
Fourth Session First Parliament Republic of Trinidad
and Tobago



REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

Act No. 50 of 1979

**AN ACT to amend the Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third-
Party Risks) Ordinance, Ch. 16. No. 4.**

[Assented to 31st December, 1979]

ENACTED by the Parliament of Trinidad and Tobago as Enactment
follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Motor Vehicles Short title
Insurance (Third-Party Risks) (Amendment) Act, 1979.

Section 4 of the
Ordinance amended

2. The Motor Vehicles Insurance (Third-Party Risks) Ordinance (hereinafter referred to as "the Ordinance") is amended in section 4 by substituting the words "and includes a single covering note issued for a period not exceeding thirty days in respect of any vehicle" for the words "and includes a single covering note issued for a period not exceeding ninety days in respect of any vehicle" occurring in line four of subsection (5).

The Ordinance
amended

3. The Ordinance is amended by adding immediately after section 4 the following sections—

"Time limit
within which
certificate
of insurance
shall be
issued

4A. A certificate of insurance shall be issued by the insurer on or before the expiration of the period during which a single covering note has effect or where no such note was issued within seven days of the receipt by the insurer of the first premium or part premium paid in respect of the policy for which the certificate is required.

Company to
notify
Licensing
Authority
that policy
has expired,
is cancelled
or has
ceased to
have effect

4B. Where a policy of insurance issued by a company under the Ordinance expires, is cancelled or ceases to have effect, the company shall within thirty days of the expiration, cancellation or the ceasing to have effect of the policy, notify the Licensing Authority that the policy has expired, is cancelled or has ceased to have effect."

Section 8 of
the Ordinance
amended

4. The Ordinance is amended by substituting the words "within seven days after the commencement of the proceedings in which the judgment was given or within such other period as the Court may in its absolute discretion consider equitable" for the words "within seven days after the commencement of the proceedings in which the judgment was given" occurring in subsection (2) of section 8.

5. The Ordinance is amended by adding immediately after section 18 the following section— The Ordinance amended

“Company to notify Licensing Authority of decision to accept vehicle as a total loss or to pay insured for loss of vehicle

18A. Where a company carrying on motor vehicle insurance business—

- (a) accepts a vehicle which was involved in an accident as a total loss; or
- (b) agrees to pay the insured for the loss of the vehicle,

the company shall, within seven days of the acceptance or agreement notify the Licensing Authority of its decision and when so doing specify in detail the extent of the damage to the vehicle.”.

Passed in the House of Representatives this 26th day of November, 1979.

R. L. GRIFFITH
Acting Clerk of the House

Passed in the Senate this 18th day of December, 1979.

E. WILLIAMS
Acting Clerk of the Senate