

**Royal Oman Police**

**Decision No. 158/2015**

**issuance of Traffic and Security Escorting Arrangements**

Based on the Traffic Law issued by the Royal Decree No. 28/93,

And on the executive regulation of Traffic Law issued by the decision No. 23/98,

And the consent of the Ministry of Finance,

And for the public interest.

IT IS DECIDED

**First Article**

The Traffic and Security Escorting arrangements shall be in accordance with the provisions of the attached arrangements.

**Second Article**

This decision shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall take effect from the day following the date of its publication.

**Issued on the fifth of Thil -qaida, 1436 H.**

**Corresponding to August 20, 2015**

**General / Hassan bin Mohsen Al Shiraiqhi**

**Inspector General of Police and Customs**

## **The Traffic and Security Escorting Arrangements**

### **Article 1**

In implementation of the provisions of these arrangements, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and expressions set forth shall have the meanings assigned to them in the abovementioned Traffic Law and its executive regulation. The following words and expressions shall have the following meanings.

#### **1- The Arrangements:**

The arrangements of Traffic and Security Escorting.

#### **2- The Directorate**

The Directorate General of Traffic or its branches at Governorates' Police stations.

#### **3- Competent Police Command**

The Police Command for Oil and Gas Facilities Security or one of its Stations.

#### **4- Oil Concession Area**

The area which coordinates are designated in the oil concession agreement.

#### **5- Exceptional Specifications**

The standard exceptional specifications of a vehicle or equipment related to length, width, height, weight, and capacity that are contrary to what has been specified in the Traffic Law and its executive regulation

#### **6- Permit**

The approval of the Director General of the Directorate on driving the vehicle, or equipment of exceptional specifications, on the roads.

#### **7- Escorting**

Escorting of vehicles and equipments of exceptional specifications by police vehicles while passing on the road.

#### **8- Police vehicle**

The escorting vehicle which belongs to the Royal Oman Police.

#### **9- The party requesting escorting**

Any company, establishment or individual benefiting from the service.

## **Article 2**

Any vehicle or equipment with exceptional specifications may not pass on the road unless the permit is obtained and the fees are paid.

## **Article 3**

If the escorting is on a road at the Oil Concession Area, then application for permit shall be submitted to the competent police directorate of command on the prescribed form, with following attachments:

1. A copy of a valid license for the vehicle or equipment applied for its passing on the road.
2. A copy of a valid driving license authorized the driver to drive such type of vehicles or equipments.
3. A clear statement of the roads which the vehicle or equipment applied for shall pass and its exceptional specifications.

## **Article 4**

There are two types of permits as follows:

- A. Permit without escorting.
- B. Permit with escorting.

## **Article 5**

The permit must include the following details:

1. The name of the applying entity and details of the vehicle or equipment.
2. The name of the vehicle or equipment driver.
3. The roads which the vehicle or equipment applied for shall pass, the date and time of passing as well as its directions.
4. The period of permit validity.
5. The consent of the concerned governmental bodies.

6. Other details the directorate or the competent police command view as important to be mentioned in the permit.

## **Article 6**

Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 2 of this Arrangement, the vehicle or equipment of exceptional specifications may pass on the road without escort in the following cases:

1. If the width of the vehicle or equipment ranges between 2.7 meters and 3.5 meters. If the width of the vehicle or equipment, with its load, exceeds that but not more than 4 meters and the applicant undertakes to escort it with another vehicle that belongs to him and equipped with the necessary alarm devices.
2. If the length of the vehicle or equipment, with its load, is more than 22 meters and not exceeding 24 meters, providing that the applicant undertakes to escort it with another vehicle that belongs to him and equipped with the necessary alarm devices. In all cases, the load may not be projecting out of the vehicle or equipment rear by more than 2 meters.
3. If the height of the vehicle or equipment, with its load, ranges between 4.8 meters and 5 meters from the road level.
4. If the weight of the vehicle or equipment, with its load, does not exceed 46 tons, and in the case it does exceed 46 tons, the permit needs the consent of the concerned governmental bodies.
5. If the vehicle or equipment's load projects by less than one meter from both sides. In all cases, the vehicle or equipment with measurements set forth in item (1) of this Article, may not pass on one-way roads or feeder roads without the consent of the Directorate who would assess whether escorting is needed or not.

## **Article 7**

Passing of vehicles or equipments of exceptional specifications on the roads with escorting shall be in the following cases:

1. If the width of the vehicle or equipment, with its load, ranges between 4 meters and 5 meters. In such case it shall pass on the road as follows:

- A. If the number of vehicles or equipments which require escort is not more than 4, the escort shall be with two vehicles, one belongs to the Royal Oman Police (ROP) and the other to the applicant, providing that the applicant's vehicle shall be equipped with the necessary alarm devices. 6 vehicles or equipments may be escorted by the same mechanism, if they pass on a road in the oil concession area.
- B. If the number of vehicles or equipments is more than 4, they shall be divided into groups. Two escorting vehicles shall be assigned for each group, one belongs to the ROP and the other belongs to the applicant, providing that the applicant's vehicle shall be equipped with the necessary alarm devices.

In all cases, the distance between each group and the other, shall not be less than one kilometer. The Directorate or the competent police command, according to their discretion, has the right to increase the number of the escorting vehicles.

- C. If the passing of the applicant's vehicle is on a dual way (one way road), the police vehicle shall be at the rear and the vehicle of the applicant at the front, but if the escorting road is a two-way street of opposite directions, the escort shall be by 2 police vehicles, one at the front and the other at the rear.
2. If the width of the vehicle or equipment, with its load, is 5 meters and more, the escort shall be by 2 ROP vehicles, one in front of the vehicle or equipment and the other behind it, taking into account the controls of escorting as stipulated in item (1) of this Article.
3. If the length of the vehicle or equipment, with its load, is more than 24 meters.
4. If the height of the vehicle or equipment, with its load, is more than 5 meters.
5. If the vehicle or equipment load projects by more than 2 meter.

## **Article 8**

The Directorate shall coordinate with the police formations – all within its competence – according to the escorted vehicle or equipment's passing line to take necessary procedures to ensure traffic safety to preserve lives and property of the road users.

## **Article 9**

- A. The escort applicant shall undertake to pay the prescribed fees electronically for the permit when he applies. The permit fees are determined as per the following table:

S.N.	Type of fees	Due Sum
1	Issuance of escort permit for 3 months	OMR 10 Ten Omani Riyals
2	Issuance of permit without escort for 3 months	OMR 5 Five Omani Riyals
3	Renewal of a permit with escort	OMR 10 Ten Omani Riyals
4	Renewal of a permit without escort	OMR 5 Five Omani Riyals
5	Security and traffic escort for each police vehicle	OMR 2 Tow Omani Riyals For each one kilometer Passed by the police vehicle From the starting point of the escort
6	Cancellation of security and traffic escort within 24 hours	OMR 50 Fifty Omani Riyals

- B. A sum of OMR 65 shall be paid for the ranks of officers and OMR 40 for the other ranks, for one shift which last for 8 hours or less.
- C. A sum of OMR 20 shall be paid for each hour of waiting for escort execution.
- D. The security and traffic escort may be cancelled 24 hours before the time of its provision. Permit fees shall not be returned if the cancellation of escort service is caused by the requesting entity.