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Regulation on the Installation, Use, and Management of the Global Positioning System and Telematics of the Government of Puerto Rico

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ARTICLE 1.- TITLE

This Regulation will be known as the "Regulation on the Installation, Use, and Management of the Global Positioning System and Telematics of the Government of Puerto Rico."

ARTICLE 2.- AUTHORITY

This Regulation is adopted under the authority to promulgate rules and regulations on the administration and control of motor vehicles and other means of transportation, conferred on the Administrator of the Puerto Rico General Services Administration (ASG, for its acronym in Spanish) pursuant to sections 17¹, 20,² and 78 of Act No. 73-2019, as amended, the General Services Administration Act for the Centralization of Government Procurement of Puerto Rico of 2019, and the applicable provisions of Act No. 60-2014, as amended, the Official Vehicles of the Government of Puerto Rico Uniform Act.

In addition, Article 2 of Act 73-2019, *supra*, seeks to optimize the level of effectiveness and efficiency of government management, streamline the procurement processes of goods and services by means of technological advances, reduce public spending, strategically allocate resources, and simplify the regulations on procurement in the Government of Puerto Rico. Finally, this Regulation is promulgated under the authority provided in Act 38-2017, as amended, the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act of the Government of Puerto Rico.

ARTICLE 3.- SCOPE

This regulation shall apply to all official motor vehicles that are owned by any agency or instrumentality of the Government of Puerto Rico, under the jurisdiction of the ASG, which shall be equipped with Global Positioning System (GPS) monitoring devices.

¹ Section 17 - The Administration shall have directly under its jurisdiction the administration and control of all motor vehicles and all other means of land, air, and sea transportation, as well as their accessories and the services necessary for the maintenance of the vehicles owned or used by the Executive Branch. [...]

The provisions of this regulation also extend to those vehicles leased under the terms established in the Uniform Regulations for the Purchase and Auction of Non-Professional Goods, Works, and Services of the General Services Administration of the Government of Puerto Rico.

In particular:

- 1. All agencies that constitute the Executive Branch of the Government of Puerto Rico, as well as the vehicles used by their employees and officials, with the exception of those government entities that are exempt by law from the jurisdiction of the Administration, public corporations, and municipalities.
- 2. Any agency of any other branch of the Government of Puerto Rico that decides to voluntarily avail itself of the provisions of this regulation, even if expressly exempted by Act 73-2019, *supra*. In such a case, it shall be governed by the provisions of this regulation.
- 3. Any person who has contact with or use of any of the motor vehicles of the Government of Puerto Rico, whether or not they are employees or officials, must comply with the provisions of this regulation.

ARTICLE 4.- PURPOSE, EXECUTIVE SUMMARY, AND COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS

The Administration has direct jurisdiction regarding the administration and control of all motor vehicles and all other means of land, air, and sea transportation, as well as their accessories, and the services necessary for the maintenance of the vehicles, which are owned or used by the Executive Branch of the Government of Puerto Rico. That authority includes the acquisition of any other property, including, but not limited to, fuel, equipment, or replacement parts that are necessary for the operation, repair, or maintenance of such vehicles, and to negotiate contracts for repair and maintenance services for the means of transportation of the executive units.³

In accordance with the above, and to comply with legal mandates, the ASG seeks to implement a GPS system for the fleet of vehicles of the Government of Puerto Rico. The Global Positioning System (GPS) is a technology based on a network of satellites that allows the exact location of an object or vehicle to be precisely determined anywhere in the world. This technology was developed

³ See Section. 17, Act 73-2019, supra

by the U.S. Department of Defense, and has become a key tool in civilian applications, including government vehicle fleet management.

The use of GPS in official vehicles contributes to improving driving safety by promoting safer practices and reducing the risks associated with the operation of these vehicles. It facilitates the supervision of the proper use of public resources, assists in reassigning vehicles to other agencies in case of disuse, prevents unauthorized use, and improves operational efficiency. It also increases transparency and accountability, ensuring compliance with safety regulations. Furthermore, this is a tool to enable rapid response and effective management for first responders, while increasing internal resources to maximize their use and the use of technology to protect and secure the lives and property of all citizens

In sum, GPS is a valuable tool to promote safer driving habits and minimize the risks associated with the use of motor vehicles of the Government of Puerto Rico, as well as to control the expenses associated with the use and maintenance of motor vehicles. In addition, it will be used to manage the official motor vehicles of the Government of Puerto Rico in a more efficient and cost-effective manner, while promoting their safe operation.

This regulation establishes the rules and procedures that will regulate, among others:

- the installation, use, repair, maintenance and all matters related to the operation and condition of the GPS system of vehicles and means of transportation under the jurisdiction of the General Services Administration;
- the rules under which the provision, adoption, and/or management of GPS systems may be authorized;
- the rules and procedures by which authorizations to work or use GPS systems will be issued or revoked and the requirements for obtaining such authorizations;
- 4. the rules and procedures for monitoring the use and management of GPS systems, including leased vehicles, while the lease is in force;
- the rules and procedures by which steps will be initiated to judicially recover damages
 caused to the GPS systems of the means of transportation of the Government of Puerto
 Rico under the jurisdiction of the General Services Administration;

- 6. the rules that will govern Transportation Managers and Assistant Transportation Managers, who will be the authorized representatives of the Administrator of each agency in charge of implementing the GPS regulation;
- 7. the rules that will govern the use of official vehicles of agency chiefs or public officials, as defined and established in Act 60-2014, *supra*, or any other law that replaces it; and
- 8. the imposition of administrative fines.

Having analyzed the cost and benefit of the adoption of this Regulation, the ASG considers that with its approval the Administration will have a uniform procedure to regulate all aspects of the installation, use, and management of GPS systems in the motor vehicles of the Government of Puerto Rico, which will be of economic benefit for the Government of Puerto Rico.

ARTICLE 5.- RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER REGULATIONS

The provisions of this regulation shall not be interpreted in isolation, but in conjunction with the provisions of other regulations related to the acquisition, maintenance, and disposal of vehicles or other means of transportation. These include, but are not limited to, the Regulation for the Administration and Control of Motor Vehicles and Other Means of Transportation of the Government of Puerto Rico, and other applicable regulations. The rules and procedures established in this regulation shall be interpreted in conjunction with those established herein, with the special rules prevailing when they vary from the general rule established.

ARTICLE 6.- INTERPRETATION OF THE TERMS; DEFINITIONS

The words or phrases used in this regulation shall be interpreted according to the context and meanings accepted in common and current usage. Verbs in the present tense will also include the future tense; words in the singular will include the plural, and vice versa; and those used in the masculine gender shall include the feminine gender, except in cases in which such an interpretation is illogical.

When the term "days" is used in relation to a period of time, it shall be construed as calendar days, unless otherwise indicated.

For the purposes of this regulation, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:

- a. Administration The General Services Administration of the Government of Puerto Rico,
 ASG for its acronym in Spanish.
- b. Administrator Chief Procurement Officer and Administrator of the General Services Administration of the Government of Puerto Rico.
- c. Assistant Administrator The Assistant Administrator for Services to Administration Agencies.
- d. Agency All instrumentalities of the Executive Branch of the Government of Puerto Rico, within Puerto Rico or elsewhere, with the exception of those governmental entities that are exempt by law from the jurisdiction of the Administration, public corporations, and municipalities.
- e. Lease A contract by which one of the parties assigns to the other the temporary use of a vehicle, in exchange for an amount of money.
- f. **Driver** Employee of an agency authorized by the Administrator to drive vehicles of the Government of Puerto Rico.
- g. Official Driver An officer of an agency who holds a position that requires driving a vehicle to perform his or her duties.
- h. Special Driver Any person not employed by the Government of Puerto Rico to whom the Administrator issues an authorization to drive any vehicle of the Government of Puerto Rico, as set forth in this regulation.
- i. Employee Any person who holds a gainful position or position in an agency, regardless of whether compensated by state or federal funds; this also includes contractors of an agency and candidates for a position or appointment under contract or on a voluntary basis.
- j. Fleet Any land, sea, and air means of transportation of the Government of Puerto Rico, regardless of where they are located or assigned.
- k. Assistant Transportation Manager Person appointed to assist the Transportation Manager in operations. The Assistant Manager has the same responsibilities as the Transportation Manager in the assigned area and must be certified to perform the functions stipulated in this regulation.

- Transportation Manager A person appointed by the Administrator at each agency, responsible for the administration of the agency's pool. The person must be certified to perform these functions as stipulated in this regulation.
- m. Agency Chief- The nominating authority of an agency.
- n. Work Hours The period assigned to perform work in an agency, which may extend to more than eight (8) hours per day, including weekends.
- o. Maintenance Activities performed on a periodical basis with the objective of ensuring that a vehicle remains in acceptable conditions for its official purpose. This includes, among others, exterior and interior washing, oil and filter changes, tire rotation, and general examination of the motor and transmission.
- p. Transportation Program Unit or division of an agency where motor vehicles are registered and administered, in addition to investigating and supervising their use.
- q. Pool Part of the fleet assigned to each agency for daily transportation during work hours, controlled by the Transportation Manager.
- r. **Supervisor** the person in charge of inspecting work carried performed by others, which could include or be related to Transportation Managers or Assistant Managers.
- s. **Telematics System or GPS System**: Technology that monitors and transmits real-time data regarding the use and performance of the vehicle and or mechanism.
- t. Third Party Natural or legal person who is not part of the Government of Puerto Rico.
- u. Official Use The official use of a Government motor vehicle to perform the agency's mission(s), as authorized.
- v. Vehicle or Official Vehicle Motor vehicles and any other means of land, air, or sea transportation, which are owned or used by an agency, regardless of where they are located or assigned.
- w. Leisure Travel or Personal Business means all travel not related to the functions and duties of the employee or public official.

ARTICLE 7.- DESCRIPTION AND INSTALLATION OF GLOBAL GEOPOSITIONING SYSTEMS

All official land transportation vehicles of the Government of Puerto Rico under the jurisdiction of ASG, will be equipped with a GPS tracking system, which will be provided and monitored exclusively by the Administration. The **Transportation Manager** of each entity will be responsible for coordinating the installation of GPS equipment in the vehicles under their control. The installation shall ensure that the system can provide real-time information on the location, speed, and route of the vehicle, as well as reports of accidents, disuse, and daily, weekly, and monthly use. Similarly, the technology used must ensure the security of the information collected through the use of authentication tools, encryption, and verification of the integrity of messages for vehicle tracking devices and network interfaces.

Each GPS device will need to use a unique ID and security key, that will make it difficult to falsify a device's identity. Over-the-air updates use digitally signed firmware to verify that updates come from a trusted source.

Such a GPS system device shall be capable of extracting information on the status of the vehicle within the fleet vehicle tracking system. In addition, it must be able to capture and record the vehicle identification number (VIN), odometer reading, and engine failures. This data will prioritize vehicle maintenance and assist in vehicle usage audits to identify negligent and hazardous driving conduct.

The GPS device must be able to measure and account for metrics on acceleration, sudden braking, or negligent behavior. In addition, the device must have the ability to reconstruct accidents by collecting and analyzing the data.

A. Procedure for the installation of the global geopositioning system

 The Transportation Manager must request the installation of the GPS system from the ASG, providing complete vehicle and location information. 2. Installation will be coordinated within no more than five (5) calendar days from the time the agency receives the motor vehicle.

ARTICLE 8. -OVERSIGHT

The Administration shall have the power to investigate and oversee the use of vehicles and compliance with the provisions of this regulation, Act 73-2019, *supra*, and the applicable provisions of Act 60-2014, *supra*, as amended.

Each Transportation Manager will verify the arrival and departure of official vehicles, and the databases and/or information system related to the GPS systems of their Agency; will corroborate that the drivers have authorization to drive the unit; and will verify the origin and destination of the trips, the status in the log and the vehicle; among other data as established by the regulations adopted by the ASG.

If violations to applicable laws and regulations are detected these shall be reported in writing directly to the Transportation Program of the Administration.

The Administration, using Fast Fleet, will review reports, logs, official vehicle files, the GPS system database, ongoing investigations, and any other documents relating to the activity and use of vehicles.

A fifteen-minute (15 min.) grace period will be provided for unofficial uses, such as restroom stops, snacks, and any other procedure duly authorized by the agency or department concerned. This period does not include the lunch hour.

ARTICLE 9.- INTERNAL CONTROLS AND USE OF INFORMATION

The agencies shall establish the internal procedures and controls established herein to ensure the proper use of their fleet, including, but not limited to, the proper handling and custody of documents, the installation and use of the GPS system, and the equipment and personnel necessary to operate them efficiently.

The information collected by the Administration based on the GPS devices will be used for the evaluation and monitoring of the proper use of the motor vehicles of the Government of Puerto Rico.

Under no circumstances will the data collected be used for anything other than what is related to the proper use and monitoring of the motor vehicles of the Government of Puerto Rico, in accordance with the policy established herein. This regulation in no manner is directed at violating the privacy rights of citizens and public employees.

ARTICLE 10.- ACCESS AND PRIOR AUTHORIZATION

Only the Administration and other officials who are duly authorized in accordance with this regulation and other provisions of law will have access to the GPS software.

The ASG will be the only Government Entity that is authorized to assign access to the GPS database. Each Agency shall have sole and exclusive access to the database related to its agency and motor vehicles. It will be the responsibility of the Nominating Authority of the Agency to request the appointment of the officials or employees who will have access to the information, in addition to the Transportation Manager. The request for access must be made in writing and be signed by the Nominating Authority without any possibility of delegating this decision.

Access to the database by unauthorized personnel, as determined by the procedure previously described is prohibited. Each employee or official who has access must have a user ID for his or her exclusive use. Access may not be shared with any other person, including another authorized person for access to the database. The Administration will have a registry of users for control purposes as will each Transportation Manager at the Agencies. Each user is responsible for the use of their system access code, for which reason they will not be able to divulge their access details or show them in their computer monitor, keyboard, desk, or other place accessible to other personas. All user that proceed in violation of this rule will be fined for the damages caused to data or the system, as established in this regulation.

All information collected by GPS devices will be automatically sent to cloud storage and/or software compatible with such devices. Such information shall be collected and filed in an orderly manner for evaluations and the preparation of the corresponding reports and/or logs.

Any information duly collected by GPS devices will be disclosed and/or shared by the Administration upon a duly substantiated and notified request, with specific attention to the purpose for which the information is requested.

It shall be the obligation of the agency chief, the Transportation Manager, and/or the Assistant Transportation Manager to ensure that no employee or officer under his or her jurisdiction accesses, misuses, deletes, modifies, alters, removes, destroys, and/or disposes of any GPS device or related software.

The Transport Manager will be in charge of establishing and safeguarding the agency motor vehicle GPS', related activities, and related reporting requirements.

ARTICLE 11.- SUPERVISION

1. Transportation manager:

The Transportation Managers must supervised drivers in their agency and inform the Administration of the tasks performed. Additionally, the Managers will have access and must monitor the use of vehicles assigned to their agency in conformity with this regulation.

2. Auxiliary Transportation Manager

The Auxiliary Transportation Managers will supervise the driers in their region and inform the Transportation Manager of the each agency of any matter or activity in violation of this Regulation or any legal norm.

ARTICLE 12.- COMPLIANCE WITH ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

Drivers shall comply with all rules and regulations issued by the Administrator and shall take any training related to the application thereof, as well as other applicable regulations, circular letters, and guidelines issued by the Administration and the Government of Puerto Rico.

ARTICLE 13.- LIABILITY AND NEGLIGENCE

No driver shall be relieved of his or her responsibility to drive with due caution and care, taking into consideration the safety, life, or property of the Government of Puerto Rico or third parties. No emergency situation shall relieve from liability anyone who drives negligently and causes damage to the life or property of third parties or the Government of Puerto Rico and/or uses an official vehicle for unauthorized uses.

ARTICLE 14.- PERSONAL USE OR OUTSIDE WORK HOURS

No agency chief or public official, other than those expressly stated in Section 5 of Act 60-2014, *supra*, shall have vehicles assigned for his or her personal use or shall be authorized to use any vehicle once the workday has ended. This prohibition also includes any vehicle used in any other jurisdiction of the United States or by the Puerto Rico Federal Affairs Administration funded by the Government of Puerto Rico, pursuant to Section 8 of Act No. 77 of June 19, 1979, as amended.

After the close of the working day, the vehicle will be delivered to the corresponding agency and the time of departure and arrival, the miles of the official vehicle at departure and arrival times, and a summary of the history of the trips made during the day will be recorded in the digital log in Fast Fleet.

ARTICLE 15.- SOLE USE OF THE EQUIPMENT PROVIDED BY THE ASG

To ensure their integrity and compliance with tracking policies, the installed GPS system will be the sole equipment authorized to track official government vehicles. The use of GPS tracking devices not provided by the ASG is strictly prohibited. In the event that any unauthorized equipment is detected:

- 1. The Transportation Manager must immediately report the irregularity to the ASG.
- 2. The ASG will conduct an internal audit and remove any unauthorized equipment, replacing it with an approved GPS system.
- 3. Once the investigation is completed the findings shall be reported to the respective Government Entity including findings and recommendations. Likewise, if a violation to ASG regulations is found it shall be reported to the respective Oversight Entities.

ARTICLE 16.- TAMPERING AND IMPROPER USE OF THE GPS SYSTEM

The GPS system is intended exclusively for monitoring the use of official vehicles to ensure that their use is in accordance with the legal and operational provisions of the Government of Puerto Rico. It is strictly forbidden to tamper with, deactivate, alter, or attempt to remove the GPS system from vehicles.

Any attempt to tamper with or deactivate the GPS system must be reported immediately by the Transportation Manager or the drivers to the ASG and the Transportation Program.

The ASG, along with the Transportation Director, will evaluate the incident and determine if equipment needs to be reinstalled or repaired.

The Transportation Director or the driver involved will be summoned for a review of the facts. Depending on the outcome of the investigation, the responsibility of the person involved will be determined and sanctions, fines, or penalties will be applied as established in Act 73-2019.

ARTICLE 17.- ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES

a. Employees and/or Officials:

Employees, who are also defined as official, authorized or special drivers, are responsible for compliance with all provisions of this policy when using vehicles of the Government of Puerto Rico to conduct business and/or work of the Government of Puerto Rico and its agencies, offices or public instrumentalities. For the purposes of this policy, the actual operator of each vehicle will be the responsible employee.

b. Supervisors:

It is the responsibility of supervisors, also referred to as Transportation Managers and/or Assistant Managers, to ensure that all employees that report to them understand the requirements of this policy. In the event of a violation of this policy, it is the responsibility of the respective supervisor to consult with Human Resources and then take any disciplinary action deemed necessary, up to and including termination.

ARTICLE 18. – EXCLUSIONS

The only motor vehicles not covered by this regulation are those defined in Article 5 of Act No. 6-2014, Uniform Act on Official Vehicles of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

ARTICLE 19.- MANIPULATION OR IMPROPER USE

Under no circumstances shall any GPS be removed, sold, disabled, or in any other way removed from the vehicle without prior authorization from the Administration and authorized personnel.

If there is a failure in the equipment or it does not operate properly,

- The Transportation Manager or authorized personnel according to these guidelines will be notified for the corresponding processing and replacement.
- 2. The ASG will request the repair of the device.
- While the GPS is not operation, a temporary alternative will be assigned for vehicle tracking, if necessary.
- 4. Once the equipment has been repaired, the Transportation Manager will be notified.

Any manipulation or improper use of the GPS system will result in the application of disciplinary sanctions, which may include the imposition of administrative fines up to the immediate dismissal of the employee who is responsible, depending on the seriousness of the violation. Specific sanctions will be established in accordance with the following processes:

- 1. The ASG or Human Resources Department of the affected entity will open a formal investigation.
- 2. The responsible employee or Transportation Manager will be notified of the preliminary results of the investigation and possible sanctions.
- 3. A period of five (5) business days will be granted for the employee to present any defense or allegation.
- 4. If there are no mitigating circumstances, the corresponding sanctions will be applied, including suspension or dismissal.
- 5. In serious cases, additional sanctions may be imposed in accordance with the provisions of this regulation or the applicable regulations.

ARTICLE 20.- NOTIFICATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE GPS SYSTEM

In the event of a malfunction or failure of the GPS system, the Transportation Manager shall take the following steps to ensure operational continuity:

- 1. Immediately report the failure to the ASG.
- 2. While the GPS is not in operation, a temporary alternative will be assigned for the vehicle, if necessary.

3. Once the equipment has been repaired, the Transportation Manager will be notified.

ARTICLE 21.- VIOLATIONS

It will be deemed that a person has violated this regulation if the person has engaged in any of the following acts:

- 1. Alter, eliminate or substitute the GPS system of the official vehicle;
- 2. Sharing access codes with unauthorized persons; and
- 3. Use in violation of the guidelines established by the Administrator.

This list will not be deemed to be exhaustive and shall be applied along with other applicable laws and regulations that regulate the acts of public officials.

ARTICLE 22 - ACCIDENTS: Negligence or Fault

The Accident or Incident Report (Complaint), the information provided by the GPS system and its software, and any type of documentary or testimonial evidence provided by the driver personally to the Transportation Manager to whom he or she reports or to the investigator assigned by the Transportation Program, and corroborated by the investigator, will be used to determine whether or not a driver acted negligently or is at fault in an accident.

The GPS information may provide exculpatory data for the driver or also data on improper use of the motor vehicle.

When an accident occurs involving a vehicle, the Transportation Manager will review the database and software associated with GPS to obtain all information to be used as evidence and may be included in the file or report prepared by the agency in accordance with applicable laws and other regulations.

ARTICLE 23.- ADMINISTRATIVE FINES

The Administrator shall have the power to impose administrative fines on any person, natural or legal, who:

- 1. Violates the provisions of this regulation. The fines shall not be less than one thousand (1,000) dollars nor exceed five thousand (5,000) dollars for each violation, and each day that the violation persists will be considered an independent violation.
- 2. Fails to comply with any resolution, order, or decision issued by the Administrator related to the implementation of this regulation. Fines shall not be less than one thousand (1,000) dollars nor exceed twenty thousand (20,000) dollars for each violation, each day being considered a separate violation.
- 3. If acts of contumacy or repeated violation are incurred, the Administrator may impose an additional fine of up to fifty thousand (50,000) dollars for each violation.

In addition to the applicable fines, any natural or legal person who violates this regulation may be sanctioned in the following ways:

- 1. Revocation or suspension of the authorization of the Transportation Manager, Auxiliary Manager, or driver.
- 2. Revocation or suspension of the assignment of a official vehicle to the Transportation Manager, Assistant Manager, or driver.
- 3. Requirement to cover the costs of repairing damage caused to the property of the Government of Puerto Rico.
- 4. Removal of official vehicle.
- 5. Revocation of the authorization to use official vehicles.
- 6. Recommendation for sanctions that each Agency shall implement according to its personnel manuals or regulations.
- 7. Claim in civil action for the recovery of any unnecessary disbursement made by the Government of Puerto Rico.
- 8. Exclusion from the Single Registry of Bidders for a period of one (1) year.

The Administrator, in setting the fine, shall take into consideration the provisions contained in Act No. 454 of December 28, 2000, as amended, the Administrative and Regulatory Flexibility for Small Business Act.

The penalties will be subject to Act 38-2017, as amended, the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act of the Government of Puerto Rico.

ARTICLE 24.- PENALTIES

Any person who violates the provisions of this regulation shall incur a misdemeanor. If convicted, the person will be sentenced to a fine of not less than one thousand (1,000) dollars and not more than five thousand (5,000) dollars, in addition to any other applicable penalty. Likewise, the person may be excluded from the Single Registry of Bidders for a period of one (1) year.

ARTICLE 25.- PROHIBITION OF DISCRIMINATION

It is hereby prohibited that in the implementation of this Regulation there be discrimination by reason of race, color, nationality, origin, social status, age, political ideas, non-religious beliefs, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, genetic information, being a victim or being perceived as a victim of gender violence, sexual assault or stalking, being in the military, veteran, serving or having served in the Armed Forces of the United States of América, or having a physical or mental disability.

ARTICLE 26.- INTERPRETATION OF THIS REGULATION

If subsequent to the approval of this regulation any of the laws cited as legal authority for such were amended, the provisions of such shall be interpreted according to the legislation currently in effect. In such case, any provision herein that is contrary to legislation currently in effect at that time will be considered to have been repealed.

ARTICLE 27.- REPEAL

The provisions of this Regulation supersede the provisions of other circular letters, memorandums, regulations, and/or any other ASG official document that may be contrary to or incompatible with the provisions set forth herein.

ARTICLE 28.- SEVERABILITY

If any clause, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, letter, article, provision, section, subsection, item, or part of this regulation is found to be null and void or unconstitutional, the resolution, opinion, or judgment to that effect shall not invalidate or affect the remainder of this regulation.

ARTICLE 29.- EFFECT AND PUBLICATION

This regulation shall come into effect thirty (30) days after filing with the State Department of Puerto Rico and shall apply to all official vehicles as set forth in this Regulation.

Approved in San Juan, Puerto Rico on February 28, 2024.

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