

Ruling on tinted windscreens applies to all vehicles, says JPJ

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PETALING JAYA: Heavily tinted foreign vehicles entering the country from Singapore and Thailand will be turned away at the border checkpoints when an amendment to the Road Transport Act, governing tinted windscreens, is endorsed soon.

Road Transport Department enforcement director Salim Parlan told *The Star* the vehicles would not be allowed to enter the country if they failed a quick test by Road Transport Department (JPJ) officials manning the border posts.

“Only vehicles with at least 70% light penetration in the front windscreen and 50% on the rear windscreen and side windows will be allowed on Malaysian roads.”

“Heavily-tinted windscreens and windows can pose a hazard to other road-users, especially during rainy days and at night,” he said.

“It is common to find heavily tinted Thai-registered vehicles running on Malaysian roads. Most sport utility and luxury vehicles from Singapore are heavily tinted,” he said.

Car owners face a RM300 fine if the tint is too dark.

Salim said government departments with heavily tinted vehicles would be told to remove the shade or get permission from the JPJ or Transport Ministry for an exemption.

For a start, the JPJ had been told to remove the shade on all its heavily tinted vehicles, he said.

The Star had reported that JPJ bought 150 Autolight Plus meters worth RM1mil from Melbourne-based Autotest Products Pte Ltd in May.

The JPJ is making amendments to its Motor Vehicles (Prohibition of Certain Types of Glass) Rules 1991 to enable it to use these equipment.