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**The School Crossing Patrol Sign (England and Wales)
Regulations 2006**

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The Secretary of State for Transport in exercise of the powers conferred by section 28(4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a) and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with section 134(2) of that Act, makes the following regulations:

Citation, commencement and extent

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the School Crossing Patrol Sign (England and Wales) Regulations 2006 and shall come into force on 4th September 2006.

(2) These Regulations extend to England and Wales.

Revocation

2. The School Crossing Patrol Sign (England and Wales) Regulations 2002(b) are revoked.

Interpretation

3. In these Regulations—

- (a) “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;
- (b) “perimeter strip” has the meaning given by regulation 5(3);
- (c) “the pole” means the pole comprised in a patrol sign;
- (d) “retroreflecting material” means material which reflects a ray of light back towards the source of that light; and
- (e) “the roundel” means the roundel comprised in a patrol sign.

Savings

4.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), if a patrol sign was first used before the coming into force of these Regulations and conforms to—

- (a) an authorisation issued by the Secretary of State which expired on 31st July 2006; or

(a) 1984 c. 27; section 28(1) was amended by the Transport Act 2000 (c. 38) section 270(3)(a).
(b) S.I. 2002/3020.

- (b) the requirements of the School Crossing Patrol Sign (England and Wales) Regulations 2002;

that sign shall be deemed to comply with these Regulations, even if it does not meet the requirements of regulation 5.

- (2) Paragraph (1) shall cease to have effect on 31st July 2007.

Size, colour and type of patrol sign

5.—(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 to these Regulations.

(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 15mm 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 35mm 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

6.—(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.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

10th August 2006

Stephen Ladyman
Minister of State
Department for Transport

THE SCHEDULE
THE ROUNDEL OF A PATROL SIGN

Regulation 5(2)



EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulation)

These Regulations revoke the School Crossing Patrol Sign (England and Wales) Regulations 2002.

The provisions of 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 as amended by Directive 98/48/EC. Copies of the Directives can be obtained from the Stationery Office.

A regulatory impact assessment of this instrument is available from Traffic Management Division 4, Department for Transport, Zone 3/21 Great Minster House, 76 Marsham Street, London SW1P 4DR. A copy has been placed in the library of each House of Parliament. The regulatory impact assessment may also be accessed on the HMSO website at www.opsi.gov.uk.

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