

1979 No. 401
ROAD TRAFFIC
**The 'Pelican' Pedestrian Crossings (Amendment) Regulations
and General Directions 1979**

<i>Made - - - -</i>	<i>29th March 1979</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>3rd April 1979</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	<i>1st June 1979</i>

The Secretary of State for Transport, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State for Wales, acting jointly in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 54 and 55(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1967(a), and now vested in them (b), and each acting separately as the appropriate Minister in exercise of the powers conferred on that Minister by section 23 of the said Act of 1967, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with section 107(2) of that Act, hereby make the following Regulations and give the following Directions:—

PART I—GENERAL
Citation, commencement and general effect

1. This Instrument may be cited as the 'Pelican' Pedestrian Crossings (Amendment) Regulations and General Directions 1979, shall come into operation on 1st June 1979, and shall have effect for amending the 'Pelican' Pedestrian Crossings Regulations and General Directions 1969(c).

PART II—AMENDMENTS TO REGULATIONS

2. This Part of this Instrument may be cited as the 'Pelican' Pedestrian Crossings (Amendment) Regulations 1979 and provides for amending the 'Pelican' Pedestrian Crossings Regulations 1969 (hereinafter referred to as 'the 1969 Regulations') as follows:—

- (1) In sub-paragraphs (1)(b)(i), (1)(c) and 2(b) of paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to the 1969 Regulations, for the words "the table in Part IV of this Schedule", in each place, substitute "either the table in Part IV or the table in Part V of this Schedule".

(a) 1967 c. 76.

(b) S.I. 1970/1681 (as respects the Secretary of State for Transport).

(c) S.I. 1969/888.

- (2) After Part IV of Schedule 1 to the 1969 Regulations insert a new Part as follows:—

“PART V

Sequence of vehicular traffic light signals 1.	Sequence of pedestrian signals		
	Pedestrian light signals 2.	Indicator for pedestrians 3.	Audible signal 4.
Green light	Red light	The word “WAIT” is illuminated	None
Amber light			
Red light			
	Green light	The word “WAIT” is not illuminated	Regular pulsed sound
Flashing amber light	Flashing green light	The word “WAIT” is illuminated	None
	Red light		
Green light			

- (3) In paragraph 1(2) of Schedule 2 to the 1969 Regulations, for the words “as may be authorised in writing by the appropriate Minister in the case of any particular crossing” substitute “as may be appropriate having regard to the layout of the carriageway and the extent to which it is used by pedestrians”.

PART III—AMENDMENTS TO GENERAL DIRECTIONS

3. This Part of this Instrument may be cited as the ‘Pelican’ Pedestrian Crossings (Amendment) General Directions 1979 and provides for amending the ‘Pelican’ Pedestrian Crossings General Directions 1969 (hereinafter referred to as “the 1969 Directions”) as follows:—

- (1) In Direction No. 2 of the 1969 Directions—

in paragraph (1), before the words “two vehicular traffic light signals” insert “at least” and for the words “placed over the carriageway” (at the end of proviso (c)) substitute “placed over or at the side of the carriageway”, and

in paragraph (2), before the words "one vehicular traffic light signal" insert "at least" and for the words "placed over the carriageway" (at the end of proviso (c), substitute "placed over or at the side of the carriageway".

- (2) Omit Direction No. 4 of the 1969 Directions.
- (3) For paragraph 6 of the 1969 Directions substitute the following:—

"Approval of mechanisms and sequence adjustments"

6.—(1) Vehicular traffic light signals, pedestrian light signals and indicators for pedestrians may be placed at or near any 'Pelican' crossing only if the apparatus (including the content of all instructions stored in, or executable by, it) used to secure that the signals and indicators comply with the relevant provisions of the Regulations contained in Part II of this Instrument is of a type which has been approved in writing by or on behalf of the Secretary of State.

(2) Without prejudice to the provisions of paragraph (1) above, where such signals and indicators as are mentioned in that paragraph are adjusted at any time, whether before or after they have been erected for the first time, so as to operate in accordance with the alternative sequences illustrated in Part V of Schedule 1, to the Regulations contained in Part II of this Instrument, those signals and indicators shall not be displayed in operation at or near a 'Pelican' crossing unless approval in writing to the making of that adjustment has first been given by or on behalf of the Secretary of State."

28th March 1979.

William Rodgers,
Secretary of State for Transport

28th March 1979

Bruce Millan,
Secretary of State for Scotland

29th March 1979

John Morris,
Secretary of State for Wales

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Instrument.)

This Instrument amends the 'Pelican' Pedestrian Crossings Regulations and General Directions 1969 so as to—

- (a) dispense with the need for approval by the Secretary of State of the site for signals and indicators at a 'Pelican' crossing;
- (b) dispense with the need for approval by the Secretary of State for additional signals and indicators at a 'Pelican' crossing;
- (c) permit the width of a crossing to extend to a maximum of 10 metres without the authorisation (as at present required) of the Secretary of State;
- (d) authorise an alternative phasing of the light signals and pedestrian indicators displayed at 'Pelican' pedestrian crossing;
- (e) require the approval of the Secretary of State for the adjustment of light signals and pedestrian indicators to the above-mentioned alternative phasing; and
- (f) clarify the wording of the General Directions in respect of the type approval of the 'Pelican' pedestrian crossing apparatus.

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