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**PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL**

**Government Notifications**

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**THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACT, No. 47 OF 1980**

REGULATIONS made by Minister of Environment under Section 23Q of the National Environmental Act, No. 47 of 1980 read with Section 32 of the aforesaid Act.

ANURA PRIYADHARSHANA YAPA,  
Minister of Environment.

Colombo,  
19th December, 2011.

**Regulations**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the National Environmental (Vehicle Horns) Regulations, No. 1 of 2011.
2. The provisions of these Regulations shall apply in respect of the Regulation of noise emanating from vehicular horns in the manner hereinafter specified.
3. No person shall use or cause to be used on a highway or road any motor vehicle, where the sound of the horn, the sound pressure level of which exceeds the limits specified in the Schedule to these regulations, unless such person has obtained a permit authorising such use, issued by the Commissioner - General of Motor Traffic or by any person authorized by him in that behalf.

Provided that the restriction specified in this regulation shall not apply to Ambulances, Trains, Fire-Brigade Vehicles, Police vehicles and Vehicles used by the Armed Forces.

Provided further, these regulations shall not apply in respect of horns which are fitted to vehicles which are used in times of an emergency or a disaster, to convey information to the general public.

4. Noise levels shall be measured in terms of sound pressure levels  $L_{Amax}$  in dB (A), either by the use of a sound level meter which is in conformity with the standard set out as Type 1 of BS EN 60651 : 1994 or any other measuring equipment recommended by the Authority from time to time.

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5. A sound level meter shall be calibrated, before and after each series of measurements, using a Class 1 acoustic calibrator which is in conformity with standard set out as IEC 942 : 1988.

6. In these regulations unless the context otherwise requires –

“Authority” means the Central Environmental Authority established by the National Environmental Act, No. 47 of 1980;

“dB” means decibel ;

“ $L_{Amax}$ ” means the maximum A – weighted sound pressure level as is recorded during a period of measurement.

SCHEDULE

(Regulation 2)

	<i>Column I</i> <i>Distance</i>	<i>Column II</i> <i>Sound pressure level</i> <i><math>L_{Amax}</math> in dB (A)</i>
1.	02 m in open space from the front of the vehicle when the vehicle is in a stationary position and the engine is switched on.	105
2.	07 m in open space from the front of the vehicle when the vehicle is in a stationary position and the engine is switched on.	93

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