



# Road Traffic Regulation Act 1967

## 1967 CHAPTER 76

### *Experimental traffic schemes*

#### **9 Experimental traffic orders.**

- (1) Subject to sections 84A, 84B and 84C of this Act, for the purpose of carrying out an experimental scheme of traffic control the authority hereinafter specified may by order under this subsection (in this section referred to as an "experimental traffic order") make the like provision—
  - (a) as respects any road outside Greater London, as may be made by an order under section 1 of this Act;
  - (b) as respects traffic on roads in Greater London, as may be made by an order under section 6 of this Act.
- (2) Subject to section 82 of this Act, the authority having power to make an experimental traffic order—
  - (a) as respects roads outside Greater London, other than trunk roads, shall be the local authority ;
  - (b) as respects roads in Greater London, other than trunk roads, shall be the Greater London Council;
  - (c) as respects any trunk road in Greater London, shall be the appropriate Minister or, with the consent of that Minister, the Greater London Council;
  - (d) as respects trunk roads outside Greater London, shall be the appropriate Minister.
- (3) An experimental traffic order shall not continue in force for longer than the following period, that is to say—
  - (a) if it is made by a local authority, a period of six months ;
  - (b) if it is made by the appropriate Minister or by the Greater London Council, a period of eighteen months ;

but, subject to sections 84A, 84B and 84C of this Act, where an experimental traffic order made by a local authority has not ceased to be in force, the authority may from time to time by order under this subsection direct that it shall continue in force for a

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further period not exceeding six months from the date when it would otherwise cease to be in force and ending not later than eighteen months after it first came into force.

- (4) An experimental traffic order—
- (a) may provide for the modification or suspension, while the order is in force, of any provision previously made by or under any enactment, being a provision that could have been made by the order ; and
  - (b) shall, to the extent that it is inconsistent with any provision subsequently made by or under any enactment, cease to have effect.
- (5) An experimental traffic order made by the Greater London Council may include provision whereby a specified officer, or some person authorised in that behalf by a specified officer, of that Council may, if it appears to that officer or person essential in the interests of the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of traffic and after consulting with the appropriate commissioner of police and giving such public notice as the Minister may direct, modify or suspend the order or any provision thereof.
- (8) No appeal shall lie to the Minister from the traffic commissioners—
- (a) under section 135(8) or section 143 of the Road Traffic Act 1960, in the case of a decision of those commissioners with respect to a road service licence, or
  - (b) under section 141(4) or (6) of that Act, in the case of a decision of those commissioners with respect to the approval of a route for a road service,
- if and so far as it is certified by the commissioners that the decision was necessary to secure conformity with an experimental traffic order prescribing the routes to be followed, or roads which are not to be used, by vehicles affected by the decision, the places in roads where such vehicles may or may not wait, or the stopping places for such vehicles.
- (9) If a person acts in contravention of, or fails to comply with, an experimental traffic order he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding, in the case of an offence committed in respect of a motor vehicle by a failure to comply with a requirement to proceed or not to proceed in a specified direction or along a specified part of the carriageway, £50 and, in any other case, £20.
- (10) Section 1(3B) or, as the case may be, section 6(4) of this Act shall apply in relation to an experimental traffic order as it applies in relation to an order under the said section 1 or 6.
- (11) The Minister may repay to the Greater London Council any expenses incurred by that Council in connection with any order made by them under this section.
- (12) In this and the next following section—
- (a) " local authority " has the same meaning as in section 1(2)(a) of this Act; and
  - (b) " road ", in relation to Greater London, includes any street as denned in section 6(12) of this Act.

## **11 Experimental traffic schemes in Greater London.**

- (1) Where it appears to the commissioner of police expedient so to do for the purpose of carrying out within his area an experimental scheme of traffic control, he may with the consent of the Greater London Council, and after giving such notice as that Council may direct, make regulations for regulating vehicular traffic in any manner specified in Schedule 2 to this Act.

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- (2) The Greater London Council shall not give their consent to any such scheme as aforesaid affecting a trunk road except with the agreement of the Minister; and in the case of any particular scheme the Minister may, after consultation with the said Council, direct that Council to consent thereto within a specified period or to withhold their consent therefrom; but the Minister shall not give such a direction unless he is satisfied, having regard to any matters appearing to him to be relevant, that the Council's duty under section 84(1) of this Act is not being satisfactorily discharged by the Council and that the giving of the direction is necessary in order to secure compliance with that duty.
- (3) Any provision contained in regulations under this section may be made so as to apply at all times or on specified days or during specified periods, and either throughout the day or during any specified part of the day and to vehicular traffic generally or to such traffic of any class specified in the regulations, and regulations under this section may make different provision for different classes of traffic.
- (4) If a person contravenes, or fails to comply with, regulations under this section he shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding, in the case of an offence committed in respect of a motor vehicle by a failure to comply with a requirement to proceed or not to proceed in a specified direction or along a specified part of the carriageway, £50 and, in any other case, £20.
- (5) Regulations under this section may suspend or modify any order for the time being in force under section 6 of this Act.
- (6) Regulations under this section shall not continue in force for a period longer than six months after the making thereof, together with such further period or periods (if any) not exceeding twelve months in all as the Greater London Council may at any time before the expiration of the regulations direct; and (without prejudice to the power of the commissioner of police to revoke regulations under this section) such regulations may be revoked by an order under section 6 of this Act.
- (7) A document purporting to be a copy, certified by a person authorised by the commissioner of police, of regulations under this section shall be evidence of the contents of such regulations.
- (8) This section shall apply within Greater London but not elsewhere; and in this section " the commissioner of police " means, in relation to the metropolitan police district, the commissioner of police of the metropolis, and, in relation to the City of London, the commissioner of police for the City of London.