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ROAD TRAFFIC

The Traffic Signs (Amendment) Regulations 1970

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The Secretary of State and the Minister of Transport, acting jointly in exercise of their powers under section 54(1), (2) and (5) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1967(a) and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with the provisions of section 107(2) of the said Act of 1967, hereby make the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation on the 1st April 1970 and may be cited as the Traffic Signs (Amendment) Regulations 1970.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply for the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. The Traffic Signs Regulations 1964(c), as amended (d), shall have effect as though—

(1) in Regulation 11A(2), for the proviso there were substituted the following proviso—

“Provided that conditions (b) and (c) above shall not apply if—

(i) on the use by the driver of the telephone placed at the crossing for a period of not less than two minutes throughout which he from time to time depresses its operating button, no duly authorised person answers it; and

(ii) the driver then drives the unit on to the crossing with the reasonable expectation of crossing it within times specified in a railway notice at that telephone as being times between which trains do not normally travel over that crossing.”;

(2) in Regulation 12, after paragraph (4) there were added the following paragraphs—

“(5) The signs shown in diagrams 732, 733, 735 to 737, 739, 741 to 745, 802, 805 (except when varied to convey a condition), 814, 820 to 822, 833 to 836 and 839, when erected in Wales or Monmouthshire may show the information contained in the sign in both the English and Welsh languages:

Provided that—

(a) except in the case of the signs shown in diagrams 743 and 744 names indicating the location of a place shall be those in common usage in the English language;

(a) 1967 c.76.

(b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

(c) S.I. 1964/1857 (1964 III, p. 4053).

(d) The relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1966/490, 1969/1269 (1966 I, p. 1001; 1969 III, p. 3786).

- (b) all information shown in any such sign as is mentioned in this paragraph shall be shown in both the English and Welsh languages ;
 - (c) one language version of each item of information shall be placed immediately above the other language version of that item of information ; and
 - (d) the same size lettering shall be used for each language version of each item of information.
- (6) Where a sign shown in diagrams 743 to 745, 802, 805, 814, 820 to 822 and 833 to 836 is varied in accordance with the last preceding paragraph, the overall dimensions as shown in the said diagrams may be varied in so far as is necessary to give effect to that variation.”;
- (3) in Regulation 25(1), in proviso (b), for the reference to the year 1969 there were substituted a reference to the year 1970 ;
 - (4) in Regulation 31—
 - (a) in paragraph (3)—
 - (i) in sub-paragraph (d), after the words “per minute” there were inserted the words “or of not less than 70 nor more than 90 flashes per minute” ;
 - (ii) in sub-paragraph (f), for the words “shall be placed” there were substituted the words “may be placed” ;
 - (b) in paragraph (3A)—
 - (i) in sub-paragraph (e), after the words “per minute” there were inserted the words “or of not less than 54 nor more than 66 flashes per minute” ;
 - (ii) after sub-paragraph (h), there were added the following sub-paragraph—
 - “(i) the word “STOP”, in black lettering, may be placed upon the red lenses but no other lettering shall be used thereon.”.

Dated the 18th March 1970.

William Ross,
One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State.

Dated the 19th March 1970.

George Thomas,
One of Her Majesty's Principal
Secretaries of State.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport the 19th March 1970.

(L.S.)

Fred Mulley,
Minister of Transport.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations further amend the Traffic Signs Regulations 1964. The principal changes are—

1. Amendment is made to the significance of the sign shown in diagram 649 (already prescribed by the Regulations for use at railway level crossings equipped with automatic barriers) as regards the conditions under which certain of the requirements conveyed by that sign are not to apply (Regulation 2(1)).
2. Provision is made for certain informatory signs to show the information contained therein in both the English and Welsh languages (Regulation 2(2)).

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