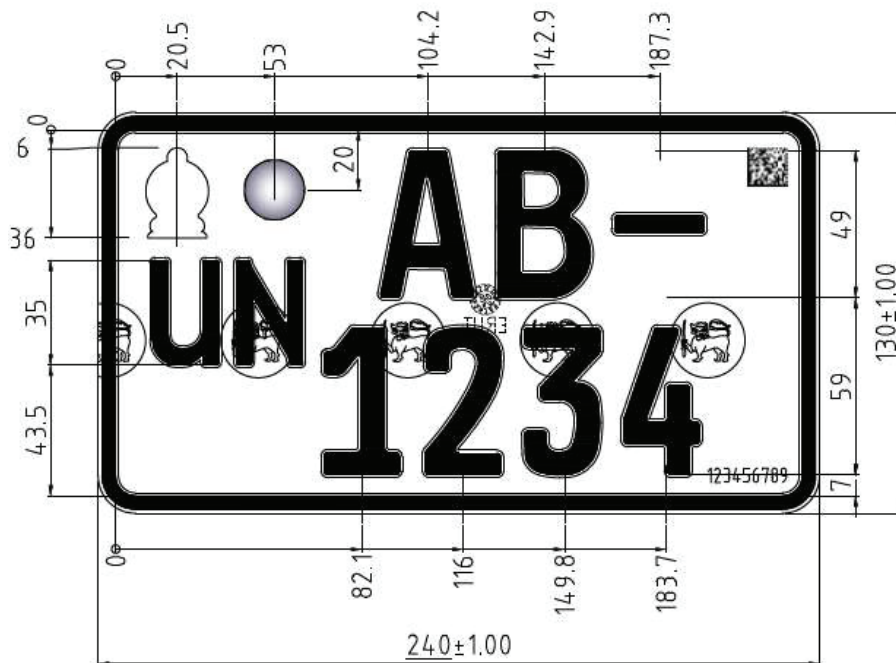


DIAGRAM C4
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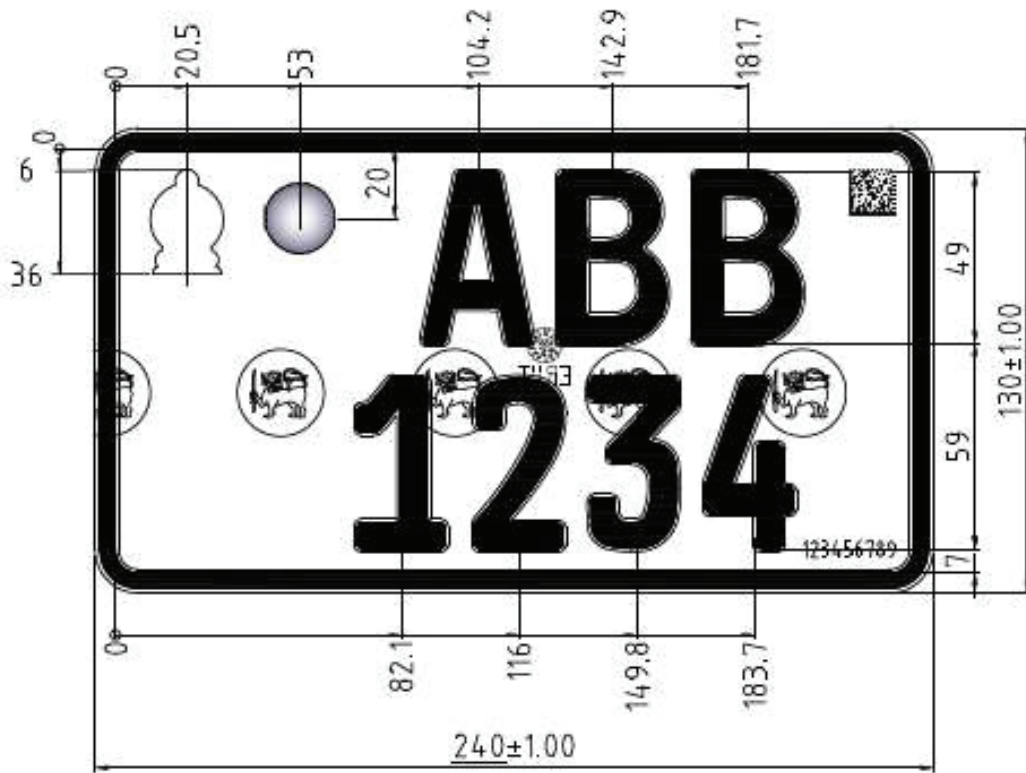
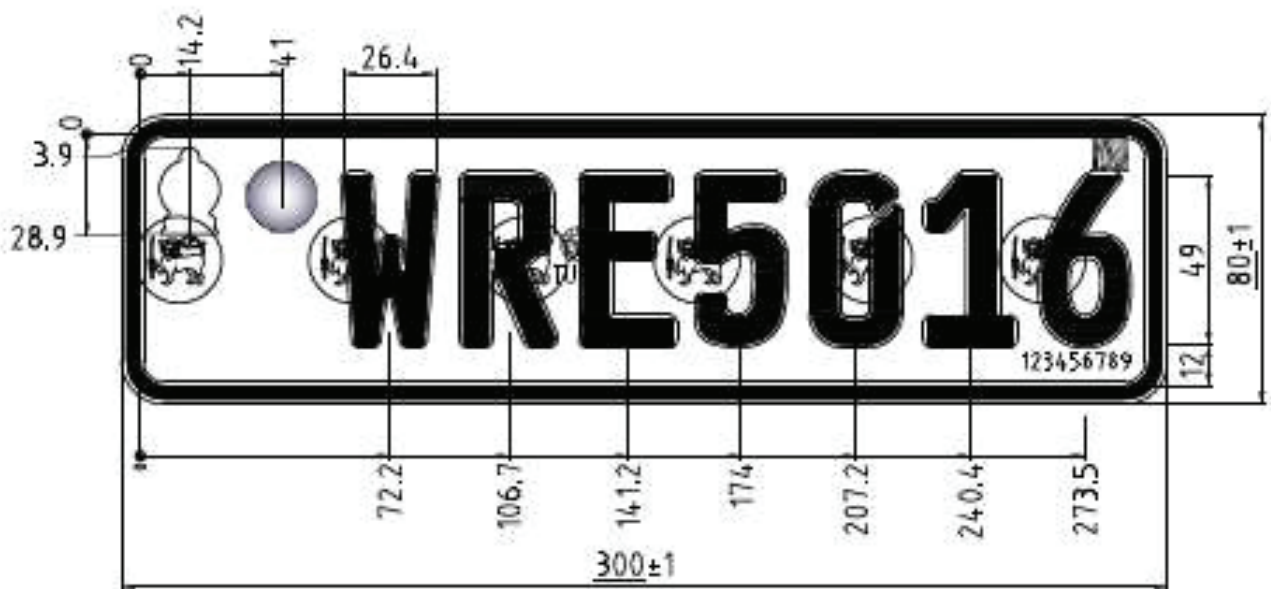


DIAGRAM C5
 (all dimensions are in millimeters)



PART 'D'

Diagrams Depicting the Dimensions of the Identification Number Plates of Motor Vehicles Belonging to Diplomatic Missions in Sri Lanka or United Nations Organization or Its Agencies in Sri Lanka, with Three English Letters and Four Figures

DIAGRAM D1

(all dimensions are in millimeters)

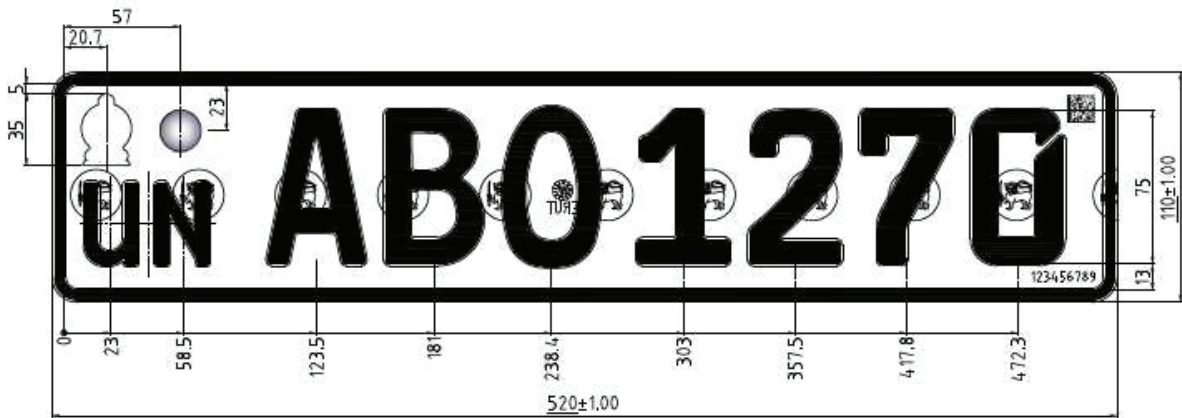


DIAGRAM D2

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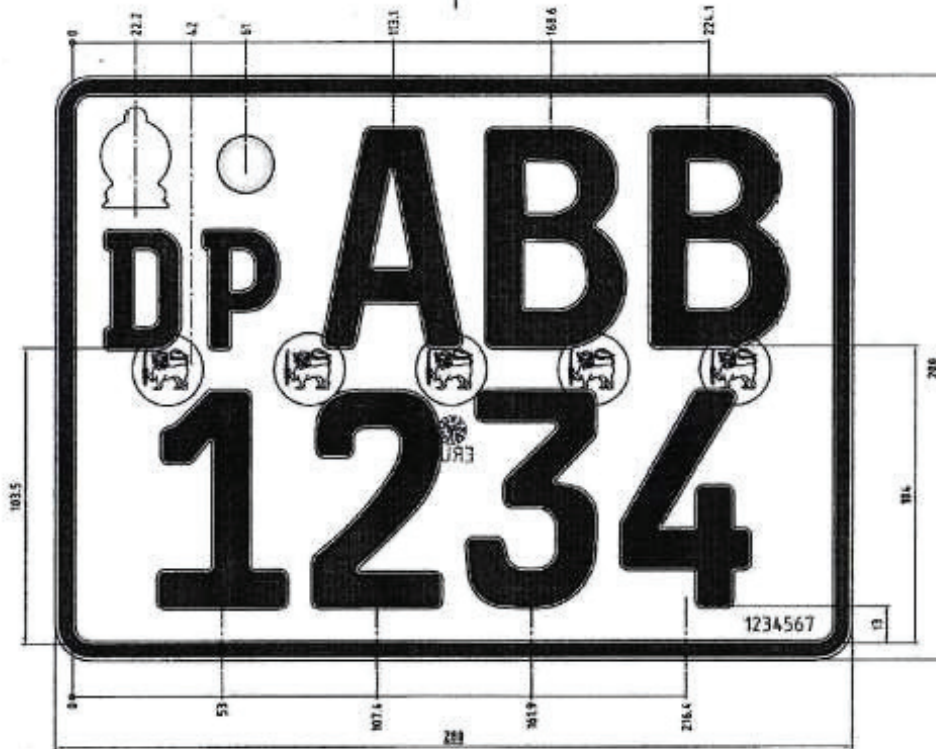
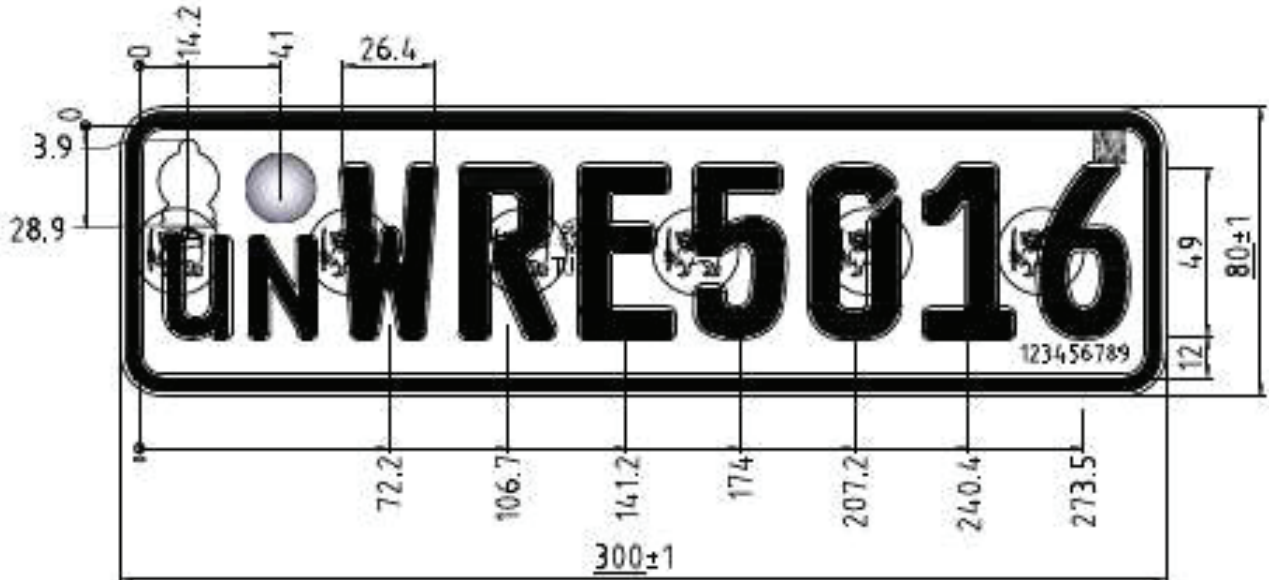


DIAGRAM D5
 (all dimensions are in millimeters)



PART ' E

Diagrams Depicting the Dimensions of the Identification Number Plates Referred to in Regulation 19 of these Regulations

DIAGRAM E1
 (all dimensions are in millimeters)

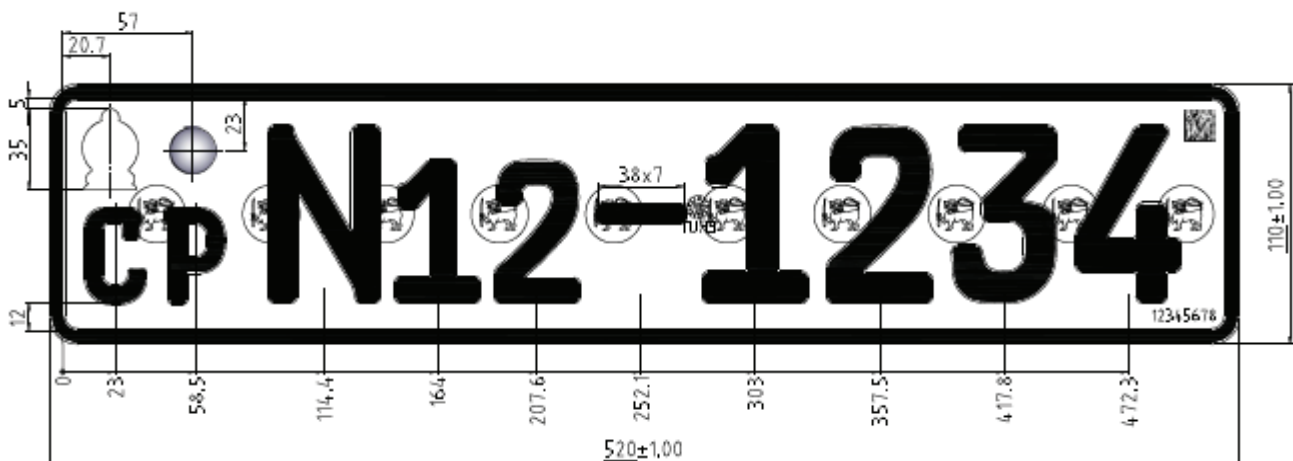


DIAGRAM E2
(all dimensions are in millimeters)



FOURTH SCHEDULE

[Regulations 9 and 20(1)]

Fees for Issuing Identification Number Plates

	<i>Column I</i>	<i>Column II</i>
	Description	Fees (Rs.)
1.	Front and rear set of number plates inclusive of the postage charges, for all Motor Coaches, all Motor Lorries, Motor Cars, Dual Purpose Vehicles, Motor Homes, Quadricycles or Special Purpose Vehicles	4,500.00
2.	Front and rear set of number plates inclusive of the postage charges, for Land Vehicles	4,500.00
3.	Front and rear set of number plates inclusive of the postage charges, for Motor Tricycles or Motor Tricycle Vans	3,500.00
4.	Front and rear set of number plates inclusive of the postage charges, for Hand Tractors or Motor Cycles	3,000.00
5.	Front and rear set of number plates for dealers, repairers, manufacturers, assemblers, fabricators, innovators, adopters, modifiers or construction changers	5,000.00
6.	White or yellow reflective background number plate- size 520mm x 110mm	2,000.00
7.	White or yellow reflective background number plate- size 280mm x 180mm	2,000.00
8.	White or yellow reflective background number plate- size 280mm x 200mm	2,000.00
9.	White reflective background number plate- size 300mm x 80mm	1,500.00
10.	White or yellow reflective background number plate- size 240mm x 130mm	1,500.00
11.	Red reflective background number plate- size 520mm x 110mm, or 280mm x 180mm	2,500.00
12.	Identification number plate sticker- size 100mm x 18mm	850.00

13.	Identification number plate sticker- size 86mm x 54mm	1200.00
14.	Allocation of special numbers upto 10,000 from the ongoing number for all motor vehicles except Motor Cycles, Motor Tricycles and Motor Tricycles Vans	100,000.00
15.	Allocation of special numbers upto 10,000 from the ongoing number for Motor Cycles, Motor Tricycles and Motor Tricycles Vans	10,000.00
16.	Allocation of special numbers upto 20,000 from the ongoing number for all motor vehicles except Motor Cycles, Motor Tricycles and Motor Tricycles Vans	200,000.00
17.	Allocation of special numbers upto 20,000 from the ongoing number for Motor Cycles, Motor Tricycles and Motor Tricycles Vans	20,000.00
18.	Allocation of special numbers upto 30,000 from the ongoing number for all motor vehicles except Motor Cycles, Motor Tricycles and Motor Tricycles Vans	300,000.00
19.	Allocation of special numbers upto 30,000 from the ongoing number for Motor Cycles, Motor Tricycles and Motor Tricycles Vans	30,000.00
20.	Allocation of special numbers upto 40,000 from the ongoing number for all motor vehicles except Motor Cycles, Motor Tricycles and Motor Tricycles Vans	400,000.00
21.	Allocation of special numbers upto 40,000 from the ongoing number for Motor Cycles, Motor Tricycles and Motor Tricycles Vans	40,000.00
22.	Allocation of special numbers upto 50,000 from the ongoing number for all motor vehicles except Motor Cycles, Motor Tricycles and Motor Tricycles Vans	500,000.00
23.	Allocation of special numbers upto 50,000 from the ongoing number for Motor Cycles, Motor Tricycles and Motor Tricycles Vans	50,000.00

FIFTH SCHEDULE

[Regulations 20(2) and 20(4)]

Diagrams Depicting the Dimensions of the Identification Number Plate Stickers

Diagram 1
(all dimensions are in millimeters)

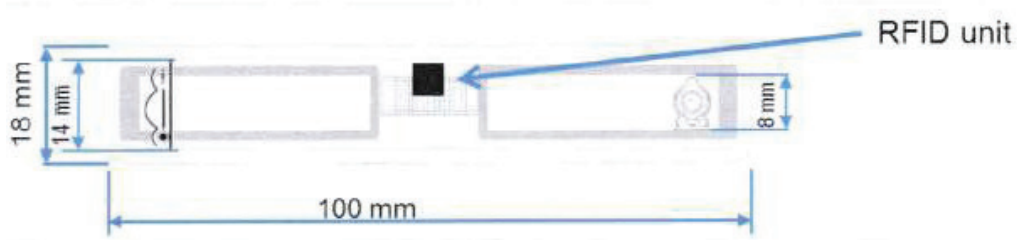
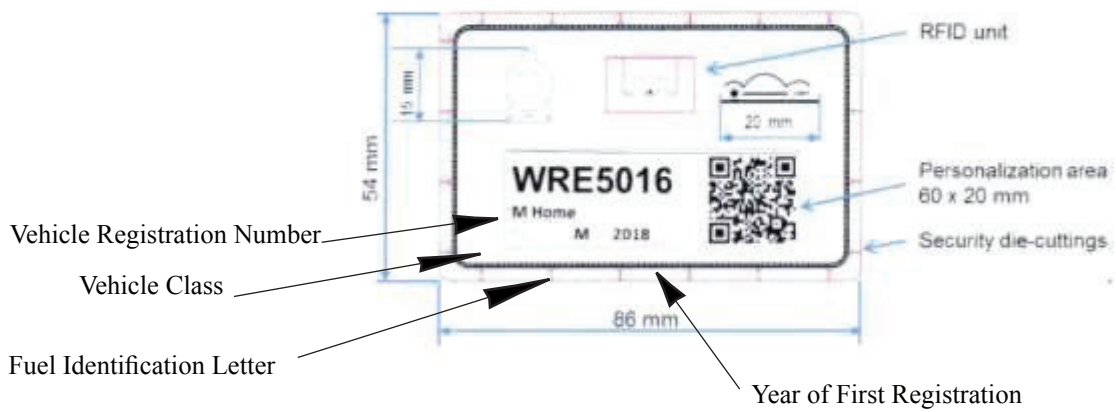


Diagram 2
(all dimensions are in millimeters)



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