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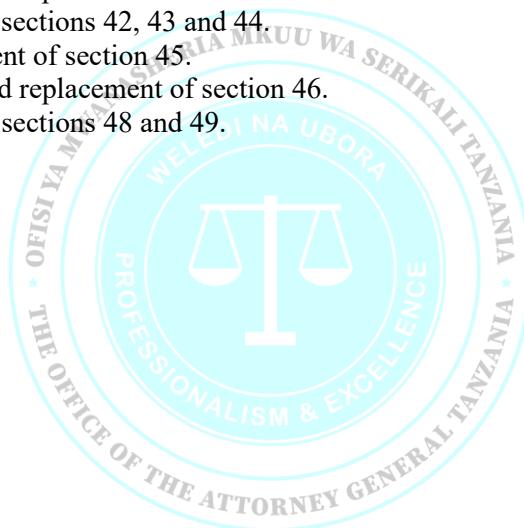
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THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA



NO. 8 OF 2025

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SAMIA SULUHU HASSAN,
President
[30th June, 2025]

An Act to amend certain written laws.

ENACTED by the Parliament of the United Republic of Tanzania.

PART I
PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

Short title

1. This Act may be cited as the Written Laws (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 3) Act, 2025.

Amendment of certain written laws

2. The written laws specified in various Parts of this Act are amended in the manner specified in their respective Parts.

PART II

**AMENDMENT OF THE ECONOMIC AND ORGANISED CRIME CONTROL ACT,
(CAP. 200)**

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3. This Part shall be read as one with the Economic and Organised Crime Control Act, hereinafter referred to as the “principal Act”.

Repeal of
section 26

4. The principal Act is amended by repealing section 26.

PART III
AMENDMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT CHEMIST LABORATORY
AUTHORITY ACT,
(CAP. 177)

Construction
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5. This Part shall be read as one with the Government Chemist Laboratory Authority Act, hereinafter referred to as the “principal Act”.

Amendment
of section 3

6. The principal Act is amended in section 3 by deleting the definition of the term “chemical” and substituting for it the following:

““chemical” has the meaning ascribed to it under the Industrial and Consumer Chemicals (Management and Control) Act,.”

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Amendment
of section 7

7. The principal Act is amended in section 7(2), by-

(a) deleting the words “two representatives” appearing at the beginning of paragraph (c) and substituting for them the words “a representative”;

(b) adding immediately after paragraph (c) the following:

“(d) a representative from Tanzania Peoples’ Defence Forces with expertise in chemical weapons;”; and

(c) renaming paragraphs (d), (e) and (f) as paragraphs (e), (f) and (g) respectively.

Amendment
of section 11

8. The principal Act is amended in section 11(1)(b) by deleting subparagraph (ii) and substituting for it the following:

“(ii) chemicals and chemical dealers.”

PART IV
AMENDMENT OF THE INDUSTRIAL AND CONSUMER CHEMICALS
(MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL) ACT,
(CAP. 182)

Construction
Cap. 182

9. This Part shall be read as one with the Industrial and Consumer Chemicals (Management and Control) Act, hereinafter referred to as the “principal Act”.

Amendment
of section 2

10. The principal Act is amended in section 2, by-

- (a) deleting the definition of the term “Precursors Chemicals”;
- (b) deleting the definition of the term “chemical” and substituting for it the following:

““chemical” means industrial or consumer chemical, chemical product, chemical weapon or public health pesticides which is a substance in any form whether by itself or in a mixture or preparation, whether manufactured or obtained naturally but excludes medicines, agricultural or veterinary pesticides, radioactives, food additives and any other substance that has therapeutic effects;”; and

- (c) adding in the appropriate alphabetical order the following new definitions:

““chemical weapons” include-

- (a) toxic chemicals and their precursors, except where intended for purposes not prohibited under this Act;
- (b) munitions and devices, specifically designed to cause death or other harm through the toxic properties of the toxic chemicals specified in paragraph (a), which would be released as a result of the employment of such munitions and devices; and
- (c) any equipment designed for use in connection with the employment of munitions or devices specified in paragraph (b);

“Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals” also described as “GHS” means an internationally agreed system to standardise chemical hazard classification and communication;

“precursor” means any chemical reactant which takes part at any stage in the production by whatever method of-

(a) a toxic chemical as provided under International Chemical Weapons Convention; or

(b) narcotic drugs or psychotropic substance as provided under the United Nations Convention Against Illicit Traffick in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, 1988;

“public health pesticides” means pesticide designed and used to protect public health by controlling pests that transmit diseases, cause nuisance, or otherwise pose risks to human well-being.”.

Amendment of section 11

11. The principal Act is amended in section 11, by-

(a) adding immediately after subsection (5), the following:

“(6) Without prejudice to subsection (5), a person who imports, manufactures, transports, exports, stores, sells, uses or handles chemical in any manner shall comply with the requirements of Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals.”; and

(b) renumbering subsections (6) to (13) as subsections (7) to (14) respectively.

Repeal of section 12

12. The principal Act is amended by repealing section 12.

Amendment of section 13

13. The principal Act is amended in section 13(1), by-

(a) adding immediately after paragraph (a), the following:

“(b) in case of public health pesticide, shall carry out field trial and analysis before registration of a public health pesticide within the time prescribed in the regulations;

(c) may use information on a review or evaluation of a public health pesticide by the registration authority of a country having

similar environmental conditions and public health pesticides regulation system with Tanzania if-

- (i) the proposed use of the public health pesticide is similar to that reviewed in such other country; and
- (ii) the public health pesticide contains one or more active ingredients present in any public health pesticide already registered;”; and

(b) renaming paragraphs (b) and (c) as paragraphs (d) and (e) respectively.

Addition of section 52A

14. The principal Act is amended by adding immediately after section 52 the following:

“Temporary
prohibition

52A. Where a registered or

unregistered public health pesticide has resulted or is likely to result in damage to human health, animal health or environment, the Registrar may temporarily prohibit the importation, sale, distribution and use of the public health pesticide for such period and in a manner prescribed in the regulations.”.

Amendment of First Schedule

15. The principal Act is amended in the First Schedule in paragraph (1), by-

(a) adding immediately after subparagraph (g) the following:

“(h) a representative from Tanzania Peoples’ Defence Forces with expertise in chemical weapons;”; and

(b) renaming subparagraph (h) as subparagraph (i).

PART V
AMENDMENT OF THE LAND TRANSPORT REGULATORY
AUTHORITY ACT,
(CAP. 413)

Construction
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16. This Part shall be read as one with the Land Transport Regulatory Authority Act, hereinafter referred to as the “principal Act”.

Amendment
of section 5

17. The principal Act is amended in section 5(1)-
(a) by deleting paragraph (d);
(b) in paragraph (f) by deleting the words “road worthiness of public service vehicles and goods vehicles” and substituting for them the words “railway infrastructure”; and
(c) by renaming paragraphs (e) to (k) as paragraphs (d) to (j) respectively.

Amendment
of section 13

18. The principal Act is amended in section 13, by-

(a) adding a new subsection (1) as follows:

“(1) A member of the Board shall be considered to have a conflict of interest for the purpose of this Act, if he knowingly acquires any pecuniary advantage or other interest that could-

(a) affect the proper performance of his functions as a member of the Board; or
(b) assist the member or any other person in the acquisition of any pecuniary advantage.”; and

(b) renumbering subsections (1) to (3) as subsections (2) to (4) respectively.

Amendment
of section 26

19. The principal Act is amended in section 26(3) by deleting the words “management of the”.

Amendment
of section 29

20. The principal Act is amended in section 29, by-

(a) deleting the word “seven” appearing in subsection (2) and substituting for it the word “five”; and
(b) deleting subsection (7) and substituting for it the following:

“(7) The Minister shall appoint the Chairman from among the members appointed under subsection (2).”.

Amendment
of section 30

21. The principal Act is amended in section 30 by deleting subsection (1) and substituting for it the following:

“(1) The tenure of members of the Council shall be as follows:

(a) in the case of Chairman, four years;
and

(b) in the case of four other members,
three years.”.

Amendment
of section 31

22. The principal Act is amended in section 31 by deleting subsection (2) and substituting for it the following:

“(2) The Council shall maintain a secretariat which shall comprise of staff of the Authority.”.

PART VI
AMENDMENT OF THE MUHIMBILI NATIONAL HOSPITAL ACT,
(CAP. 150)

Construction
Cap. 150

23. This Part shall be read as one with the Muhimbili National Hospital Act, hereinafter referred to as the “principal Act”.

Amendment
of section 7

24. The principal Act is amended in section 7(2) by deleting the words “or terminate the appointment of senior staff including the Executive Director, Directors, division heads and other” appearing in paragraph (e) and substituting for them the word “of”.

Amendment
of section 8

25. The principal Act is amended in section 8, by-

(a) deleting subsection (1) and substituting for it the following:

“(1) There shall be an Executive Director of the Hospital who shall be appointed by the President.”;

(b) deleting the words “the Board may specify” appearing in subsection (2) and substituting for them the words “may be determined in the instrument of appointment”;

(c) deleting subsections (3), (5) and (6); and

(d) renumbering subsections (4) to (8) as subsections (3) to (5) respectively.

Amendment of section 11

26. The principal Act is amended in section 11-

- (a) in subsection (1) by deleting the words “or divisions” and substituting for them the words “divisions or units”;
- (b) by deleting subsection (4) and substituting for it the following:

“(4) There is established a Hospital Executive Management Committee comprised of the Executive Director, Directors and heads of units.”; and
- (c) in subsections (5), (7) and (8) by deleting the words “Hospital Executive” and substituting for them the words “Hospital Executive Management Committee”.

Amendment of section 12

27. The principal Act is amended in section 12-

- (a) in paragraph (a), by deleting the words “the Executive Director and other”;
- (b) in paragraph (b), by deleting the words “division heads” and substituting for them the words “other employees”; and
- (c) by deleting paragraph (c).

Amendment of section 15

28. The principal Act is amended in section 15(1) by inserting the words “Management Committee” immediately after the words “Hospital Executive”.

Repeal and replacement of section 16

29. The principal Act is amended by repealing section 16 and replacing for it the following:

“Power to invest

16. Subject to such directives as may be issued by the Treasury Registrar or any other relevant authority, the Board shall have powers to invest the funds of the Hospital.”.

Amendment of Schedule

30. The principal Act is amended in the Schedule by deleting paragraph 1 and substituting for it the following:

“Composition of Board

1.-1. The Board shall consist of-

- (a) the Chairman who shall be appointed by the President; and
- (b) eight other members who shall be appointed by the Minister as follows:
 - (i) the Vice Chancellor of the Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Sciences;
 - (ii) a representative of workers union nominated by the workers' union; and
 - (iii) a law officer nominated by the Attorney General; and
 - (iv) five other members of whom two shall be persons with experience in hospital management and the other three with experience in finance and administration.

(2) The Board may co-opt any person with expertise or experience in any matter being deliberated at a meeting of the Board, except that such person shall have no right to vote.”.

PART VII
AMENDMENT OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR
MEDICAL RESEARCH ACT,
(CAP. 59)

Construction
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31. This Part shall be read as one with the National Institute for Medical Research Act, hereinafter referred to as the “principal Act”.

Amendment
of section 2

32. The principal Act is amended in section 2 by adding in the appropriate alphabetical order the following definition:

““medical research” means the systematic investigation to understand, prevent and control diseases and health conditions, with the aim of improving healthcare outcomes, developing treatments and advancing medical and nutrition knowledge;”.

Amendment
of section 4

33. The principal Act is amended in section 4-

(a) in subsection (1), by-

- (i) deleting the words “alleviate disease among the people of Tanzania” appearing in paragraph (a) and substituting for them the words “promote health, prevent and alleviate diseases and improve the wellbeing of the people of Tanzania”; and
- (ii) deleting the words “into medical problems” appearing at the end of paragraph (c) and substituting for them the words “on health matters”; and

(b) in subsection (2) by deleting the phrase “applied and operational research designated to provided effective measures for the control of diseases endemic in Tanzania” appearing in paragraph (c) and substituting for it the phrase “operational, implementation, translational research, and other research and development designed to provide effective measures for the control of diseases in Tanzania”.

Amendment
of section 5

34. The principal Act is amended in section 5(3) by deleting the words “other medical” and substituting for them the word “any”.

Amendment
of section 8

35. The principal Act is amended in section 8-

- (a) in subsection (1) by deleting the words “Director of the Centre” and substituting for them the words “Manager of the Centre”;
- (b) in subsection (2) by deleting the words “Director shall” and substituting for them the words “Manager shall”; and
- (c) by deleting subsection (3).

Amendment
of section 10

36. The principal Act is amended in section 10 by deleting subsection (2) and substituting for it the following:

“(2) A person who contravenes the provisions of subsection (1), commits an offence and on conviction shall be liable to a fine of not less than one million shillings but not exceeding five million shillings or to imprisonment for a term of not less than one year but not exceeding five years or to both.”

Amendment
of section 12

37. The principal Act is amended in section 12 by deleting subsection (2) and substituting for it the following:

“(2) A person who contravenes the provisions of subsection (1), commits an offence and on conviction shall be liable to a fine of not less than one million shillings but not exceeding five million shillings or to imprisonment for a term of not less than one year but not exceeding five years or to both.”

Amendment
of section 13

38. The principal Act is amended in section 13, by-

- (a) adding immediately after subsection (1) the following:

“(2) Without prejudice to the provisions of subsection (1), the Institute shall, subject to approval of the Minister, make guidelines prescribing arrangement for motivation of its staff who undertakes innovation and product development from research findings.”; and

- (b) renumbering subsections (2) to (4) as subsections (3) to (5) respectively.

Amendment
of section 16

39. The principal Act is amended in section 16 by deleting the word “Directors” wherever it appears in subsection (2) and substituting for it the word “Managers”.

Amendment
of section 17

40. The principal Act is amended in section 17-

- (a) in subsection (1) by-
 - (i) designating the content of subsection (1) as section 17;
 - (ii) deleting the words “Subject to subsection (2), the members” appearing in section 17 as designated and substituting for them the words “A member”; and
- (b) by deleting subsection (2).

PART VIII
AMENDMENT OF THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
(DISCHARGE OF DUTIES) ACT,
(CAP. 268)

Construction
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41. This Part shall be read as one with the Office of the Attorney General (Discharge of Duties) Act, hereinafter referred to as the “principal Act”.

Amendment
of section 3

42. The principal Act is amended in section 3 by deleting the words “Deputy Chief Parliamentary Draftsman” appearing in the definition of the term “Chief Parliamentary Draftsman”.

Amendment
of section 7

43. The principal Act is amended in section 7(1) by inserting the words “appointment and” immediately before the word “discipline” appearing in paragraph (e).

Amendment
of section 7B

44. The principal Act is amended in section 7B, by-

- (a) deleting the terms “and Deputy Chief Parliamentary Draftsman”, “and a Deputy Chief Parliamentary Draftsman”, “or Deputy Chief Parliamentary Draftsman” wherever they appear in that section; and
- (b) deleting subsection (3) and replacing for it the following:
 - “(3) The Chief Parliamentary Draftsman shall be-
 - (a) the head of the Office of the Chief Parliamentary Draftsman;

- (b) the accounting officer, appointing and disciplinary authority within the Office of the Chief Parliamentary Draftsman; and
- (c) responsible in managing day to day affairs of the Office of the Chief Parliamentary Draftsman.”.

Amendment of section 8

45. The principal Act is amended in section 8-

- (a) by designating the contents of section 8 as subsection (1);
- (b) in subsection (1) as designated by-
 - (i) adding immediately after paragraph (b) the following:
 - “(c) advise the Government on matters of contracts, international agreements and treaties;
 - (d) supervise compliance of contracts entered into by ministries, independent departments, agencies and other Government institutions for the purpose of ensuring proper implementation of contracts;”;
 - (ii) renaming paragraphs (c) to (i) as paragraphs (e) to (k) respectively; and
- (c) by adding immediately after subsection (1) the following:
 - “(2) The Attorney General may, by notice in the *Gazette*, issue guidelines prescribing the manner of summoning public officers and supervision of contracts under subsection (1)(d) and (h).”.

Repeal of section 8B

46. The principal Act is amended by repealing section 8B.

PART IX
AMENDMENT OF THE PORTS ACT,
(CAP. 166)

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47. This Part shall be read as one with the Ports Act, hereinafter referred to as the “principal Act”.

General amendment

48. The principal Act is amended generally by deleting the words “security officer” and “security officers” wherever they appear in the Act and substituting for them the words “port security officer” and “port security officers” respectively.

Amendment of section 3

49. The principal Act is amended in section 3 by deleting the definition of the term “seamen”.

Amendment of section 12

50. The principal Act is amended in section 12 (1), by-
(a) adding immediately after paragraph (v) the following:
 “(w) to operate a training institution for purposes of provision and promotion of training, consultancy, research and development in the fields of marine, port and other ancillary services.”; and
(b) renaming paragraphs (w) and (x) as paragraphs (x) and (y).

Amendment of section 38A

51. The principal Act is amended in section 38A by inserting the words “management and operations of training institution and” between the words “the” and “conditions”.

Repeal and replacement of section 44

52. The principal Act is amended by repealing section 44 and replacing for it the following:

“Power to make regulations

44.-1) The Minister may make regulations for the better carrying out or giving effect to the provisions of this Act.

(2) Without prejudice to subsection (1), regulations may be made in respect of-

- (a) control and management of port and their approaches;
- (b) safety of vessels;
- (c) protection of environment;
- (d) port safety and security and maintainance of good order;
- (e) forms to be used in connection with the

business and service provided by the Authority;

(f) any other matter which is necessary for better carrying out of the provisions of this Act.”.

Addition of
section 60A

53. The principal Act is amended by adding immediately after section 60 the following:

“Establishment of Port Security Committee

60A.-(1) There shall be a Port Security Committee for every seaport and inland waterways port, which shall be responsible for matters relating to port communication, identification of risks and coordination of resources to mitigate threats and occurrence of port related disasters.

(2) The Port Security Committee shall report to the Authority on quarterly basis or such other time as may be determined by the Authority.

(3) The Port Security Committee shall be composed of members appointed by their relevant authority as follows:

(a) head of Port of Dar es Salaam, Tanga, Mtwara or other inland waterways port, as the case may be;

(b) a senior officer from Immigration Department;

(c) a representative from Tanzania Peoples Defence Force-Navy;

(d) a representative from Tanzania Intelligence Security Services;

- (e) a senior officer from Customs and Excise Department of the Tanzania Revenue Authority;
- (f) a senior officer from Tanzania Shipping Agencies Corporation; and
- (g) a representative from the Police Force responsible for port security.

(4) The Committee may co-opt any person whose presence is, in its opinion, desirable to attend the meetings:

Provided that the co-opted person shall have no right to vote.

(5) The in-charge of port security of the respective port shall be the secretary to the Committee.

(6) The functions, proceedings and tenure of the Committee under subsection (1) shall be prescribed in the regulations.”.

Addition of
section 86A

54. The principal Act is amended by adding immediately after section 86 the following:

“General
penalty

86A. Where a person contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of this Act for which no specific penalty is provided, commits an offence and, on conviction, shall be liable to a fine of not less than three million shillings but not exceeding fifty million shillings or to imprisonment for a term of not less than twelve months but not exceeding two years or to both.”.

Repeal and
replacement
of section 89

55. The principal Act is amended by repealing section 89 and replacing for it the following:

“Master, owner
or person
incharge of
vessel
answerable for
damage

89.-(1) Where damage is caused to a port equipment or facility or any property of the Authority by any person, vessel, aircraft, craft, vehicle, or any floating object, the costs of making good the damage, including the expenses of any inspection or survey carried out by or on behalf of the Authority to ascertain such damage may be recovered by the Authority from such person, Master, owner or agent of the vessel, aircraft, vehicle, craft or floating object.

(2) The Authority shall have powers to-

- (a) detain any person, vessel, aircraft, craft, vehicle or any floating object until the costs of making good the damage and the expenses have been paid to the Authority; and
- (b) require the Master, owner or person in charge of the vessel, aircraft, craft, vehicle, or any floating object to deposit a sum of money or furnish security to meet costs and expenses of any damage caused.”.

PART X
AMENDMENT OF THE TRANSPORT LICENSING ACT,
(CAP. 317)

Construction
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56. This Part shall be read as one with the Transport Licensing Act, hereinafter referred to as the “principal Act”.

General
amendment

57. The principal Act is amended generally by deleting the word “uneconomic” wherever it appears in the Act and substituting for it the word “unfair”.

Amendment
of section 3

58. The principal Act is amended in section 3, by-

- (a) deleting subsection (2);
- (b) designating the content of subsection (1) as section 3;
- (c) deleting definitions of the terms “appointing authority”, “Central Licensing Authority”, “Member”, “Regional Licensing Authority” and “urban area”;
- (d) deleting the definition of the term “licensing authority” and substituting for it the following new definition:
“licensing authority” means the Land Transport Regulatory Authority established under the Land Transport Regulatory Authority Act; and

(e) adding in the appropriate alphabetical order the following definitions:

“authorised agent” means a person, government institution or cooperative society mandated as such pursuant to section 5;

“hire” means an arrangement where a regulated supplier provides regulated services to a consumer at an agreed payment;

“regulated services” has the meaning ascribed to it under the Land Transport Regulatory Authority Act;

“regulated supplier” has the meaning ascribed to it under the Land Transport Regulatory Authority Act;

“reward” means to obtain commercial vehicle services without payment from the

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Repeal and replacement of section 4

consumer for the purpose of facilitating the licensee's other business;”.

59. The principal Act is amended by repealing section 4 and replacing for it the following:

“Mandate of licensing authority

4. The licensing authority shall be responsible for issuance, renewal, cancellation and suspension of licences or permits issued under this Act.

Repeal and replacement of section 5

60. The principal Act is amended by repealing section 5 and replacing for it the following:

“Authorised agent

5. The licencing authority may engage an authorised agent to-
(a) issue or renew licence or permit; or
(b) perform such other functions vested to the licensing authority.”.

Repeal of sections 5A, 6, 6A, 7, 8, 9, 10, 18, 19, 20 and 21

61. The principal Act is amended by repealing sections 5A, 6, 6A, 7, 8, 9, 10, 18, 19, 20 and 21.

Amendment of section 26

62. The principal Act is amended in section 26 by deleting subsection (3).

Amendment of section 28

63. The principal Act is amended in section 28(3) by deleting the words “two thousand” and substituting for them the words “one hundred thousand”.

Repeal of sections 34, 36, 37, 38, 39 and 40

64. The principal Act is amended by repealing sections 34, 36, 37, 38, 39 and 40.

Repeal and replacement of section 41

65. The principal Act is amended by repealing section 41 and replacing for it the following:

“General penalty

41. Where a person contravenes or fails to comply with any provision of this Act where no specific penalty is provided,

commits an offence and on conviction shall be liable to a fine of not less than one hundred thousand shillings and not exceeding five hundred thousand shillings or to imprisonment for a term of not less than six months but and not exceeding one year or to both.”.

Repeal of
sections 42,
43 and 44

66. The principal Act is amended by repealing sections 42, 43 and 44.

Amendment
of section 45

67. The principal Act is amended in section 45, by-

- (a) deleting paragraph (h); and
- (b) renaming paragraphs (i) to (l) as paragraphs (h) to (k) respectively.

Repeal and
replacement
of section 46

68. The principal Act is amended by repealing section 46 and replacing for it the following:

“Powers to
inspect vehicles **46.** A police officer or an
officer of a licensing authority may, for purposes of ascertaining the
compliance of this Act-

- (a) search any vehicle;
- (b) demand the production of any document or record which may be required to be carried in the vehicle;
- (c) require the driver or any other person on board a vehicle to give information as the police officer or an officer of the licensing authority may require.”.

Repeal of
sections 48
and 49

69. The principal Act is amended by repealing sections 48 and 49.

Passed by the National Assembly on 5th June, 2025

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