



UNITED ARAB EMIRATES
MINISTRY OF ENERGY & INFRASTRUCTURE



Law regulating Land Transport in the United Arab Emirates

**Law
Regulating
Land
Transport**

Federal Law No. 9
Relating Land Transport

Issued on 5 Shaa'ban 1432 AH
Corresponding to 6 July 2011 AD

We, Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates State,

- Pursuant to the perusal of the Constitution; and
- The Federal Law no. 1 of 1972 AD on the jurisdictions of the Ministries and the competences of the Ministers and the amending laws thereof; and
- The Federal Law no. 17 of 1981 AD on the establishment of Emirates General Transport and Services Corporation and the amending laws thereof; and
- The Federal Law no. 8 of 1984 AD on commercial companies and the amending laws thereof; and
- The Federal Law no. 9 of 1984 AD on insurance companies and agents and the amending laws thereof; and
- The Federal Law no. 8 of 1986 AD on the determination of the axial load of vehicles using the paved roads in the country; and
- The Criminal Law issued by virtue of the Federal Law no. 3 of 1987 AD and the amending laws thereof; and
- The Law on Criminal Procedures issued by virtue of the Federal Law no. 35 of 1992 AD and the amending laws thereof; and
- The Law on Commercial Transactions issued by virtue of the Federal Law no. 18 of 1993 AD; and
- The Federal Law no. 21 of 1995 AD on traffic and the amending laws thereof; and
- The Federal Decree-Law no.1 of 2001 AD on guarding the land and maritime borders of the state; and
- The Federal Law no. 28 of 2001 AD on the establishment of Emirates Standardization and Metrology Authority and the amending laws thereof; and
- The Federal Law no. 1 of 2003 AD on the establishment of the Federal Customs Authority and the amending laws thereof; and
- The Federal Law no. 16 of 2007 AD on animal welfare; and
- The Federal Decree-Law no. 2 of 2009 AD on the establishment of Etihad Rail Company; and
- The Federal Decree no. 95 of 2006 AD on the adherence of the state to international conventions on international land transport of goods and traffic on the roads; and

Acting upon the proposal of the Minister of Public Works - Chairman of the Board of Directors of the National Transport Authority and the approval of the Cabinet and the Federal National Council, and the ratification of the Federal Supreme Council,

Have issued the following Law:

Chapter 1 | Definitions

Article 1

Definitions of some terms and expressions

In the implementation of the provisions hereof, the following terms and expressions shall have the meanings assigned thereto, unless the context requires otherwise:

Chapter 2 | The License

Article 2

The link between practicing the land transport activity by obtaining a license from the Authority

The land transport activity may not be practiced unless after obtaining a license from the Authority according to the provisions of the present Law and the regulations and resolutions issued in implementation thereof.

Article 3

Terms of obtaining the license

The following shall be required in order to grant the license to practice the land transport activity:

1. The applicant for the license must be a national.
2. The land transport means must be equipped with safety means, and must comply with all technical conditions specified by the implementing regulation and other legislations issued in this regard.
3. The applicant for the license must own or rent a land transport

means according to the activity requested to be licensed, and such as per the conditions specified in the implementing regulation.

4. The land transport means must be equipped with safety means, and must comply with all technical conditions specified by the implementing regulation and other legislations issued in this regard.
5. Necessary technical and administrative criteria must be available in order to grant the license. Such criteria must be specified in the implementing regulation.
6. Approvals from the competent authority must be obtained.
7. Any other conditions specified in the implementing regulation.

Article 4

The request for obtaining the license

The license requests shall be submitted to the Authority on a sample prepared for said purpose, along with all the required documents for the granting of the license, as specified in the implementing regulation.

Article 5

The permissibility of establishing companies to carry out road the land transport activity

Subject to the provisions of the Commercial Companies Law, companies may be established for the practice of land transport activity.

Article 6

Obtaining a license to establish a branch or institution licensed to carry out the land transport activity

Upon the establishment of a branch of the company or institution, licensed to practice land transport activity in the State, the licensed person must obtain a license for said branch according to the provisions of the present Law and the implementing regulation thereof.

Article 7

The prohibition of using the land transport means for a purpose other than the one specified in the license

The usage of a land transport means for a purpose other than the one specified in the license shall be prohibited.

Article 8

The inexpressibility to assign or dispose of the license unless with the approval of the Authority

The license issued by virtue of the provisions of the present law shall be personal. Therefore, it may neither be relinquished nor disposed of except after the approval of the Authority.

Article 9

The request of cancelling the license or a temporary suspension of it

Should the licensed person desire to stop practicing the land transport activity, he must request the cancellation of the license or the temporary suspension thereof, by

using the form prepared for said purpose, and such in accordance with the procedures set forth in the implementing regulation.

Article 10

The prohibition of operating a land transport means without obtaining an operation card

The operation of any land transport means, including tractor-trailers, shall be prohibited should the licensed person not have acquired an operation card from the Authority.

The implementing regulation shall specify the sample of the operation card and the data included therein, as well as the validity thereof as the conditions required for the issuance and renewal thereof.

Article 11

Obtaining a replacement for a damaged or lost license

The implementing regulation shall specify the restrictions governing the receipt of a substitute for damage or loss of the damaged or lost license or operating card. The substitute for damage or loss shall be granted after the payment of set fees.

Article 12

Keeping the operating card permanently in the means of land transport

The licensed person must permanently keep the operation card in the land transport means.

Article 13

The duration of the license, its renewal, stopping and cancellation

The implementing regulation shall specify the term of the license and the renewal thereof. In all cases, the conditions governing the granting of the license must be met during the entire term thereof. Should any condition thereof become unfulfilled, the licensed person must notify the Authority thereof. The Authority shall, automatically or as per the notice, stop or cancel the license, and accordingly stop and cancel the operation card and the notification of the local competent authority.

Article 14

The cancellation of the special operation card of the land transport means

Upon deletion or transfer of ownership of the land transport means, the owner thereof must notify the Authority so that the operation card associated therewith be cancelled as per the procedures set forth in the implementing regulation.

Article 15

The electronic or papers records in the Authority

Electronic or paper registers shall be established in the Authority for the registration of persons licensed to practice land transport activity, as well as the transport means acquiring operation cards.

The implementing regulation shall specify the samples and data of said registers and the registration procedures therein.

Article 16

The adherence of the non-recorded land transport means in the State by obtaining a prior license from the Authority to enter its lands

The land transport means that is unregistered in the State shall be prohibited from entering the country or crossing, empty, the territories thereof should it not receive a prior license thereto from the Authority, in coordination with the Customs Authorities and the competent authority.

Article 17

The prohibition of the non-recorded land transport means in the State to carry out the land transport activities inside any Emirate or between the Emirates without a special license.

The land transport means that is unregistered in the State shall be prohibited from carrying out land transport activity inside any Emirate or between the Emirates. It shall also be prohibited from loading, while leaving the State to a State other than the one where it is registered, unless by virtue of a special permit in accordance with the conditions specified in the implementing regulation, and in coordination with the Customs Authorities and the competent authority.

Article 18

The commitments of the drivers of the land transport means

Drivers of land transport means shall abide by the following:

1. Carry all the documents set forth in the implementing regulation.
2. Pass through official state ports.
3. Travel on tracks specified by the Authority in coordination with the Ministry of Interior and the competent authority.
4. Stop and gather in specified places and abide by operating hours specified by the Authority in coordination with the Ministry of Interior and the competent authority.
5. Not place goods on roads or sidewalks.
6. Any other conditions set forth in the implementing regulation.

Article 19

The obligation of insuring the international transport activities

The international land transport operations must be covered by insurance as of the beginning of the trip until the end thereof. The implementing regulation shall specify the terms and conditions of the insurance.

Article 20

The local agents

Persons licensed to carry out regular transport of passengers must have

local licensed agents in the destination country in order to facilitate the procedures of passenger transport.

Article 21

The commitments of the licensed person and the carrier of the international land transport towards passengers

The licensed person, the agents thereof and the international land transport carrier must abide by the following:-

1. The issuance of traveling tickets for all passengers stating the name of the passenger, the address, identity or passport number thereof, the travel destination and the name and address of the carrier.
2. The issuance of a registry card for the passenger's belongings including the number and nature of belongings handed thereto, and the name and address of the passenger and the name and address of the carrier.
3. Any other data set forth in the implementing regulation.

Article 22

The commitments and responsibilities of the carrier

1. The carrier shall be responsible for the safety of transported passengers present in the vehicle thereof, as specified in the insurance policy.

2. The carrier shall undertake to compensate for the loss, damage, deficiency or flaws in the belongings. The compensation for the belongings and state thereof shall take place upon delivery, provided that the carrier is notified, and the case is registered by virtue of an official minutes.
3. The carrier, the legal representative thereof in the main siege thereof, or the authorized agent thereof in country of the contracted party may be requested to compensate for the loss, damage, deficiency or flaws of the belongings.
4. In the event of denial and lack of legitimate excuse, actions of compensation for the damage, loss, deficiency or flaws of belongings shall not be heard, should there be a delay in the notification of the carrier or the agent thereof for more than sixty days as of the date of the case registration minutes.

Chapter 3 | Customs Pass Card

Article 23

The Coverage of the international land transport means of goods with a customs card

The international land transport means must be covered by a customs pass card as set forth in the implementing regulation.

Chapter 4 | The Insurer and Automobile Clubs

Article 24

The prohibition of issuing customs cards without a prior license from the Authority

The insurer shall be prohibited from issuing customs pass card unless by virtue of a prior licensed issued by the Authority. The implementing regulation shall set forth the procedures governing the granting of the license and the term and conditions of the renewal thereof.

Article 25

The commitments of the insurer and the automobile clubs by obtaining a license from the Authority to practice the profession or open branches

The insurer and the automobile clubs must obtain a permit from the Authority to practice the profession or open branches therefore before issuing an international driving license, and such according to the procedures and conditions set forth in the implementing regulation.

Article 26

The conditions to be met to grant a guarantor license

The following shall govern the granting

of the insurer's license:

1. The applicant for the license must be a national.
2. A bank guarantee set forth by virtue of a Cabinet Resolution must be submitted to the Authority.
3. The original copy of the contract between the insurer and the customs authorities must be submitted, as set forth in the implementing regulation.
4. A proof of the continuance of the membership thereof in the International Road Transport Union must be submitted.
5. Any other conditions specified in the implementing regulation.

Article 27

Joining organizations or federations related to land transport activity

The insurer and licensed automobile clubs shall be entitled to adhere to organizations or unions related to the activity thereof. The conditions of adherence shall be set forth in the implementing regulation.

Article 28

The authority of the supervisory body over the guarantor and the automobile clubs

The Authority shall have the power to supervise the insurer and the automobile club to verify the validity of the procedures and data pertaining to the customs pass cards, traffic and international driving licenses. The implementing regulation shall specify

necessary conditions and procedures therefor.

Chapter 5 | Sanctions

Article 29

The penalty of breaching the provision of Article 14 of the present Law

Any person violating the provision of Article 14 of the present Law shall be sentenced to imprisonment for a minimum period of 3 months, and to a fine amounting to AED 50,000 at least and AED 150,000 at most, or to either sanction. In case of recidivism, the transport means may be confiscated.

Article 30

The penalty of breaching the provisions of Articles 26 and 27 of the present Law

Any person violating the provisions of Articles 26 and 27 of the present Law shall be sentenced to a fine amounting to AED 100,000 at least and AED 200,000 at most.

Article 31

The penalty of breaching the provisions of Articles 7 and 18 of the present Law

Any person violating the provisions of Articles 7 and 18 of the present Law shall be sentenced to imprisonment for a period of two months at least, and

to a fine amounting to AED 10,000 at least and AED 25,000 at most, or to either penalty.

Article 32

The penalty of breaching the provisions of Articles 2, 10 and 19 of the present Law

Any person violating the provisions of Articles 2, 10 and 19 of the present Law shall be sentenced to imprisonment for a period of six months at least, and to a fine amounting to AED 50,000 at least and AED 100,000 at most. In case of recidivism, the transport means may be confiscated.

Article 33

The penalty of breaching the provisions of this law or its implementing regulation

Any person violating any other provision of the present Law or the implementing regulation thereof shall be sentenced to a fine amounting to AED 2,000 at least and AED 5,000 at most.

Article 34

The non- prejudice of the penalties of this law with more severe penalty in the text of another law

The implementation of the sanctions set forth in the present Law shall not prejudice any severer sanction set forth in any other law.

Chapter 6 | Final Provisions

Article 35

A Cabinet resolution, based on the proposal of the chairman and in coordination with the Ministry of Finance, shall specify the fees of licenses, registration, certifications and services provided according to the provisions of the present Law, the implementing regulation thereof, and the resolutions issued in implementation thereof.

Article 36

Giving the status of judicial investigation officers to the employees of the authority and the competent authority

The employees of the Authority and the competent authority appointed by virtue of a resolution issued by the Minister of Justice in agreement with the chairman, shall have the capacity of judicial investigation officers in proving any violations to the provisions of the present Law, the implementing regulation thereof and the resolutions issued in implementation thereof - each within the scope of jurisdiction thereof.

Article 37

The reconciliation of situations in accordance with the provisions of this law

All parties practicing the land transport activity, the insurer and automobile

clubs in the State must rectify their situation in compliance with the provisions of the present Law, and such within a period not exceeding 180 days from the date of coming into force thereof. The chairman of the board may extend said term for another similar term.

Article 38

Issuing the regulations and execution resolutions

The chairman shall issue the necessary regulations and resolutions for the execution of the provisions of the present Law.

Article 39

The cancellation of the contradicting provisions

Any provision contradicting or contravening the provisions hereof shall be abrogated.

Article 40

Publishing the law and coming into force

The present Law shall be published in the Official Gazette, and shall come into force 30 days after the date of the publication thereof.

Issued by Us in Abu Dhabi
Presidential Palace On
5 Shaa'ban 1432 AH
Corresponding to 6 July
2011 AD

Khalifa Bin Zayed Al Nahyan
President of the United Arab
Emirates State

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Cabinet Resolution No. 67 of 2022

On Violations of the Provisions of Federal Law No. 9 of 2011 on Land Transport, the Executive Regulations thereof and Administrative Penalties Applicable thereon

Cabinet

- Having perused the Constitution;
- Federal Law No. 1 of 1972 concerning competencies of the Ministries and powers of the Ministers, as amended;
- Federal Law No. 9 of 2011 concerning land transport, as amended;
- Federal Law No. 14 of 2016 concerning administrative violations and penalties in the Federal Government;
- Based proposal of the Minister of Energy & Infrastructure, and approval of the Cabinet;

The Cabinet hereby promulgates the following:

Article 1

Definitions

The definitions contained in the aforesaid Federal Law No. 9 of 2011 shall apply to this Resolution; except for that, the following words and terms shall have the meanings assigned to each other unless the context requires otherwise:

Ministry: Ministry of Energy & Infrastructure

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Article 2

Scope of Application

This Resolution shall apply to whoever violates the provisions of the Federal Law No. 9 of 2011 on land transport and its Executive Regulations.

Article 3

Administrative Violations and Penalties

Without prejudice to any more severe penalty provided for in any other law or resolution, the Minister or whoever he delegates has the right impose administrative penalties over those violating provisions of the Federal Law No. 9 of 2011 on land transport and its

Executive Regulations, and pursuant to the violations & penalties contained in the Table attached to this Resolution.

Article 4

Appeal

Whoever having a capacity and interest may file an appeal before the Minister or whom he delegated against any penalty provided for in this Resolution and imposed over him, provided that such person shall file such appeal within fifteen (15) days after the date of being notified of the appealed decision, and the appeal shall be grounded and shall include all documents supporting it. The appeal shall be decided on within thirty days (30) after the date of filing it, in accordance with the procedures in force with the Ministry.

Article 5

Collection of the Administrative Penalties

The administrative penalties shall be collected by the means specified by the Ministry of Finance.

Article 6

Executive Resolutions

The Minister shall promulgate the resolution required for enforcement of this Resolution.

Article 7

Cancellations (Repealing)

Every provision contradicting with or contravening the provisions of this Resolution shall be repealed.

Article 8

Publication & Enforcement of the Resolution

This Resolution shall be published in the Official Gazette, and shall apply ninety (90) days after the date of its publication.

Promulgated on:

Date: Muharram 12, 1444 AH
Corresponding to: 10/8/2022 AD

Administrative Violations & Penalties Table attached to the Cabinet

Resolution No. 67 of 2022 concerning Violations of the Provisions of Federal Law No. 9 of 2011 on Land Transport, the Executive Regulations thereof and Administrative Penalties Applicable thereon

#	Statement of Violation	Administrative Penalty
1	The company is engaged in any activity of land transport of the people and goods without obtaining a license from the Ministry, or the company is engaged in an activity included in the operating license	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative penalty of AED 5,000 (five thousand UAE Dirhams). In the case of repeating the violation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The administrative penalty is doubled. The company's license is suspended for a period not exceeding three (3) months if it is issued by the State.
2	A means of land transport transports passengers or goods for a fee among the emirates of the State or between the State and the neighboring countries without a valid operating card	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative penalty of AED 2,000 (two thousand UAE Dirhams) over the truck or the bus. Administrative penalty of AED 5,000 (five thousand UAE Dirhams) in the case of repeating the violation.
3	Hiring a truck or bus driver not meeting the employment conditions provided for in the Land Transport Regulation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Administrative penalty of AED 3,000 (three thousand UAE Dirhams) over the truck or the bus. Administrative penalty of AED 5,000 (five thousand UAE Dirhams) in the case of repeating the violation.
4	Using a land transport means to transport non-hazardous goods in violation of the activities licensed under the operating card	Administrative penalty of AED 3,000 (three thousand UAE Dirhams)

5	Using a land transport means to transport hazardous in violation of the activities licensed under the operating card	Administrative penalty of AED 10,000 (ten thousand UAE Dirhams)
6	Failure to keep the operating card inside the land transport means	Administrative penalty of AED 500 (five hundred UAE Dirhams)
7	Failure to appoint a land transport agent licensed by the Ministry	Administrative penalty of AED 2,000 (two thousand UAE Dirhams)
8	Obstructing work of the Ministry's inspectors	Administrative penalty of AED 2,000 (two thousand UAE Dirhams)
9	Failure to provide the Ministry with the data and statements required by the Ministry regarding the licensed activity	Administrative penalty of AED 1,000 (one thousand UAE Dirhams)
10	Failure by the licensee to liaise with the Ministry within ten (10) business days after the date of his being called to attend before the Ministry	Administrative penalty of AED 2,000 (two thousand UAE Dirhams)
11	Failure to update the licensee's data with the Ministry if it is changed	Administrative penalty of AED 1,000 (one thousand UAE Dirhams)
12	Transfer of title of a means of land transport licensed by the Ministry without liaising with the Ministry	Administrative penalty of AED 2,000 (two thousand UAE Dirhams)
13	Issuing Customs Transit Card Company without obtaining a license from the Ministry	Administrative penalty of AED 2,000 (two thousand UAE Dirhams)

14	A company engaged in the activity of guarantor or car club without a prior license from the Ministry	Administrative penalty of AED 10,000 (ten thousand UAE Dirhams)
15	The carrier does not issue a ticket to each passenger during international transport	Administrative penalty of AED 1,000 (one thousand UAE Dirhams)
16	The carrier did not issue a registration card for the passenger's baggage	Administrative penalty of AED 1,000 (one thousand UAE Dirhams)
17	The transport means not registered in the State loads goods from the State to transport such goods to a country other than the country in which it is registered - when it departs from the State without obtaining a permit from the Ministry	Administrative penalty of AED 10,000 (ten thousand UAE Dirhams)
18	Failure to cover the transport operations by insurance as of beginning of the trip until its end	Administrative penalty of AED 5,000 (five thousand UAE Dirhams)
19	The driver exceeds the permitted working hours	Administrative penalty of AED 5,000 (five thousand UAE Dirhams)

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