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Government of Haryana Transport Department (Regulatory Wing) Haryana, Chandigarh

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Subject:

Legal acceptance of Driving License, Registration Certificate & Emission Test Certificate presented through DigiLocker Platform at par with original documents-regarding.

Ministry of Electronics and Information and Technology (MeitY), Government of India, New Delhi vide its letter No. 3 (14)/2015-EG-II, dated 18th July, 2018 addressed to the Principal Secretaries (Transport) of all State Governments/Union Territories Administration has requested to issue necessary instructions to the Enforcement Officers to accept the digital driving license and Vehicle Registration Certificates from citizen's Digilocker accounts as necessary amendment in the Information Technology Rules, 2016 was made and a notification to this effect was issued vide G.S.R. 711 (E) dated February 08, 2017, wherein Rule 9A has been introduced. This Rule mandates that the Issuing certificates or documents in Digital Locker System and accepting certificates or documents shared from Digital Locker Account shall be deemed to be at par with Physical Documents.

Simultaneously, The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India, New Delhi vide its letter no. RT-11036/64/2017-MVL dated 08.08.2018 has also issued instructions to the concerned authorities of all the States/UTs requesting them that the DigiLocker Platform of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India and the mParivahan mobile App of the Ministry has the facility to pull a citizen's Driving License and Registration Certificate or any other certificate in an electronic form. These digital copies available on DigiLocker are mandated as original documents as per the provisions of the Information Technology Act, 2000.

In view of the above, the Government of Haryana, Transport Department (Regulatory Wing) has moved on to Web Vahan/Sarathi Version 4 across the State and the Department is linked with DigiLocker, which will enable citizens to download their Driving Licenses, Registration Certificates and Emission Certificates to their DigiLocker account as DigiLocker is linked to the citizen's identity has been authenticated/validated with the help of AADHAR and database of Transport Department.

Hence, the Transport Department now notifies that the following digital certificates downloaded by citizens into their DigiLocker/mParivahan would be deemed to be the original certificates and would be treated at par with certificates issued by the Department in the form of Smart Card or Paper Form:-

- 1. Driving License
- 2. Vehicle Registration Certificate
- Vehicle Emission Certificate

In case where there is an offence made out and that there is a requirement of the documents to be impounded, the enforcement agencies can have such impounding reflected in Vahan/Sarathi database electronically through the 'e-Challan' system. There would be no requirement of physical seizure of such documents.

Therefore, all enforcement agencies are directed to accept the digital Driving Licence, Vehicle Registration Certificate and Vehicle Emission Certificate from citizen's DigiLocker/mParivahan account while roadside checking as the same should be deemed to be the original certificates. The compliance of these instructions must be ensured in letter and spirit. Further, the instructions should be displayed prominently on a conspicuous place in the office premises (notice boards etc.) and wide publicity of the same may be made in leading dailies as well local newspapers.

Dated Chandigarh, the, 20th November, 2018

(Dhanpat Singh, IAS) Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Haryana, Transport Department, Chandigarh.

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A copy is forwarded to the following for information and necessary action:-

- 1. Director (MVL), Government of India, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MVL Section), Transport Bhawan, 1, Parliament Street, New Delhi-110001 w.r.t. letter no. RT-11036/64/2017-MVL dated 08.08.2018.
- 2. Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Haryana, Home Department.
- 3. Director General of Police, Haryana.
- 4. Transport Commissioner, Haryana, Chandigarh.
- 5. Director General, State Transport Haryana, Chandigarh.
- 6. All Deputy Commissioners in the State.
- 7. All Commissioners of Police/Inspectors General of Police of Police zones in the
- 8. All Superintendents of Police in the State.
- 9. All Additional Deputy Commissioners-cum-Secretaries, Regional Transport Authorities in the State.

for Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Haryana, Transport Department, Chandigarh.