

Republic of Moldova
GOVERNMENT
DECISION No. 500
of 29-05-2018

on the approval of the Regulation
on general equipment requirements for priority vehicles
and special vehicles

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AMENDED

GD No. 887 of 23.12.24, Official Gazette 548-551/27.12.24 Art. 1002; in force as of 27.12.24

Based on Article 5 letter b) of Law No. 131-XVI of June 7, 2007, on road traffic safety (republished in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Moldova, 2015, No. 11-21, Art. 6), with subsequent amendments and completions, the Government DECIDES:

1. The Regulation on the general equipment requirements for priority vehicles and special vehicles is approved (attached).
2. The provisions of the aforementioned Regulation shall be applied to vehicles received and put into circulation as the vehicle fleets of ministries, other central administrative authorities, and other public authorities, institutions, organizations, and enterprises authorized to urgently carry out damage control works at facilities of vital importance to the population are renewed.
3. In point 38 of Annex No. 1 to Government Decision No. 357 of May 13, 2009, "On the approval of the Road Traffic Regulation", with subsequent amendments and completions, sub-point 1) is amended and supplemented as follows:
 - 1) in letter a), the text ", mobile teams of the Customs Service" is excluded;
 - 2) in letter b), after the text "of the Ministry of Internal Affairs," the text "mobile teams of the Customs Service," is introduced.
4. General control over the execution of this Decision is assigned to the Ministry of Internal Affairs, and the execution and control, according to competence, are assigned to the authorities listed in point 3 of the Regulation on general equipment requirements for priority vehicles and special vehicles.

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REGULATION
on general equipment requirements
for priority vehicles
and special vehicles

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. This Regulation establishes the color-graphic schemes, identification markings, inscriptions, special sound and light signaling devices for priority and special vehicles.
2. The purpose of the Regulation is to ensure the identification of special vehicles in road traffic that are equipped with sound and light devices, and, as applicable, with color-graphic schemes, identification markings and inscriptions, in order to ensure traffic safety during emergency response, urgent service missions, or transport of valuables.
3. The Regulation applies to special vehicles of:
 - 1) General Police Inspectorate.
 - 2) General Inspectorate of Border Police.
 - 2¹) General Inspectorate for Migration;
[Point 3, sub-point 21) introduced by GD No. 887 of 23.12.24, OG 548-551/27.12.24, Art. 1002; effective as of 27.12.24]
 - 3) General Inspectorate of Carabinieri.
 - 4) General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations.
 - 4¹) National Anticorruption Center.
 - 5) State Protection and Guard Service.
 - 6) Ministry of Health.
 - 7) Ministry of Defense.
 - 8) National Bank of Moldova.
 - 9) National Administration of Penitentiaries;

- 10) Customs Service;
- 10¹) services for transporting valuables (special cash-in-transit vehicles);
- 11) roadside assistance services.
4. It is prohibited to place inscriptions or images with advertising content on the exterior and interior surfaces of special vehicles.
5. The application of color-graphic schemes and special sound and light signaling devices on vehicles other than those listed in point 3, and without permission from the National Public Security Inspectorate, is not allowed.
6. Authorities legally possessing special vehicles are obliged to equip and furnish them with appropriate color-graphic schemes, identification markings, inscriptions, and special sound and light devices.
7. For the purposes of this Regulation, the following definitions apply:
- ***special vehicle*** – a vehicle with or without priority status, equipped with special light and sound signals, and, as applicable, color-graphic schemes;
 - ***reflective strip*** – horizontal, vertical, and/or diagonal stripes in contrasting colors to the base color of the special vehicle, applied to the external side parts or other areas to ensure visibility and distinguishability in road traffic;
 - ***informational inscriptions*** – text containing information about the affiliation and purpose of the special vehicle;
 - ***cash-in-transit vehicles*** – special vehicles intended for transporting securities, cash, and valuable materials;
 - ***roadside assistance services*** – institutions, organizations, and enterprises authorized to urgently handle emergencies at facilities vital to the population;
 - ***passive safety*** – all vehicle functions designed to protect life and physical integrity during and after an accident;
 - ***color-graphic schemes*** – graphical design combining the base color of the vehicle with reflective strips, identification markings, and inscriptions;
 - ***identification markings*** – graphic symbols (crests, emblems, logos, inscriptions) indicating the affiliation and functional classification of the special vehicles.

II. REQUIREMENTS FOR COLOR-GRAPHIC SCHEMES, IDENTIFICATION MARKINGS, AND INFORMATIONAL INSCRIPTIONS OF SPECIAL VEHICLES

8. The color-graphic schemes of special vehicles must match the vector images in Annex No. 3 of the Regulation.
9. Identical color-graphic schemes in terms of placement, color, and size must be applied to the side panels of special vehicles, as per the Regulation.
10. The base colors and reflective strip colors must correspond to Annex No. 1 of the Regulation.

11. Base colors and reflective stripes may be applied using paint or reflective film matching the specifications in Annex No. 1.
12. The width of reflective strips on sides of special trucks and buses must be between 150 and 230 mm; for cars and passenger-utility trucks, the width is determined by body type.
13. The content of informational inscriptions and identification markings must comply with Annex No. 2.
14. Informational inscriptions must be in the state language.
15. The “Arial” font in uppercase letters must be used for informational inscriptions and identification markings.
- 15¹. Based on special laws regulating functional duties, and as an exception to point 6, the Intelligence and Security Service, State Protection and Guard Service, National Anticorruption Center, General Police Inspectorate, and Special Courier Bureau may use special vehicles with sound and light signals as per this Regulation, **without** color-graphic schemes, identification markings, or inscriptions.
- 15². The installation of light and sound devices according to point 151 is allowed **only with** the approval of the National Public Security Inspectorate.
- 15³. Authorities listed in point 151 shall ensure that the "Special Vehicle" note is entered in the vehicle registration certificate and shall **not** allow its use contrary to its intended purpose.

III. REQUIREMENTS FOR LIGHT AND SOUND SIGNALS OF SPECIAL VEHICLES

16. Light signaling devices must be placed on the vehicle roof in such a way that the light emitter has a 360° horizontal visibility angle.
17. It is allowed to install light and sound devices under the hood of special vehicles, located in the front space.
18. When installing the control unit for light and sound devices inside the vehicle cabin, passive safety requirements must be met.
19. All special vehicles must have blue light signals, except those used to escort official delegations and/or dignitaries under state protection, by the General Police Inspectorate and State Protection and Guard Service, which must have blue and red signals.
20. Vehicles of the Special Courier Bureau and cash-in-transit vehicles must have white light signals and a special sound signal, which does not grant traffic priority but is used in case of attack to alert the police and other traffic participants.
- 20¹. The transport of valuables or special correspondence by cash-in-transit or special communication services shall be carried out based on a special permit issued by the National Public Security Inspectorate.
- 20². The special permit shall be issued only to drivers tasked with missions specified in point 201. Transfer to other drivers is prohibited.
- 20³. To carry out service missions under point 201, both the special permit and compliance with Annexes No. 1 and No. 2 are required.
21. The special sound signal must have a frequency modulation ranging between 150 and 2000 Hz.

22. The modulation cycle of the basic sound signal must be between 0.5 and 6 seconds.
 23. The sound power of the special signal must be at least:
 - 1) 116 dB – if installed on the vehicle roof;
 - 2) 122 dB – if installed under the vehicle hood.
 24. The direction of the special sound signal emission must match the vehicle's direction of movement.
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