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ROAD TRAFFIC

The Traffic Signs (Amendment) Regulations 1971

<i>Made</i> - - - -	21st December 1971
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	31st December 1971
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	1st January 1972

The Secretary of State for the Environment, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State for Wales, 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 may be cited as the Traffic Signs (Amendment) Regulations 1971 and shall come into operation on 1st January 1972.

(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 he receives an indication for not less than two minutes that the telephone at the other end of the telephone line is being called but 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 25(1), in proviso (b), for the reference to the year 1971 there were substituted a reference to the year 1973;

(3) in Regulation 31 (3A), in sub-paragraph (f), for the words “9 feet 3 inches” there were substituted the words “8 feet 9 inches”.

(a) 1967 c. 76.

(b) 1889 c. 63.

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

(d) The relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1966/490, 1969/1269, 1970/468, 1970/1972 (1966 I, p. 1001; 1969 III, p. 3786; 1970 I, p. 1567; 1970 III, p. 6420).

Peter Walker,
Secretary of State for the Environment.

20th December 1971.

Gordon Campbell,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

21st December 1971.

Peter Thomas,
Secretary of State for Wales.

21st December 1971.

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. In particular, it will be necessary in future for the driver of a vehicle who is required to use the telephone before driving his vehicle over the railway level crossing to hear an indication that the telephone at the other end of the line is ringing for at least two minutes before he may proceed without permission at specified times. (Regulation 2(1)).

2. The minimum height of the red lenses of traffic signals conforming to Regulation 31 (3A) is lowered. (Regulation 2(3)).