16.- (1) Where the Registrar is satisfied that an application for registration complies with all the necessary requirements, he shall grant the application.

(2) Where the Registrar grants the application, he shall issue to the applicant the following:
   (a) a registration number;
   (b) a registration card;
   (c) a motor vehicle licence.

17.- (1) The nationality of a motor vehicle registered in Tanzania shall be symbolised by a letter "T".

(2) The letter "T" shall be marked and followed by numeral numbers and placed in front and at the back of the vehicle.

18.- (1) The registration number for all vehicles other than motor vehicles owned by the Government, Tanzania Peoples Defence Forces, International Organisations, diplomatic or consular offices shall be preceded with a letter "T" followed by figures and letters ranging from "101 AAA up to 999 ZZZ".

(2) For the purpose of registration numbers, the following letters and combinations shall be excluded:

   (a) letters "T" and "O"; and
   (b) combination of a letter and figures "T001 up to T100".

19.- (1) The registration card shall have two parts as specified under sub-regulation (2) and contain all relevant particulars of the vehicle and the owner as may be necessary for facilitating the use and control of vehicle.

(2) Part I of the registration card shall contain technical information and particulars of the motor vehicle and the name of the owner.

(3) Part II of the registration card shall contain information of the owner and may be used for effecting entries in relation to the changes in ownership or upon de-registration of the vehicle.
(4) The registration card shall be issued after the vehicle has been registered by the Registrar for the first time and may be re-issued where there have been changes of information, ownership or other particulars in any of the two parts of the card.

(5) The re-issuance of a new card or issuance of a duplicate of the old card as the case may be, shall upon application to the Registrar accompanied by a prescribed fee, police loss report and road worthiness certificate.

Validity of Registration Card

20.- (1) The registration card shall be valid during all the time unless replaced or renewed in accordance with these Regulations.

(2) The registration card shall be evidence of ownership of the vehicle and any matters therein and shall be shown to the police officer on demand.

Motor vehicle licence

21.- (1) A motor vehicle licence shall be issued where:

(a) the licence fee has been paid;

(b) the vehicle has been insured;

(c) the road worthiness certificate has been obtained.

(2) The licence shall be valid for a period of twelve months at the end of which the owner of the vehicle is required to renew it and the provisions of sub-regulation (1) shall apply in relation to the renewal.

(3) The licence shall be placed at a conspicuous place on the windscreen.

(4) In the event of the licence being destroyed or otherwise lost or worn out, the Registrar may on application and upon payment of a prescribed fee issue a duplicate licence.

(5) The licence fee may be refunded where the vehicle in respect of which it has been paid is de-registered but the period during which the motor vehicle was registered shall, for the purpose of calculating the sums due for refund, be deducted.
PART V
REGISTRATION PLATES

22. When a vehicle or trailer is registered in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations, it shall be issued with two registration plates, manufactured according to the prescribed standards.

23. (1) The registration plates shall be kept fully visible and in such a status as may render them easily to be read at all times.

(2) No other identification mark or marks shall be attached on the registration plates except for the sign identifying the nationality of such a motor vehicle and the actual registration numbers.

(3) Where the registration plate is destroyed, lost or otherwise disposed of or where it can no longer be visible enough as to be read at all times, the owner of the motor vehicle shall apply to the Registrar for duplicate registration plates.

24. (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of Regulation 23, the owner of a motor vehicle may, after getting a written permission from a police officer apply in writing to the Registrar for interim plates where the original registration plates have been destroyed, lost, worn out or otherwise disposed of.

(2) For purpose of ensuring smooth administration and proper management of registration plates, a police officer who takes the original registration plates off the vehicle shall notify the Registrar of Motor Vehicles.

(3) The Registrar shall bear a reciprocal duty to notify the police about the issuance of any interim plates in favour of any motor vehicle.

25. Temporary plates shall be valid during the period when the duplicate registration plates have not been issued.
26.- (1) The registration numbers and plates for Government owned vehicles and members of diplomatic or consular offices shall be conducted, administered, issued and managed by the Ministry of Works and Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation respectively.

(2) Where the ownership of any such vehicle is transferred to an individual person, the authority under whose custody the vehicle was shall notify the Registrar accordingly for the purpose of obtaining any relevant particulars relating to that vehicle.

PART VI
PERSONAL REGISTRATION PLATES

27.- (1) Personal registration plates shall be plates containing two up to seven special characters.

(2) Special characters contained in the personal registration plates shall not include obscene or offensive combinations or combinations similar to a registration number as provided for under Regulation 18, such application may be accepted by the Registrar.

(3) Subject to sub-regulation (2), the personal plates shall be used on a vehicle in lieu of ordinary registration plates and the Registrar reserves the right to prolong the period during which such personalised plates may be used:

(4) Personal registration plates shall be applied for by owner of the vehicle and the application must fulfill all conditions stipulated under these Regulations respecting registration of the motor vehicles.

(5) Personal registration plates shall, unless it is sooner disallowed, be valid during a period of five years and may be renewed upon payment of fees.

28. The general rules with respect to the application for registration, transfer, insurance, motor vehicle licence and all matters relating to the use of motor vehicles on the road shall apply with necessary modification in relation to motor vehicles with personal registration plates.