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Government of India
Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
(MVL Section)
Transport Bhawan, 1, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001

Dated the ⁰⁹ June, 2023

To,

1. The Principal Secretaries/Secretaries, Department of Transport of all the States/UTs
2. The Transport Commissioners of all the States/UTs

Subject: Issuance of the High Security Registration Plates (HSRP) by some HSRP manufacturers in an unauthorised and illegal manner.

Sir,

It has been brought to the notice of this Ministry that some HSRP vendors have been involved in the manufacturing and affixing of unauthorised High Security Registration Plates to the vehicles across various States in India. These manufacturers are neither authorised by the State/UTs nor are they approved by the respective OEMs to affix HSRPs to the OEM's brand of vehicle, thereby rendering the HSRP affixed as unauthorised.

2. The HSRP scheme is imperative to the country's National Security, aiding in reduction of vehicular borne crime, identification of all vehicles plying on the roads and in prevention of tampering and counterfeiting.
3. Attention is drawn to Rule 50 of the Central Motor Vehicle Rules, 1989.

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(V) The plate should be fastened with non-removable/non-reusable snap lock fitting system on rear of the vehicle;

The license plates with all the above specifications and the specified registrations for a new vehicle shall be issued by the registering authority or vehicle manufacturers and their dealers and for existing old registered vehicle shall be issued by registering authority or vehicle manufacturers and their dealers or by the licence plate manufacturers or their dealers approved by the State Government or Union Territory Administration. The Central Road Research Institute, New Delhi or any agency authorised under rule 126 shall approve the security registration as per the provisions of this rule;

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Provided that the High Security Registration Plate including the third registration mark, wherever required, shall be supplied by the vehicle manufacturers along with the vehicle manufactured on or after 1st day of April, 2019 to their dealers and dealers shall place a mark of registration on such plates and affix them on the vehicle.

Provided further that the dealers of the manufacturer may also affix such plates, supplied by the vehicle manufacturer on old vehicles.

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4. HSRPs are integrated with the VAHAN portal and this type of unauthorised affixation of the plates voids the purpose of the scheme. It is further clarified that merely having a Type Approval Certificate from any of the agencies authorised under rule 126 does not authorise any manufacturer to supply the HSRP in the open market. As per clause (v) of sub-rule (1) of rule 50 of CMV Rules, 1989, The HSRPs with all the above specifications and the specified registrations -

a. for a new vehicle, shall be issued by the registering authority or vehicle manufacturers and their dealers and;

b. for existing old registered vehicle, shall be issued by registering authority,

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vehicle manufacturers and their dealer,

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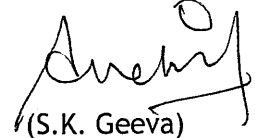
by the licence plate manufacturers or their dealers approved by the State Government or Union Territory Administration.

Further, the data in the VAHAN portal is also required to be updated accordingly by the authorized HSRP manufacturers.

5. States are advised to take strong punitive action including blacklisting/termination against such unauthorised HSRP agencies which are openly supplying unauthorised HSRPs in the market to unsuspecting and gullible vehicle owners.

6. All stakeholders are once again requested to implement the provisions of the HSRP in letter and spirit and to make the process of availability of authorised HSRPs (with proper VAHAN entries) to all vehicle owners of new and old vehicles in the country.

Yours faithfully,



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A. Testing Agencies-

1. Automotive Research Association of India, Pune.
2. Central Road Research Institute, New Delhi.
3. Vehicles Research Development Establishment, Ahmednagar.
4. International Centre for Automotive Technology; Manesar.
5. Central Institute of Road Transport, Pune.
6. Global Automotive Research Centre, Chennai.

You are requested to advise HSRP manufacturers suitably and keep tight control on the activities of HSRP manufacturers during the Conformity of Production audit and suspend/terminate the license if any illegal supplies of HSRP are brought to notice.

B. All OEMs through Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM)-

It is reiterated that any violations in the implementation of the HSRP scheme for new vehicles will make the vehicle manufacturers liable to punitive action. Therefore, all vehicle manufacturers are requested to ensure that the vendor selection is carried out with stringent due diligence and to disassociate with any erring HSRP vendors.

