



**The Seat Belts (Amendment) Ordinance, 2019  
(Commencement and Transitional Provisions)  
Regulations, 2019**

*Made*

*21st January, 2019*

*Coming into operation*

*29th March, 2019*

THE STATES COMMITTEE FOR HOME AFFAIRS, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by section 20 of the Seat Belts (Amendment) Ordinance, 2019<sup>a</sup>, and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:-

**Commencement of Ordinance.**

1. Subject to section 2, the Seat Belts (Amendment) Ordinance, 2019 ("the Amendment Ordinance") shall come into force on the 29th March, 2019.

**Transitional provisions.**

2. To the extent that section 3 of the Amendment Ordinance amends the Seat Belts Ordinance, 1988<sup>b</sup> so as to require the compulsory fitting of seat belts in

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<sup>a</sup> Ordinance made by the Policy & Resources Committee on the 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2019.

<sup>b</sup> Recueil d'Ordonnances Tome XXIV, p. 328; amended by Ordres en Conseil Vol. XXXII, p. 278; Ordinance No. XXVII of 2004; G.S.I. No. 40 of 1988; No. 7 of 1989.

seats other than the driver's seat and any specified passenger's seat, that section shall come into force on the 29th March 2020.

**Interpretation.**

3. In these Regulations, unless the context requires otherwise, "the Amendment Ordinance" means the Seat Belts (Amendment) Ordinance, 2019.

**Citation and commencement.**

4. These Regulations may be cited as the Seat Belts (Amendment) Ordinance, 2019 (Commencement and Transitional Provisions) Regulations, 2019 and shall come into force on the 29th March, 2019.

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2019

  
M. M. LOWE

President of the States Committee for Home Affairs  
For and on behalf of the Committee

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations make provision for the commencement of the Seat Belts (Amendment) Ordinance, 2019 on 29th March 2019. Transitional provisions provide that the requirement introduced by that Ordinance to fit seat belts in the rear of motor vehicles shall come into force on the later date of 29th March 2020 to enable vehicle owners to arrange for such seat belts to be fitted. Where seat belts are already fitted, their use in all forward-facing seats of a vehicle, unless exempted by the existing provisions of the Seat Belts Ordinance 1988, will be compulsory as from 29th March 2019.

These Regulations come into force on the 29th day of March, 2019.

