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**National road safety requirements**

Transmitted by Bulgaria

1. New legislation on road traffic entered into force on 1 September 1999 in Bulgaria. This legislation contains a Law on Road Traffic and other legal Acts concerning driver's training, examinations and issuing of driving permits; technical inspection of vehicles, etc.
2. All these Acts were elaborated in accordance with the Vienna Conventions and European Agreements supplementing them and with EU Directives. The most important amendments are outlined below.
3. Traffic of track machinery as well as the use of spiked tyres are forbidden along roads open for public use.
4. When no specially designated road lane or track exists, drivers of motor cycles, bicycles or other kinds of vehicles may use the verge on the right side, appropriate to the direction of traffic direction, if it is fit for that, and if they do not obstruct other road users.
5. Motor vehicle drivers are prohibited from going at a low speed without emergency lights switched on.

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6. Before stepping onto the carriageway, pedestrians may signal their intention to do so using their left or right hand, stretched upwards or across the road.
  7. A right turn at red traffic lights is allowed only in the presence of a corresponding road sign or relevant traffic light, as drivers are obliged to let pedestrians pass, not to impede the traffic and to make the turn only after ensuring that the road is clear to be crossed.
  8. When the width of the road does not allow vehicles to pass each other without adopting additional safety measures, drivers of vehicles must proceed at a speed which enables them to brake at a distance not greater than half of the road length in their field of vision.
  9. Other vehicles may be allowed to pick up or drop passengers at stops intended for public transport, only if doing so does not obstruct the vehicles for which the stops were intended. Standing by taxis, aimed at finding passengers, is forbidden.
  10. To enhance motor vehicle visibility and secure the safety of traffic in daytime, vehicles are permitted to drive with passing lamps or daytime running lamps turned on.
  11. The use of lights other than those stipulated in the present Law and in the regulations issued on its basis, is prohibited.
  12. Drivers may only train for a category "C" permit if they have successfully passed the examination for vehicles of category "B".
  13. At the same time as the issuance of a driving permit, its holder also gets a control sheet, which confirms the validity of the permit and carries a certain number of control scores for checking recorded violations.
  14. Control services, authorized by mayors of municipalities:
    - (a) Control, within the borders of municipalities, of the observation of parking regulations and regulations for the correct use of alarm installations mounted on road vehicles for their security.
    - (b) Detention of a road vehicle. Officials from the Control Services, authorized by the Minister of Interior, and officials authorized by the road authority, may move or order the moving of a parked road vehicle under custody.
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