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The Governments of Brunei Darussalam, the Republic of Indonesia, Malaysia, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore and the Kingdom of Thailand (hereinafter referred to, as "The Contracting Parties");

BEING members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (hereinafter referred to as "ASEAN");

DESIRING to accelerate and intensify the implementation of the aims and purposes of ASEAN as embodied in the ASEAN Declaration;

AND CONSIDERING the desirability of facilitating the movement of citizens of the ASEAN countries by recognizing domestic driving licences issued by the respective countries.

DO HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1

THE CONTRACTING PARTIES agree to recognize all domestic driving licences except for temporary/provisional/learner's driving licences (hereinafter referred to as "the licences") issued by the designated authorities or national automobile associations of the ASEAN countries. The types and classes of the licences issued in the ASEAN countries are listed in Annexes A, B, C, D, E and F for Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand respectively. Samples of the licences are also attached as Annexes G, H, I, J, K and L for Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand respectively.

ARTICLE 2

By virtue of the recognition hereby of the licences, holders of the licences issued in any one of the ASEAN countries and intending to take only a temporary stay in the territory of any of the other ASEAN countries may drive therein the classes or types of vehicles the licences permit them to drive.

ARTICLE 3

Any licences if not drawn up in English shall be accompanied by a certified translation in English.

ARTICLE 4

A licence which may be determined by the competent licence-issuing authority of an ASEAN country to be invalid or which according to the laws of the country in which it is issued would be invalid or which has expired shall not be recognized for the purposes of this Agreement.

ARTICLE 5

The recognition of the licences shall not absolve the holders of the licences from the responsibility of ensuring the same standard and condition of driving as applicable in the country which accords such recognition.

ARTICLE 6

Holders of the licences of one CONTRACTING PARTY shall be liable for traffic offence penalties in accordance with the appropriate laws of any other CONTRACTING PARTY in whose territory they are driving.

ARTICLE 7

Particulars of a change in the format of licences issued by any one of the CONTRACTING PARTIES should be notified accordingly to all member countries of ASEAN by the CONTRACTING PARTY concerned. Recognition of the licences the format of which has been so changed is conditional upon such notification.

ARTICLE 8

Any amendment to this Agreement may be made by mutual consent.

ARTICLE 9

This Agreement shall be deposited with the Secretary-General of the ASEAN Secretariat who shall promptly, transmit certified true copies thereof to the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

ARTICLE 10

The CONTRACTING PARTIES shall deposit their Instruments of Ratification with the Secretary General of the ASEAN Secretariat who shall promptly inform each CONTRACTING PARTY of such deposit. This Agreement shall enter into force on the thirtieth day after the sixth Instrument of Ratification has been deposited.

ARTICLE 11

This Agreement may be terminated as between any to f the CONTRACTING PARTIES by either of the parties giving to the other six months prior written notice of the intended termination.

ARTICLE 12

Any dispute between the CONTRACTING PARTIES arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be settled amicably through consultation or negotiation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorised to sign on behalf of their respective Government, have signed this Agreement.

DONE at Kuala Lumpur in the English Language this Ninth day of July 1985.

For the Government of Brunei Darussalam

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