

GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA

STATUTORY INSTRUMENT NO. 79 OF 2016

**The Road Traffic Act, 2002**  
(Act No. 11 of 2002)

**The Road Traffic (Seat-Belt and Child Car Seat)  
Regulations, 2016**

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:

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| 1. These Regulations may be cited as the Road Traffic (Seat-Belt and Child Car Seat) Regulations, 2016, and shall come into operation on the expiration of thirty days from the date on which they are published in the <i>Gazette</i> .   | Title and commencement             |
| 2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires—<br>“child” means a child who is three years old or below;<br>“child car seat” means a seat used by a child in a vehicle for safety; and<br>“seat-belt” means a strap securing a person to a seat for safety in a vehicle.                                      | Interpretation                     |
| 3. (1) A person shall not travel in a motor vehicle without fastening the seat-belt.<br><br>(2) A vehicle which is not fitted with a seat-belt shall be fitted with a seat-belt within a period of six months from the coming into force of these Regulations.   | Fitting and fastening of seat-belt |
| 4. (1) A person carrying a child in a motor vehicle shall ensure that the child is strapped securely on a child car seat while travelling in the motor vehicle.<br><br>(2) A person carrying a child in a motor vehicle shall not put the child or cause the child to be put in the front passenger seat of the motor vehicle. | Child car seat and safety          |

Prohibition  
of  
importation  
of cars not  
fitted with  
seat-belts

5. A person shall not import a motor vehicle which is not fitted with a seat belt.

Penalty

6. A person who contravenes these Regulations commits an offence and is liable, upon conviction, to a fine not exceeding one thousand penalty units or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding three months, or to both.

Revocation  
of S.I. No.  
67 1975

7. The Roads and Road Traffic (Seat-Belt and Child Car Seat) Regulations, 1975, are revoked.

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