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REGULATIONS

MADE UNDER

THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE,

(Chapter 280).

UNDER SECTIONS 49 AND 103 OF THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE, THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL :—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Light Signals), Regulations, 1959.
2. The Licensing Authority may erect and maintain light signals for the control of vehicular traffic subject to the following provisions:—
  - (a) three lights shall be used facing the stream of traffic which the signal is intended to control, one red, one amber and one green;
  - (b) the lamps showing the coloured lights aforesaid shall be arranged vertically, the lamp showing a red light being the uppermost and that showing a green light the lowermost;
  - (c) each lamp shall be separately illuminated and the effective diameter of the lens thereof shall not be less than eight inches, nor more than ten inches;
  - (d) the height of the centre of the green lens from the road shall be seven feet six inches, provided that where desirable owing to road gradients this height may be increased to not more than ten feet;
  - (e) the centres of the lenses shall not be more than fourteen inches apart;
  - (f) the word "STOP" in black lettering shall be placed upon the lens of the lamp showing a red light and no other lettering shall be used upon the lenses or in connection with a light signal;
  - (g) the sequence of the signal lights shown for the purpose of controlling vehicular traffic shall be as follows:—
 

(i) Green	(iv) Green
(ii) Amber	
(iii) Red	
3. (1) A line, hereinafter referred to as the stop line, may be placed on the road surface to indicate the place where vehicular traffic must stop when required to do so by the light signals as hereinafter provided.
  - (2) The colour of the stop line shall be yellow or white and may either be painted or may be made of metal or other suitable material.
  - (3) The width of the stop line which shall be placed transversely on the road surface shall be five inches.

4. The significance of the light signals aforesaid shall be as follows:—

- (a) the green signal shall be taken to indicate that vehicular traffic may pass the stop line and proceed with due regard to the safety of other users of the road and subject to the directions of any police constable who may be engaged in the regulation of traffic;
- (b) the amber signal shall be taken as prohibiting vehicular traffic from proceeding beyond the stop line except in the case of any vehicle which when the signal first appears is so close to the said line that it cannot safely be stopped before passing the line;
- (c) the red signal shall be taken as prohibiting vehicular traffic to proceed beyond the stop line until the green signal is shown. —

5. A lamp which when lit shows a green arrow on a black ground may be used in conjunction with the light signals aforesaid. Where so used vehicular traffic may proceed in the direction indicated by the arrow during such time as the arrow is illuminated not withstanding that such traffic would otherwise be required by the signal to stop.

6. During such hours of the night as the Licensing Authority may from time to time notify in the Gazette the amber light alone shall be used. Where so used the amber light shall be taken as prohibiting vehicular traffic to proceed beyond the stop line until it is safe to proceed.

7. (1) Light signals may be used for the purpose of indicating to pedestrians the period during which it is desirable that they should or should not cross the road.

(2) Except when such signals are used in conjunction with light signals for the control of vehicular traffic, red and green lights only shall be used for the purpose and the words "DON'T CROSS" shall be used upon the lenses of the lamps showing a red light and "CROSS NOW" upon the lenses of the lamps showing a green light.

(3) When such signals are used in conjunction with light signals for the control of vehicular traffic, they shall consist of:—

- (a) a lamp facing across the roadway, which when lit illumines the words "CROSS NOW" in white letters on a black ground; or
- (b) two lamps arranged vertically facing across two roadway, the upper lamp of which, when lit, shows a red light and the lower lamp, when lit, illumines the words "CROSS NOW" in white letters on a black ground; or
- (c) two lamps arranged vertically facing across the roadway, the upper lamp of which bears the words "DON'T CROSS" in red letters on a black ground and the lower lamp the words "CROSS NOW" in white letters on a black ground.

(4) Where lamps are provided in accordance with sub-paragraph (c) of the last preceding paragraph, their wording and colouring may also be used upon a plate or other attachment to the signal illuminated by transparency provided that the wording on such plate or other attachment faces across the footway and not across the roadway.

8. (1) Any person who by any act or omission contravenes or fails to comply with the provisions of any of these regulations shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1) of this regulation, any person who fails to comply with a light signal in the manner signified by regulation 4 or regulation 6 shall be deemed to have contravened or failed to comply with the provisions of regulation 4 or regulation 6 as the case may be.

Made in Council this 14th day of August, 1959.

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