

GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 45 OF 2020

**The Road Traffic Act, 2002**

(Act No. 11 of 2002)

**The Road Traffic (Disposal of Impounded Motor  
Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020**

IN EXERCISE of the powers contained in section 233 of the Road Traffic Act, 2002, and on the recommendation of the Agency, the following Regulations are made:

1. (1) These Regulations may be cited as the Road Traffic (Disposal of Impounded Motor Vehicles) (Amendment) Regulations, 2020, and shall be read as one with the Road Traffic (Disposal of Impounded Motor Vehicles) Regulations, 2016, in these Regulations referred to as the principal Regulations. Title and commencement  
S.I. No. 91  
of 2016
- (2) These Regulations shall come into operation on the expiration of a period of thirty days from the date on which they are published in the *Gazette*.
2. Regulation 3 of the principal Regulations is amended— Amendment  
of  
regulation 3
  - (a) in subsection (3), by the deletion of the words “fourteen days” and the substitution therefor of the words “thirty days”;
  - (b) in subsection (4), by the deletion of the word “owner” and the substitution therefor of the words “offender or the owner of an impounded vehicle”
  - (c) by the deletion of subsection (5) and the substitution therefor of the following:
    - (5) For purposes of this regulation, where criminal proceedings are instituted against the offender or the owner of an impounded vehicle, the day next after the termination of the criminal proceedings shall be deemed to be the date of detention of the vehicle.; and

(d) by the insertion of the following new subregulation immediately after subregulation (5):

(6) Despite subregulations (3) and (5), an appropriate authority may apply to Court for an order to dispose of an impounded motor vehicle where—

(a) within a period of thirty days from the date of publication of the advert in subregulation (3)—

- (i) the owner does not claim the vehicle; and
- (ii) the offender, in a case where the owner is not the offender, does not appear before court.

(7) For purposes of subregulation (6), a person who claims an impounded vehicle or appears before court for prosecution shall sign in a register kept by the appropriate authority.

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