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**The Traffic and Road Safety (Wearing of Safety Belts)
(Amendment) Regulations, 2023**

*(Under section 178 (2) (g) of the Traffic and Road Safety Act, 1998,
Cap. 361)*

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred upon the Minister responsible for transport by section 178 (2) (g) of the Traffic and Road Safety Act 1998, these Regulations are made this 14th day of March, 2023.

1. Title

These Regulations may be cited as the Traffic and Road Safety (Wearing of Safety Belts) (Amendment) Regulations, 2023.

2. Amendment of S.I. No. 32 of 2004

The Traffic and Road Safety (Wearing of Safety Belts) Regulations, 2004, herein after referred to as the principal Regulations, are amended in regulation 3 by inserting immediately after subregulation (2) the following—

“(2a) A safety belt, including its anchorage, fastenings and adjusting device shall comply with the standards issued by the Uganda National Bureau of Standards established under the Uganda National Bureau of Standards Act, Cap. 327.”

3. **Insertion of regulation 3A**

The principal Regulations are amended by inserting immediately after regulation 3 the following—

“3A. Use of child restraint

(1) The driver of a motor vehicle operated on a public road shall ensure that a child below the age of five years sits in the back seat of the motor vehicle and uses an appropriate child restraint suitable for the child, depending on the age and size of the child.

(2) A child restraint device used by the child under subregulation (1), shall comply with the standards issued by the Uganda National Bureau of Standards established under the Uganda National Bureau of Standards Act.

(3) A driver of a motor vehicle operated on a public road shall ensure that a child above the age of five years but below the age of 12 years sit in the back seat of the motor vehicle and wears a safety belt at all times when the vehicle is moving, including when the vehicle is paused at traffic lights or stops or is stopped in a temporal traffic jam or in very slow moving traffic.

(4) Any person who contravenes this regulation commits an offence and is liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding thirty currency points or imprisonment not exceeding two years or both.”

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Minister of Works and Transport.

Cross Reference

Uganda National Bureau of Standards Act, Cap. 327.