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ROAD TRAFFIC

The School Crossing Patrol Sign (Scotland) Regulations 2008

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Coming into force in accordance with regulation 1

The Scottish Ministers make the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 28(4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a) and all other powers enabling them to do so.

In accordance with section 134(2) of that Act(b), they have consulted with such representative organisations as they think fit.

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the School Crossing Patrol Sign (Scotland) Regulations 2008 and, except as provided in paragraph (2), come into force on 8th February 2008.

(2) Regulation 2 comes into force on 1st January 2011.

(3) These Regulations extend to Scotland only.

Revocation

2. The School Crossing Patrol Sign (Scotland) Regulations 2002(c) are revoked.

Interpretation

3. In these Regulations—

“patrol sign” means a sign exhibited by a school crossing patrol for the purpose of stopping a vehicle in accordance with section 28(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(d);

“perimeter strip” has the meaning given by regulation 4(3);

“pole” means the pole comprised in a patrol sign;

“retroreflecting material” means material which reflects a ray of light back towards the source of that light; and

“roundel” means the roundel comprised in a patrol sign.

(a) 1984 c.27. The functions of the Secretary of State were transferred to the Scottish Ministers by virtue of section 53 of the Scotland Act 1998 (c.46).

(b) There are amendments to section 134 not relevant to these Regulations.

(c) S.S.I. 2002/549.

(d) Section 28(1) was modified by the Transport (Scotland) Act 2001 (asp 2), section 77.

Size, colour and type of patrol sign

- 4.—(1) A patrol sign shall comprise a roundel and a pole on which the roundel is mounted.
- (2) The roundel shall be not less than 450 nor more than 470 millimetres in diameter and each of its faces shall be of the colour and type shown in the Schedule.
- (3) A protective strip, in these Regulations called a “perimeter strip”, may be applied to the perimeter of the roundel in accordance with the requirements of paragraph (4).
- (4) The requirements are that—
- (a) the perimeter strip shall not be retroreflecting;
 - (b) the perimeter strip shall not be more than 15 millimetres wide;
 - (c) the perimeter strip shall be either coloured red or uncoloured and transparent;
 - (d) the part of the red border of the roundel not covered by the perimeter strip shall be at least 35 millimetres wide; and
 - (e) the diameter of the part of the roundel coloured black and yellow shall be not less than 360 nor more than 370 millimetres.
- (5) A section of the pole at the bottom of the roundel may extend over the face of the roundel for the purpose of securing the roundel to the pole, but must not obscure any part of the black symbol.
- (6) Subject to paragraphs (7) and (8), the pole shall be coloured with alternating black and yellow bands not less than 280 nor more than 320 millimetres deep, beginning with a black band immediately below the roundel.
- (7) Any part of the pole which extends over the face of the roundel shall be coloured red or yellow in accordance with the colour of the part of the roundel covered by it.
- (8) If the pole is separable into two pieces when the patrol sign is not in use, the joint between the two pieces and not more than 5 millimetres of each piece of the pole on either side of the joint, may have an unpainted metallic finish.
- (9) Any fastenings used to attach the roundel to the pole must be—
- (a) coloured red or yellow in accordance with the colour of the part of the patrol sign on which they are placed; or
 - (b) an unpainted metallic finish.
- (10) The pole shall not be separable into more than two pieces.
- (11) A black handgrip may be fitted to the pole within the black band immediately below the roundel.

Illumination

- 5.—(1) The yellow bands on the pole may be illuminated by means of retroreflecting material.
- (2) The parts of the roundel coloured black shall not be illuminated by means of retroreflecting material.
- (3) Subject to paragraph (4) the parts of the roundel coloured yellow shall be either fluorescent or illuminated by a means of internal lighting.
- (4) With the exception of the parts coloured black and any perimeter strip, the roundel shall be illuminated by means of retroreflecting material, but retroreflecting material applied to the parts coloured yellow shall, if that material is not fluorescent, be applied in horizontal strips with gaps between the strips.

(5) The parts of the roundel coloured red may be fluorescent or illuminated by a means of internal lighting.

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SCHEDULE

Regulation 4(2)

THE ROUNDEL OF A PATROL SIGN



EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations prescribe the size, colour and type of a school crossing patrol sign.

They also revoke the School Crossing Patrol Sign (Scotland) Regulations 2002 on 1st January 2011. Accordingly, before that date a school crossing patrol sign can be in accordance with either the provisions of the 2002 Regulations or these Regulations.

These Regulations are based upon the provisions of the 2002 Regulations. The principal changes are an increase in the permissible size of the perimeter strip and increased flexibility with regard to the colouring and illumination requirements of the patrol signs.

These Regulations were notified in draft to the European Commission in accordance with Directive 98/34/EC (O.J. L 204, 21.7.98, p.37) laying down a procedure for the provision of information in the field of technical standards and regulations as amended by Directive 98/48/EC (O.J. L 217, 5.8.98, p.18). Copies of the Directives can be obtained from the Stationery Office.

A regulatory impact assessment has been prepared in respect of these Regulations. A copy can be obtained from the Scottish Government Transport Directorate, Area 2-F, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh EH6 6QQ.

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