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Article 55 - Transport of passengers

- 3. The transport of passengers of a number exceeding the seating of the vehicle, or in a manner which compromises their safety, or the safety of driving, is prohibited.
- 4. The transport of unseated passengers is equally prohibited, except in exceptional situations, to be defined in regulations.
- 6. A contravention of the provisions of no. 1 of this Article is punishable by a fine of 500.00 Mt

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Article 81 - Driving under the influence of alcohol, narcotics or psychotropic substances

- 1. Alcoholic beverages and psychotropic substances shall not be transported in the area reserved for passengers, in vehicles.
- 2. A driver shall be deemed to be under the influence of alcohol if his blood alcohol level is equal or superior to 0,3mg/l, when tested by way of a breathalyzer, or 0,6mg/l, if a blood test is conducted.
- Any person contravening the provisions of no. 1, shall be punished by a fine of 500,00 Mt.

6. Any person contravening the provisions of no. 2, shall be punished by a fine of:

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Blood alcohol rate			Amount of fine	2

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From higher than 0,0mg/l, to 0,3mg/l	1,500.00 Mt
From 0,3mg/l to 0,40mg/l	2,500.00 Mt
From 0,41mg/l to 0,70mg/l	3,500.00 Mt
More than 0,70mg/l	5,000.00 Mt

7. Drivers found to be driving under the influence of alcohol with a blood alcohol level of more than 1,2 mg/l, when not professional, shall be punished by a prison sentence of up to 1 month, without prejudice to the payment of the corresponding fine and accessory sanction.

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Article 88 - Professional driving of transport vehicles

- 1. The performance of paid services is only permissible in the case of holders of professional driver's licenses.
- 2. For reasons of safety, times of driving and of rest may be defined for professional drivers of transport vehicles, and the presence of more than one person qualified to drive the same vehicles, may be required.
- 3. A contravention of the provisions of this article is punishable by a fine of 10.000,00 Mt, for which the offender, and the offender's employing entity, shall be jointly and severally liable.

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Article 91 - Signs for indicating danger

- 1. All motor vehicles in circulation, except for those having only two or three wheels, motor cultivators and tractor cars, shall be equipped with two reflective signs for indicating danger, and one reflective jacket.
- 8. A contravention of the provisions of this Article is punishable by a fine of 1,000.00 Mt, except in the event of the use of materials which do not comply with the defined characteristics, in which case the fine will be 500,00 Mt, and that referred to in no. 7, the fine for which shall be 300,00 Mt.
- 9. A contravention of the provisions of numbers 2 and 3 is punishable by a fine of 750.00 Mt.

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Article 113 - Trailers

- 6. No more than one trailer may be linked to each motorized vehicle, except in the case of vehicles called "interlinks", which may tow two semi-trailers.
- 7. The use of trailers in tourist convoys, as well as of trailers on agricultural or forestry tractors, on terms to be set in local regulations, constitute exceptions to the provisions of no. 6.

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 Without prejudice to the provisions of no. 6, the use of trailers for the public transport of passengers, shall be authorized by way of special regulations. The contravention of the provisions of no's 6 and 7 is punishable by a fine of 10,000.00

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Article 157 - Insurance obligation

Motor vehicles and their trailers, on terms to be set out in regulations, may only travel on a public roadway if they have obtained, in terms of special legislation, third party liability insurance.