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STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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**The Zebra, Pelican and Puffin Pedestrian  
Crossings Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006**

**PART IV**

**MOVEMENT OF TRAFFIC AT CROSSINGS**

**Prohibition against the stopping of vehicles on crossings**

**16.** The driver of a vehicle shall not cause the vehicle or any part of it to stop within the limits of a crossing unless he is prevented from proceeding by circumstances beyond his control or it is necessary for him to stop to avoid injury or damage to persons or property.

**Pedestrians not to delay on crossings**

**17.** A pedestrian shall not remain on the carriageway within the limits of a crossing longer than is necessary for him to pass over that crossing with reasonable despatch.

**Prohibition against the stopping of vehicles in controlled areas**

**18.—(1)** In this regulation “vehicle” shall not include a pedal cycle without a side car attached to it.

(2) Subject to paragraph (3), the driver of a vehicle shall not cause any part of it to stop in a controlled area.

(3) Paragraph (2) does not prohibit the driver of a vehicle from stopping in a controlled area—

- (a) if the driver has stopped it for the purpose of complying with regulation 19, 21 or 22;
- (b) if the driver is prevented from proceeding by circumstances beyond his control or it is necessary for him to stop to avoid injury or damage to persons or property;
- (c) when the vehicle is being used for fire brigade, ambulance or police purposes;
- (d) for so long as may be necessary to enable the vehicle to be used for the purposes of—
  - (i) any operation involving building, demolition or excavation;
  - (ii) the removal of any obstruction to traffic;
  - (iii) the maintenance, improvement or reconstruction of a road; or
  - (iv) the laying, erection, alteration, repair or cleaning in or near the controlled area of any sewer or of any main, pipe or apparatus for the supply of gas, water or electricity, or of any telecommunication apparatus as defined in section 4(3) of the Telecommunications Act 1984<sup>(1)</sup>

but only if the vehicle cannot be used for such a purpose without stopping in the controlled area;

- (e) if he stops the vehicle for the purpose of making a left or right turn; or
- (f) if the vehicle is a bus, other than one being used on an excursion or tour, which is stopped at a bus stop after having proceeded through the crossing to which the controlled area relates, and is waiting in that area in order to take up or set down passengers.

### **Prohibition against vehicles proceeding through Pelican or Puffin crossings**

**19.** When vehicular light signals at a Pelican crossing or a Puffin crossing are displaying the red light signal the driver of a vehicle shall not cause it or any part of it to proceed beyond the stop line, or, if that line is not for the time being visible, beyond the post or other structure on which the primary signals are mounted.

### **Prohibition against vehicles overtaking at crossings**

**20.—**(1) While any vehicle (in this regulation called “the approaching vehicle”) or any part of it is within the limits of a controlled area and is proceeding towards the crossing, the driver of the approaching vehicle shall not cause it or any part of it—

- (a) to pass ahead of the foremost part of any other vehicle proceeding in the same direction; or
  - (b) to pass ahead of the foremost part of a vehicle which is stationary for the purpose of complying with regulation 19, 21 or 22.
- (2) In paragraph (1)—
- (a) the reference in sub-paragraph (a) to any other vehicle is, in a case where more than one vehicle is proceeding in the same direction as the approaching vehicle in a controlled area, a reference to the vehicle nearest to the crossing to which the controlled area relates; and
  - (b) the reference in sub-paragraph (b) to a vehicle which is stationary is, in a case where only one other vehicle is stopped for the purpose of complying with regulation 19, 21 or 22, a reference to that vehicle, and, where more than one other vehicle is stationary for that purpose, a reference to the one nearest to the crossing to which the controlled area relates.

### **Precedence of pedestrians over vehicles at Zebra crossings**

**21.—**(1) Every pedestrian, if he is on the carriageway within the limits of a Zebra crossing, which is not for the time being controlled by a constable in uniform or a traffic warden, before any part of a vehicle has entered those limits, shall have precedence within those limits over that vehicle and the driver of the vehicle shall accord such precedence to any such pedestrian.

(2) Where there is a pedestrian refuge or central reservation on a Zebra crossing, the parts of the crossing situated on each side of the pedestrian refuge or central reservation shall, for the purposes of these Regulations, be treated as separate crossings.

### **Precedence of pedestrians over vehicles at Pelican crossings**

**22.** When vehicular light signals at a Pelican crossing are displaying the flashing amber signal, every pedestrian, if he is on the carriageway or a central reservation within the limits of the crossing (but not if he is on a central reservation which forms part of a system of staggered crossings) before any part of a vehicle has entered those limits, shall have precedence within those limits over that vehicle and the driver of the vehicle shall accord such precedence to any such pedestrian.

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