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By virtue of section 5 and section 62 of the Mass Rapid Transit Authority of Thailand Act B.E. 2543 (2000) which contains certain provisions in relation to the restriction of rights and liberties of a person, in respect of which section 29 in conjunction with section 31, section 35, section 36, section 39, section 48 and section 50 of the Constitution of the Kingdom of Thailand so permit by the virtue of law, the Minister of Transportations hereby issue the Ministerial Regulation as follows;

Clause 1. In this Ministerial Regulation:

"signal" means any signal which the MRTA provides within the Mass Rapid Transit system area whether it is shown by a flag, electricity, hand, arm, sound or any other means in order that a passenger or other persons shall follow such sign;

"business operating area" means an area within the Mass Rapid Transit system area allowed by the MRTA to operate a business and it shall include an area provided for advertisement regardless of its location in the Mass Rapid Transit system area and in the Mass Rapid Transit area;

"hazardous substance" means explosive substance, toxic gas, flammable substance, oxide substance, peroxide substance, toxic substance, substance causing a disease, radioactive substance, substance causing genetic transformation, corrosive substance, irritative substance or other substances regardless of chemical substance or other objects which may harm a passenger or other persons;

"official" means staff of MRTA or a person entrusted by MRTA for the execution of the prescriptions in this Ministerial Regulation.

CHAPTER I

General Provisions

Clause 2. In maintaining the safety in life, body and property of a passenger or other persons, peace and order, cleanliness and regularity within the Mass Rapid Transit system area, the MRTA shall provide a symbol, signal, equipment, safety device and other necessary facilities for a passenger or other persons including the handicapped, elderly and children for the execution of the prescriptions in this Ministerial Regulation.

A symbol and signal under paragraph one shall be made in the internationally understanding manner and if it contains an accompanying explanation for the use of equipment, safety device or facilities such explanation shall also be provided in English.

Clause 3. A passenger or other persons in the Mass Rapid Transit system area shall have the duties to act in accordance with a symbol, announcement, sign or other signals including advice and warning of a competent official or official and must use other equipments provided by the MRTA pursuant to paragraph 2 correctly or in accordance with the purpose of the use of such equipment.

Clause 4. In the case where MRTA grants concession of Mass Rapid Transit Operation to a private sector, prescription of the scope of responsibilities between the MRTA and concessionaire shall be, for the execution of prescriptions in this Ministerial Regulation, as follows: (1) in the case where an agreement in the concession is made in relation to the management or undertaking in relation to the safety in life, body and property of a passenger or other persons, peace and order, cleanliness and regularity within the Mass Rapid Transit system area, such act shall be pursuant to such agreement and shall be in so far as it is not contradictory to or inconsistent with this Ministerial Regulation;

(2) in the case where the concessionaire has the duties under the concession to execute pursuant to the prescriptions in this Ministerial Regulation, the MRTA may entrust a staff of the concessionaire to be an official undertaking such matter within the supervision of the MRTA.

CHAPTER II

Manners in the Mass Rapid Transit system area

Clause 5. No passenger or other persons who is in the Mass Rapid Transit system area shall act the followings:

(1) causing annoyance or inconvenience to the use of service of a passenger or other persons;

(2) to bring a weapon or artificial arms with the form and characteristic which is believable to be a weapon of hazardous substance including other objects which may cause harm to other persons or cause fear to a person who sees it within the Mass Rapid Transit system area except in the case of an official under a lawful authority;

(3) to bring, onto a train, a belonging or carry-on whereby its size or weight is unable to be brought by oneself or is at risk to cause a damage to the Mass Rapid Transit system or may cause annoyance or inconvenience to other passengers; (4) to bring a strong smell, dirty or disgusting object into the Mass Rapid Transit system area without enclosed storage or smell;

(5) to gargle or spit saliva, phlegm, areca nut, nasal discharge, chewing gum or throw an object in a place which is not provided for such matter;

(6) to smoke a cigarette, tobacco or cigar, to light or ignite a fire;

(7) to pick a leaf, flower, or fruit of a tree or to conduct any act which may cause dirtiness or damage to the Mass Rapid Transit system;

(8) to mark, write or to make appear by whatever act which may cause dirtiness or damage to the Mass Rapid Transit system;

(9) to consume food or drink in the train;

(10) to consume liquor or alcoholic beverage outside the place provided for;

(11) to collect money or beg;

(12) to leave an object or act in obstruction or to be an obstacle for the entrance

or exit;

(13) to cause the emergency or warning system or other disaster protection systems to operate except in the case of necessary event which such system shall be operated;

(14) to commit an act of obscenity or sexual assault against other persons;

(15) to exit or attempt to exit by other means except through the door of train or platform door which opens for a passenger to enter or exit the train or enter into the track of train;

(16) to use an equipment inconsistent with its purpose or means of such equipment which causes annoyance or damage or harm to himself or herself or other persons;

(17) to stand or put his or her foot on a chair or seat or use the provided place for seating or other areas as a sleeping place; (18) to obstruct or commit an act which causes a door of train or platform door not to open or to be able to operate as usual;

(19) to lean against a door of train or platform door.

Clause 6. A passenger or other persons may commit the following acts provided that he or she is permitted by a competent official or an official prior to committing such act:

(1) to get out or enter into the track of the train under the disrupted operation

of train;

(2) to enter into the prohibited area as prescribed by the MRTA;

(3) to bring an animal except in the case of

(a) a guide dog for the blind;

(b) a harmless animal with the controlling device to ensure that such animal does not cause annoyance to a passenger or other persons;

(4) to use an equipment causing loud noise, to play music, to dance or to perform a play;

(5) to sell goods or services;

(6) to advertise or use any sound to announce or to disseminate a document;

(7) to photograph, shoot a movie, or to record a video for the commercial

purpose;

(8) to take a bicycle or any two-wheel vehicle into the train.

Rules and procedures for permission pursuant to (4), (5), (6), (7) and (8) shall be as prescribed by the Rules of the Board of Directors.

CHAPTER III

Business Operating Area

Clause 7. A person being permitted to operate a business in the business operating area shall act in accordance with the rules and conditions as prescribed by the MRTA and agreement in a contract for business operation.

CHAPTER IV

Driving of a vehicle within the Mass Rapid Transit system area

Clause 8. The MRTA shall make a line on the route, a traffic sign, or install a traffic signal including prescribing the definition of a traffic signal or sign in the Mass Rapid Transit system area under the law on land traffic.

Clause 9. Using of a vehicle, passage, or any other acts relating to traffic within the Mass Rapid Transit system area, a driver or passage user shall act in accordance with the use of passage under the law on land traffic.

Clause 10. No person shall drive a vehicle carrying hazardous substances into the Mass Rapid Transit system area except otherwise is permitted by the MRTA.

Clause 11. In driving a vehicle in the Mass Rapid Transit system area, a driver shall act the followings:

(1) to drive a vehicle carefully;

(2) to drive a vehicle under the speed limit as prescribed;

(3) a vehicle for hire carrying no passenger or no object being transported shall be parked to collect a passenger or object in the area as prescribed;

(4) to stop or park a vehicle in the area as prescribed;

(5) to immediately notify an official as soon as his or her vehicle is disrupting and obstructing a passage or upon an accident;

(6) to move a vehicle whereby its engine is broken down out of the passage expeditiously and collect objects falling on the passage. In the case where such vehicle cannot be moved, a competent official or an official shall be immediately notified and the driver shall pay for the fee for such matter as prescribed by the Rules of the Board of Directors.

Clause 12. When it appears that a driver of the vehicle fails to comply with clause 11 or Rules prescribed by the MRTA, a competent official or an official shall warn such driver to comply accordingly.

In the case where the competent official or official warns the driver of the vehicle and such driver fails to comply accordingly, the competent official who has the authority shall order the driver to expeditiously move such vehicle out of the passage. If such person is not around or is around but fails to comply with the order of such competent official, the competent official shall move the vehicle or take the vehicle to be stored in a place where he or she sees fit or uses an equipment to stop such vehicle from being moved.

CHAPTER V

Loss of Properties

Clause 13. The MRTA shall have the duty to provide a lost and found center within the Mass Rapid Transit system area.

Clause 14. Upon finding or being notified that a property that no person appears to be an owner of such property within the Mass Rapid Transit system area, a competent official or official shall deliver it to the lost and found center.

A passenger or other persons who finds a property, within the Mass Rapid Transit system area, whose owner does not appear shall notify a competent official or official or delivers it to the lost and found center.

In the case where it is reasonable to believe that the property, whose owner does not appear, is a hazardous substance, an competent official shall notify an agency which is expertise in undertaking such substance to inspect and manage as such agency sees fit.

Clause 15. Upon the receipt of such property under clause 14 by the lost and found center, it shall conduct a list of lost property pursuant to the Rules as prescribed by the MRTA and shall undertake the followings:

(1) in the case where such property is fresh or easy to be rotten or is unable to be maintained for more than twenty four hours, upon the lapse of such time, the official shall carry out as necessary and report the commander pursuant to the Rules as prescribed by the MRTA;

(2) in the case of other properties except as mentioned in (1) which can be stored, such property shall be stored in a place as prescribed by the MRTA;

(3) in the case of stored property, if it appears that the maintenance of such property may destroy the property or is not worthwhile, the official shall report to the commander pursuant to the Rules as prescribed by the MRTA in order to request for a permission to destroy or sell such property before the prescribed time of one year and upon the sale of such property, the net earning shall be stored to replace such property.

Clause 16. A stored property whose owner does not contact to have his or her property returned within one year as from the date of receipt of such property by the MRTA, the ownership of such property shall vest on the MRTA and the MRTA shall sell or auction it.

Clause 17. The prescription of price, means for sale or auction of the property obtained under clause 15 and clause 16 shall be as prescribed by the Rules of the Board of Directors.

Money obtained from such sale or auction shall be an earning of the MRTA.

TRANSITORY PROVISIONS

Clause 18. The management or undertaking for the execution of the Rules in this Ministerial Regulation and the right to operate business under the concession existing prior to the enforcement of this Ministerial Regulation shall be as prescribed in the agreement in such concession so far as it is not contradictory or inconsistent to this Ministerial Regulation.

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Remark: Objective for the promulgation of this Ministerial Regulation is that by virtue of section 62 of the Mass Rapid Transit Authority of Thailand Act B.E. 2543 (2000) provides that a passenger or other persons who is within the Mass Rapid Transit system area shall comply with the rule on safety of life, body and property, peace and order, cleanliness and regularity within the Mass Rapid Transit system area as prescribed in a Ministerial Regulation, it is thereby necessary to issue this Ministerial Regulation.