1. These regulations may be cited as the Road Traffic (Speed) Regulations 2011.

2. In these regulations -

   "A road" means any main road bearing a classification number starting with the letter "A" in the Second Schedule to the Motorways and Main Roads Regulations 1976;

   "B road" means any main road bearing a classification number starting with the letter "B" in the Second Schedule to the Motorways and Main Roads Regulations 1976;

   "M road" means any motorway bearing a classification number starting with the letter "M" in the First Schedule to the Motorways and Main Roads Regulations 1976;

   "road" has the same meaning as in the Roads Act;

   "speed limit sign" means a traffic sign of the prescribed size, colour and type specified as "C14" in Part III of the First Schedule to the Traffic Signs Regulations 1990;

   "speed zone" means a zone, where the speed at which a motor vehicle specified in the first column of the First Schedule may be driven, is limited by these regulations and is indicated by the speed zone sign "C14^2n" and the derestricting sign "C17d";

   "UR road" means a road which is not classified as a motorway or a main road by the Motorways and Main Roads Regulations 1976.

3. Subject to the other provisions of these regulations, no person shall drive a motor vehicle specified in the first column of the First Schedule, on a road specified in the second, third, fourth or fifth column of that Schedule, as the case may be, at a speed
4. No person shall drive a motor vehicle at a speed exceeding -

   (a) 60 kilometres per hour on an "A" road or a "B" road; or

   (b) at a speed exceeding 80 kilometres per hour on a "M" road,

where such speed, by reason of weather conditions, poor visibility during day-time or night-time, high pedestrian activity, the density or nature of traffic or the condition of the road or road surface, is an unsafe speed for the prevailing conditions.

5. Where a driver of a motor vehicle approaches or overtakes a stationary school bus embarking or disembarking school children, the driver shall -

   (a) drive with due care and attention for the safety of the children; and

   (b) while passing at any point less than 5 metres from the school bus, not drive at a speed exceeding 40 kilometres per hour.

6. No person shall drive a motor vehicle at such a slow speed as to impede the normal and reasonable movement of traffic unless such speed is necessary for the safe operation of the vehicle.

7. The Permanent Secretary may, in respect of any stretch of a road specified in the First Schedule, establish a speed zone and -

   (a) considering poor visibility or the presence of any substantial abutting development, school, shopping centre, market, hospital or any other public building, decrease the maximum speed by a maximum of 50 kilometres per hour;

   (b) increase the maximum speed by 10 kilometres per hour.

8. A temporary speed limit, which shall not exceed 50 kilometres per hour, may be posted within any stretch of a road when road works are in progress.
9. No person shall ride a cycle on any road at a speed exceeding 30 kilometres per hour.

10. (1) Every speed zone established under regulation 7 shall be indicated by the advance warning traffic sign "A37a" specified in Part I of the First Schedule to the Traffic Signs Regulations 1990, which shall indicate, in metres, at the bottom right hand corner the distance at which the speed zone is to commence.

(2) The commencement of a speed zone shall be indicated by the traffic sign "C14a" specified in Part III of the First Schedule to the Traffic Signs Regulations 1990, which shall show the maximum speed limit.

(3) The end of a speed zone shall be indicated by the derestricting sign "C17d" specified in Part III of the First Schedule to the Traffic Signs Regulations 1990.

11. (1) For the purposes of road works, traffic engineering or any safety requirement along a road, the Commissioner of Police or the Permanent Secretary may establish a temporary speed limit of a maximum of 50 kilometres per hour by erecting -

(a) at the approach of a work zone, a temporary speed limit sign specified as "J1" in Part X of the Traffic Signs Regulations 1990; and

(b) at the exit of the work zone, an appropriate derestricting sign specified as "J2" in Part X of the Traffic Signs Regulations 1990.

(2) For the purpose of this regulation, a "work zone" -

(a) means an area of a road undergoing construction, maintenance or utility work activities;

(b) shall be indicated or marked by traffic signs, channelling devices, barriers, pavement markings or work vehicles;

(c) shall extend from the first warning sign to the last traffic control device or sign; and

(d) may be for short or long durations and may include stationary or moving
activities.

12. These regulations shall not apply to -

(a) a race or trial of speed authorised in conformity with the Road Traffic Act;

(b) a fire engine used for the purpose of extinguishing fires, preserving life and property in case of fire, or aiding or rescuing persons in danger, or in the case of an accident;

(c) an ambulance used for the purpose of aiding or rescuing persons in danger, or in the case of an accident; or

(d) a motor vehicle owned by Government and used by the Police for the purpose of executing its functions.

13. Any person who contravenes these regulations shall commit an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine not exceeding 5,000 rupees or, in the case of a third or subsequent conviction, to a fine not exceeding 10,000 rupees.

14. The Road Traffic (Photographic Enforcement Device) Regulations 2008 are amended -

(a) in paragraph 3(c), by deleting the words "Road Traffic (Speed) Regulations 2004" and replacing them by the words "Road Traffic (Speed) Regulations 2011";

(b) in the Schedule, in Part A, in the "Photographic Enforcement Notice", in paragraph 3, by deleting the words "Road Traffic (Speed) Regulations 2004" and replacing them by the words "Road Traffic (Speed) Regulations 2011".

15. The Road Traffic (Speed) Regulations 2004 are revoked.

16. These regulations shall come into operation on 14 February 2011.

Made by the Minister on 2 February 2011.

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### SCHEDULE
[Regulation 3)

**MAXIMUM SPEED LIMITS IN KILOMETRES PER HOUR FOR SPECIFIC CLASS OF VEHICLES**

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