

Declaration of Compliance for Open Top Buses

To be submitted with Form VEH-30

Land Transport Directorate

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This declaration is required in accordance with Regulation 30 of the Passenger Transport Services Regulations (2009) for all M2 and M3 Passenger Transport Vehicles which are Open Top Buses, with a seating capacity of more than eight seats besides the driver, which will be licensed to be used for hire or reward, in accordance with the Passenger Transport Services Regulations.

I _____ (name and surname)

having identity card number _____ hereby declare that the vehicle

bearing chassis number _____ complies with all the

requirements stipulated in the Passenger Transport Services Regulations (2009) that pertain to Open Top Buses, including the following:

- a) It has clear caution notices written at least in English, Maltese, German, Spanish, Italian and French, regarding the compulsory wearing of seatbelts and lap belts and prohibition of passengers standing when the open top bus is in operation, particularly on the upper deck, in a place which is clearly visible to passengers;
- b) It has front protection or a windshield that provides frontal passenger protection, and which must be not less than 125cm in height on the open deck;
- c) It has lateral-passenger protection which must not be less than 100cm in height on the open deck;
- d) In the case of double deck buses, it has a CCTV or mirror system that drivers can use to view the upper deck;
- e) In the case of double deck buses, it has an audible warning system for the purpose of communicating information to the persons on the upper deck;
- f) All its seats are equipped with inertia reel three-point seat belts or retractable lap belts;
- g) It has a label affixed in the entrance area near driver's side indicating the maximum seating capacity on each deck.

Signature	Date
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Regulation 30 of the Passenger Transport Services Regulations states that *"the Authority shall not issue a passenger transport vehicle licence unless the application for the same is accompanied by a declaration made by the applicant stating that the particular vehicle complies with the requirements stipulated in these regulations for passenger transport vehicles."*

Furthermore, applicants are reminded that regulation 107(2) states that *"a person who, for the purpose of obtaining, whether for himself or another, the grant or renewal of any licence or permit in terms of these regulations, makes a declaration required by these regulations which he knows to be false, shall be guilty of a crime and shall, on conviction, be liable to imprisonment for a period of not more than six months or to a fine (multa) not exceeding twelve thousand euro (€12,000), or to both such fine and imprisonment. Furthermore, the Court shall order the immediate revocation of the licence in relation to which the false declaration was made as well as any other licence and/or permit held in terms of these regulations by the person found guilty of such crime."*

The Authority shall have the right to conduct roadside inspections on passenger transport vehicles and also to call such vehicles for such inspections to verify these requirements.