

Law No. 89 of 2003
Transport Law

Article 1

This Law shall be called “Transport Law of 2003”, and shall come in force as of the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

Article 2

The following words, wherever they appear in this Law, shall, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following meanings hereby assigned to them:

Ministry: Ministry of Transport

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Sector: Transport sector and its various fields.

Article 3

The Ministry aims at achieving the following:

- A. Develop the sector in conformity with the state’s economic and social plans, in a way that will ensure meeting the demands related to transport services.
- B. Raise the standards of services in the sector.
- C. Take part, along with pertinent authorities, in protecting the environment and raise levels of public safety.
- D. Strengthen the role of, and encourage private sector to invest in the transport field.
- E. Ban monopolies in the sector by encouraging competition and enhancing its ability to compete.
- F. Work towards integration of and coordination among all different aspects of transport.
- G. Cooperate and coordinate with all parties: local, Arab and international that are concerned with the sector.

Article 4

In order to achieve its objectives, the Ministry will assume the following responsibilities and powers:

- A. Lay down the general policy for transport and oversee its implementation in coordination and cooperation with pertinent authorities.
- B. Regulate road freight transport sector and its services, and follow up on its activities. Also issue licenses to individuals and companies engaged in businesses related to transport, in coordination and cooperation with pertinent authorities.
- C. Regulate rail transport sector and its services, and follow up on its activities. Also issue licenses to businesses related to transport in coordination and cooperation with pertinent authorities.
- D. Determine fees and fares for transporting goods for all means of transport.
- E. Ensure compliance with technical rules, specifications and applicable standards in accordance with effective legislation.
- F. Follow up on the implementation of bilateral transport agreements concluded between the Kingdom and other countries as well as international agreements to which the Kingdom is a party.

- G. Represent the Kingdom before any entity concerned with transport, be it Arab or international, and keep up to date with its activities in coordination with and with the participation of pertinent authorities.
- H. Conduct research and necessary studies for the development of the sector, and issue periodic bulletins and reports covering its activities.
- I. Create database for the transport sector.
- J. Any other tasks related to the sector.

Article 5

Fees for issuing licenses for transporting goods shall be collected for the treasury, provided that said fees shall be determined pursuant to an act to be issued for this purpose.

Article 6

The Council of Minister shall issue the necessary regulations to implement the provisions of this Law.

Article 7

Ministry of Transport Law No. 40 of 1971 and amendments thereto shall be annulled, and shall also be annulled the Higher Council for Transport Act No. 13 of 1995, provided that regulations and instructions issued pursuant to either of them shall remain in effect for a maximum of Six months until such time these are abolished or supplanted in accordance with the provisions of this Law.

Article 8

The Prime Minister and ministers are authorized with the implementation of the provisions of this Law.

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