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## THE TRAFFIC REGULATIONS 1956, AMENDMENT NO. 30

DENIS BLUNDELL, Governor-General

### ORDER IN COUNCIL

At the Government House at Wellington this 21st day of July 1975

Present:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL IN COUNCIL

PURSUANT to the Transport Act 1962, His Excellency the Governor-General, acting by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, hereby makes the following regulations.

### REGULATIONS

**1. Title and commencement**—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Traffic Regulations 1956, Amendment No. 30, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Traffic Regulations 1956\* (hereinafter referred to as the principal regulations).

(2) These regulations shall come into force on the 4th day of August 1975.

**2. Metric amendments**—The principal regulations are hereby amended in the manner indicated in the First Schedule to these regulations.

**3. Restrictions on stopping or parking vehicles**—(1) Regulation 19 (2) (b) of the principal regulations (as substituted by regulation 8 (1) of the Traffic Regulations 1956, Amendment No. 15) is hereby amended—

(a) By omitting the words “less than 2 ft nor more than 4 ft”, and substituting the words “more than 1 m”:

(b) By omitting the expression “20 ft”, and substituting the expression “6 m”.

\*S.R. 1956/217 (Reprinted with Amendments Nos. 1 to 16: S.R. 1968/32)

Amendment No. 17: S.R. 1969/54  
 Amendment No. 18: S.R. 1969/115  
 Amendment No. 19: S.R. 1970/157  
 Amendment No. 20: S.R. 1970/272  
 Amendment No. 21: S.R. 1971/117  
 Amendment No. 22: S.R. 1972/83  
 Amendment No. 23: S.R. 1972/252  
 Amendment No. 24: S.R. 1973/95  
 Amendment No. 25: (*Revoked by S.R. 1973/316*)  
 Amendment No. 26: S.R. 1973/316  
 Amendment No. 27: S.R. 1974/251  
 Amendment No. 28: S.R. 1974/273  
 Amendment No. 29: S.R. 1974/323

(2) Regulation 19 (2) (e) of the principal regulations (as substituted by regulation 6 of the Traffic Regulations 1956, Amendment No. 23) is hereby amended—

- (a) By omitting the words “20 feet”, and substituting the expression “6 m”;
- (b) By omitting the words “less than 2 feet nor more than 4 feet”, and substituting the words “more than 1 m”.

**4. Speed limits**—(1) Regulation 26 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by revoking subclause (1) (as substituted by regulation 2 (1) of the Traffic Regulations 1956, Amendment No. 17), and substituting the following subclause:

“(1) No person shall on any road drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 80 kilometres an hour:

“Provided that it shall be a defence to any person charged with an offence against this subclause if he proves that he was at the time of the act in respect of which he is so charged the driver of a motor vehicle—

- “(a) Used as an ambulance fitted with a siren or bell and being at the time used on urgent ambulance service; or
- “(b) Used for a fire brigade for attendance at fires and at the time responding to a call of fire; or
- “(c) Conveying a traffic officer or police officer engaged on urgent public business or in the execution of his duty; or
- “(d) Conveying a member of the Executive Council engaged on urgent public business, or conveying any other person authorised in that behalf by the Minister and engaged on urgent public business in the execution of his functions.”

(2) Regulations 27B and 27C of the principal regulations (as inserted by regulations 3 (1) and 4 of the Traffic Regulations 1956, Amendment No. 17) are hereby revoked.

**5. Passing school buses**—Regulation 33 of the principal regulations (as amended by regulation 8 of the Traffic Regulations 1956, Amendment No. 23) is hereby amended—

- (a) By omitting from subclause (1) the words “10 miles”, and substituting the words “20 kilometres”;
- (b) By omitting from subclause (2) the words “not less than 6 ft”, and substituting the words “with its lower edge not less than 1.5 m”.

**6. Tyres**—Regulation 44A of the principal regulations (as substituted by regulation 8 (1) of the Traffic Regulations 1956, Amendment No. 17) is hereby amended by revoking subclause (2), and substituting the following subclause:

“(2) No person shall on any road use on any motor vehicle a pneumatic tyre having a tread pattern (excluding any tie-bar or tread-depth indicator strip) of less than—

- “(a) 3 mm in depth, in the case of any passenger-service vehicle that weighs more than 2000 kg;

“(b) 1.5 mm in depth, in the case of any other motor vehicle—  
across at least three-quarters of the breadth of the tread and around the entire circumference of the tyre. Nothing in this subclause shall apply with respect to any motor vehicle which is not capable of a speed in excess of 30 kilometres an hour, nor to any trailer drawn by such a vehicle, nor to any trailer which has a gross weight less than 1000 kg, nor to any

power cycle, nor to any tyre on a twin wheel fitted to a vehicle that is not principally designed for the carriage of passengers unless both the tyres fitted to that twin wheel have a tread pattern less than that specified as aforesaid.”

**7. Classes of traffic signs**—Regulation 120 (1) of the principal regulations is hereby amended—

(a) By revoking so much thereof as relates to signs of Class I (as substituted by regulation 3 (2) of the Traffic Regulations 1956, Amendment No. 17), and substituting the following words:

“Class I: Signs denoting—

“(a) The presence of a 50 kilometre speed-limit area;

or

“(b) The presence of a 70 kilometre speed-limit area;

or

“(c) A local speed-limit:”:

(b) By revoking so much thereof as relates to signs of Class K (as substituted by regulation 3 (3) of the Traffic Regulations 1956, Amendment No. 17), and substituting the following words:

“Class K: Signs denoting the presence of an area where the 80 kilometre speed-limit applies.”.

**8. Description of traffic signs**—Regulation 121 of the principal regulations is hereby amended by revoking subclause (18c) (as inserted by regulation 12 (5) of the Traffic Regulations 1956, Amendment No. 5), and substituting the following subclause:

“(18c) Signs of Class N shall be in the form of and have the dimensions and colours shown in diagram No. 19 in the Fourth Schedule hereto.”

**9. Erection of traffic signs**—Regulation 125 (13) of the principal regulations is hereby amended by revoking paragraphs (a) to (c) (as substituted by regulation 3 (4) of the Traffic Regulations 1956, Amendment No. 17), and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(a) An area which is lawfully subject to a speed limit of less than 80 kilometres an hour, signs of Class I:

“(b) An area which forms a limited speed zone, signs of Class J:

“(c) An area where the maximum speed limit is 80 kilometres an hour, signs of Class K.”

**10. Road markings**—Regulation 129A of the principal regulations (as substituted by regulation 19 of the Traffic Regulations 1956, Amendment No. 23) is hereby amended by omitting the words “less than 2 ft nor more than 4 ft”, and substituting the words “more than 1 m”.

**11. Pedestrian crossing markings**—The Third Schedule to the principal regulations is hereby amended by omitting from diagram No. 1 (as substituted by regulation 4 of the Traffic Regulations 1956, Amendment No. 8) the words “Crossing to be set a minimum of 2 ft from corner of footpath”.

**12. Traffic signs**—The Fourth Schedule to the principal regulations is hereby amended—

- (a) By revoking diagram No. 14, and substituting the diagram set out in the Second Schedule to these regulations:
- (b) By revoking diagram No. 19 (as added by regulation 12 (6) of the Traffic Regulations 1956, Amendment No. 5), and substituting the diagram set out in the Third Schedule to these regulations.

**13. Consequential revocations and savings**—(1) The following regulations are hereby consequentially revoked:

- (a) Regulations 2, 3, and 4 of the Traffic Regulations 1956, Amendment No. 17:
- (b) Regulation 2 (1) of the Traffic Regulations 1956, Amendment No. 18:
- (c) Regulation 2 of the Transport (Motor Spirits Conservation) Regulations 1973\* and the Schedule to those regulations.

(2) Every traffic sign erected pursuant to the principal regulations that indicated a speed limit expressed in miles an hour before the commencement of these regulations and that has not been modified to accord with diagram No. 14 of the Fourth Schedule to the principal regulations (as substituted by regulation 12 (a) of these regulations) shall, after the commencement of these regulations, have effect as if the sign had been so modified and indicated a speed limit of—

- (a) In the case of a sign that indicated a speed limit of 20 miles an hour, 30 kilometres an hour:
- (b) In the case of a sign that indicated a speed limit of 30 miles an hour, 50 kilometres an hour:
- (c) In the case of a sign that indicated a speed limit of 40 miles an hour, 70 kilometres an hour:
- (d) In the case of a sign that indicated a speed limit of 50 miles an hour, 80 kilometres an hour:
- (e) In any other case, 1.6 kilometres an hour for every mile an hour indicated by the sign.

(3) Where a notice in the *Gazette* made pursuant to the principal regulations contains a measurement expressed in Imperial units and the same measurement in the principal regulations has been amended by these regulations to a measurement expressed in metric units, that notice shall, from the commencement of these regulations, have effect as if the measurement contained in that notice was the aforesaid measurement expressed in metric units.

## SCHEDULES

## FIRST SCHEDULE

Reg. 2

## METRIC AMENDMENTS

Regulation of Principal Regulations Amended	Amendment
Regulation 3	<p>By omitting from the definition of the term "bicycle" the expression "14 in.", and substituting the expression "350 mm".</p> <p>By omitting from the definition of the term "heavy motor vehicle" the expression "2 tons", and substituting the expression "2000 kg".</p> <p>By omitting from the definition of the term "hours of darkness" the expression "150 ft", and substituting the expression "50 m".</p> <p>By revoking the definition of the term "thirty mile speed-limit area", and inserting in its appropriate alphabetical order, the following definition:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">"Fifty kilometre speed-limit area' means any road where a general maximum speed limit of 50 kilometres an hour is in force under the provisions of section 52 of the said Act."</p>
Regulation 6 (2)	By omitting the expression "300 ft", and substituting the expression "100 m".
Regulation 9 (1) (a)	By omitting the expression "30 ft", and substituting the expression "10 m".
Regulation 9 (1) (b)	By omitting the expression "300 ft", and substituting the expression "100 m".
Regulation 10 (2)	By omitting the expression "30 mile" in both places where it occurs, and substituting in each case the expression "50 kilometre".
Regulation 10A (2) (as inserted by regulation 5 (1) of the Traffic Regulations 1956, Amendment No. 7)	By omitting the expression "30 mile" in both places where it occurs, and substituting in each case the expression "50 kilometre".
Regulation 12 (1) (as substituted by regulation 3 of the Traffic Regulations 1956, Amendment No. 5)	By omitting the expression "10 miles", and substituting the expression "20 kilometres".
Regulation 18 (1)	By omitting the expression "10 miles", and substituting the expression "20 kilometres".
Regulation 18 (2)	By omitting the expression "60 ft", and substituting the expression "20 m".

FIRST SCHEDULE—*continued*METRIC AMENDMENTS—*continued*

Regulation of Principal Regulations Amended	Amendment
Regulation 19 (2) (as substituted by regulation 8 (1) of the Traffic Regulations 1956, Amendment No. 15)	<p>By omitting from paragraph (d) the expression "20 ft" in both places where it occurs, and substituting in each case the expression "6 m".</p> <p>By omitting from paragraph (h) the expression "2 ft" in both places where it occurs, and substituting in each case the expression "500 mm".</p> <p>By omitting from paragraph (i) the expression "18 in.", and substituting the expression "500 mm".</p> <p>By omitting from paragraph (i) the expression "4 ft", and substituting the expression "1 m".</p> <p>By omitting from paragraph (i) the expression "20 ft", and substituting the expression "6 m".</p>
Regulation 19 (2A) (as inserted by regulation 5 (1) of the Traffic Regulations 1956, Amendment No. 5)	By omitting the expression "20 ft", and substituting the expression "6 m".
Regulation 25 (d) .....	By omitting the expression "20 miles", and substituting the expression "30 kilometres".
Regulation 27 (1) .....	By omitting the expression "30 miles" in both places where it occurs, and substituting in each case the expression "50 kilometres".
Regulation 27A (as inserted by regulation 11 (1) of the Traffic Regulations 1956, Amendment No. 15)	<p>By omitting from the heading the word "<i>Forty-mile</i>", and substituting the word "<i>Seventy-kilometre</i>".</p> <p>By omitting the words "40 miles" wherever they occur, and substituting in each case the words "70 kilometres".</p>
Regulation 28 .....	<p>By omitting from the heading the words "<i>40 Miles</i>", and substituting the words "<i>70 Kilometres</i>".</p> <p>By omitting from subclause (1) the words "40 miles", and substituting the words "70 kilometres".</p>
Regulation 29A (as inserted by regulation 7 (1) of the Traffic Regulations 1956, Amendment No. 17)	<p>By omitting the words "2 tons", and substituting the expression "2000 kg".</p> <p>By omitting the words "45 miles", and substituting the words "70 kilometres".</p>
Regulation 31 (2) (b) (as substituted by regulation 8 of the Traffic Regulations 1956, Amendment No. 2)	By omitting the expression "3 in.", and substituting the expression "75 mm".

FIRST SCHEDULE—*continued*METRIC AMENDMENTS—*continued*

Regulation of Principal Regulations Amended	Amendment
Regulation 31A (as inserted by regulation 12 of the Traffic Regulations 1956, Amendment No. 15)	By omitting from subclauses (1), (2), and (5) the words "20 miles", and substituting in each case the words "30 kilometres". By omitting from subclause (3) (b) the expression "3 in.", and substituting the expression "75 mm".
Regulation 34 (2) .....	By omitting the expression "150 ft", and substituting the expression "50 m".
Regulation 34 (3) .....	By omitting the expression "300 ft", and substituting the expression "100 m".
Regulation 35 (1) (c)	By omitting the expression "150 ft", and substituting the expression "50 m".
Regulation 36 (1) .....	By omitting the expression "4 in. in 10 ft", and substituting the expression "100 mm in 3 m".
Regulation 36 (4) (a)	By omitting the expression "150 ft", and substituting the expression "50 m".
Regulation 37 (as amended by regulation 7 (1) of the Traffic Regulations 1956, Amendment No. 5, and regulation 11 of the Traffic Regulations 1956, Amendment No. 7)	By omitting from subclauses (1) and (3) the expression "300 ft", and substituting in each case the expression "100 m". By omitting from subclause (2) the expression "60 ft", and substituting the expression "20 m". By omitting from subclause (3) the expression "12 in." in both places where it occurs, and substituting in each case the expression "300 mm". By omitting from the proviso to subclause (3) the expression "4 ft", and substituting the expression "1 m".
Regulation 40 (1) (as substituted by regulation 9 (1) of the Traffic Regulations 1956, Amendment No. 10)	By omitting the expression "6 ft", and substituting the expression "2 m". By omitting the expression "3 ft", and substituting the expression "1 m".
Regulation 40 (2) .....	By omitting the expression "7 ft", and substituting the expression "2 m". By omitting the expression "3 ft 6 in.", and substituting the expression "1 m".
Regulation 40 (3) .....	By omitting the expression "8 ft", and substituting the expression "2.5 m". By omitting the expression "4 ft", and substituting the expression "1.25 m". By omitting the expression "6 in.", and substituting the expression "150 mm". By omitting the expression "300 ft", and substituting the expression "100 m".

FIRST SCHEDULE—*continued*METRIC AMENDMENTS—*continued*

Regulation of Principal Regulations Amended	Amendment
Regulation 41 (4) .....	By omitting the expression "2½ in.", and substituting the expression "65 mm". By omitting the expression "6 in." wherever it occurs, and substituting in each case the expression "150 mm".
Regulation 42 (as amended by regulation 6 of the Traffic Regulations 1956, Amendment No. 12)	By omitting from subclause (3) the words "20 miles" wherever they occur, and substituting in each case the words "30 kilometres". By omitting from subclause (3) (a) the expression "30 ft", and substituting the expression "7 m". By omitting from subclause (3) (a) the expression "35 ft", and substituting the expression "9 m". By omitting from subclause (3) (b) the expression "70 ft", and substituting the expression "18 m". By omitting from subclauses (6) and (7) the words "2 tons", and substituting in each case the expression "2000 kg".
Regulation 43 (1) .....	By omitting the expression "300 ft", and substituting the expression "100 m".
Regulation 43 (6) .....	By omitting the words "30 mile", and substituting the words "50 kilometre".
Regulation 45 (as inserted by regulation 10 (1) of the Traffic Regulations 1956, Amendment No. 5)	By omitting the words "30 miles", and substituting the words "50 kilometres".
Regulation 46 (1A) (as inserted by regulation 15 (1) of the Traffic Regulations 1956, Amendment No. 15)	By omitting the expression "4 ft", and substituting the expression "1.2 m".
Regulation 50A (as inserted by regulation 16 of the Traffic Regulations 1956, Amendment No. 15)	By omitting the words "50 yards", and substituting the expression "50 m".
Regulation 62 (1) .....	By omitting the expression "150 ft", and substituting the expression "50 m".
Regulation 64 .....	By omitting the words "35 ft from a speed of 20 miles", and substituting the words "9 m from a speed of 30 kilometres".



FIRST SCHEDULE—*continued*  
METRIC AMENDMENTS—*continued*

Regulation of Principal Regulations Amended	Amendment
Regulation 67 (1) .....	By omitting the expression "2 ft", and substituting the expression "1 m". By omitting the expression "3 ft", and substituting the expression "1 m". By omitting the expression "1 ft 6 in.", and substituting the expression "500 mm". By omitting the expression "6 in.", and substituting the expression "200 mm".
Regulation 68 (as amended by regulation 14 of the Traffic Regulations 1956, Amendment No. 17)	By omitting from the proviso the words "20 miles", and substituting the words "30 kilometres".
Regulation 69 (2)	By omitting from paragraph (a) the words "20 miles", and substituting the words "30 kilometres". By omitting from paragraph (a) the expression "100 ft", and substituting the expression "30 m". By omitting from paragraph (b) the expression "300 ft", and substituting the expression "100 m".
Regulation 71 (2)	By omitting the words "30 mile", and substituting the words "50 kilometre".
Regulation 78	By omitting from subclauses (1) and (2) the expression "300 ft", and substituting in each case the expression "100 m". By omitting from subclauses (3) and (4) the expression "8 sq. in.", and substituting in each case the expression "50 cm <sup>2</sup> ". By omitting from subclause (4) the expression "12 sq. in.", and substituting the expression "75 cm <sup>2</sup> ".
Regulation 83 (2)	By omitting the expression "300 ft", and substituting the expression "100 m".
Regulation 87	By omitting the expression "60 ft", and substituting the expression "20 m".
Regulation 96 (2)	By omitting the expression "2 ft" in both places where it occurs, and substituting in each case the expression "600 mm".
Regulation 96 (3)	By omitting the expression "100 ft", and substituting the expression "30 m".
Regulation 97 (a) (as amended by regulation 20 of the Traffic Regulations 1956, Amendment No. 2)	By omitting the words "30 mile", and substituting the words "50 kilometre".
Regulation 97 (b)	By omitting the words "30 miles", and substituting the words "50 kilometres".

FIRST SCHEDULE—*continued*METRIC AMENDMENTS—*continued*

Regulation of Principal Regulations Amended	Amendment
Regulation 99 (1) (as substituted by regulation 22 (1) of the Traffic Regulations 1956, Amendment No. 7)	By omitting the expression "6 ft", and substituting the expression "2 m". By omitting the expression "3 in.", and substituting the expression "75 mm". By omitting the expression "7 ft", and substituting the expression "2 m". By omitting the expression "12 in.", and substituting the expression "300 mm".
Regulation 100 (1) (as substituted by regulation 15 of the Traffic Regulations 1956, Amendment No. 10)	By omitting the expression "100 ft", and substituting the expression "30 m".
Regulation 106 (a) .....	By omitting the expression "44 ft", and substituting the expression "13 m".
Regulation 106 (b) .....	By omitting the expression "20 ft", and substituting the expression "6 m".
Regulation 106 (c) .....	By omitting the expression "4 ft", and substituting the expression "1 m".
Regulation 108 (1) .....	By omitting the expression "100 ft", and substituting the expression "30 m".
Regulation 108 (2) .....	By omitting the expression "300 ft", and substituting the expression "100 m".
Regulation 121 .....	By omitting from subclauses (8) (c) and (14A) (c) (as inserted by regulation 25 (1) of the Traffic Regulations 1956, Amendment No. 15) the words "100 yards", and substituting in each case the expression "90 m".
	By omitting from subclause (16) the word "miles", and substituting the word "kilometres".
	By omitting from the second proviso to subclause (16) the words "30 mile", and substituting the words "50 kilometre".
Regulation 122 (1) .....	By omitting the expression "150 ft", and substituting the expression "50 m".
Regulation 125 (8A) (as inserted by regulation 24 (1) of the Traffic Regulations 1956, Amendment No. 2)	By omitting from paragraph (a) the expression "6 ft", and substituting the expression "2 m". By omitting from paragraph (b) the expression "6 in.", and substituting the expression "150 mm".

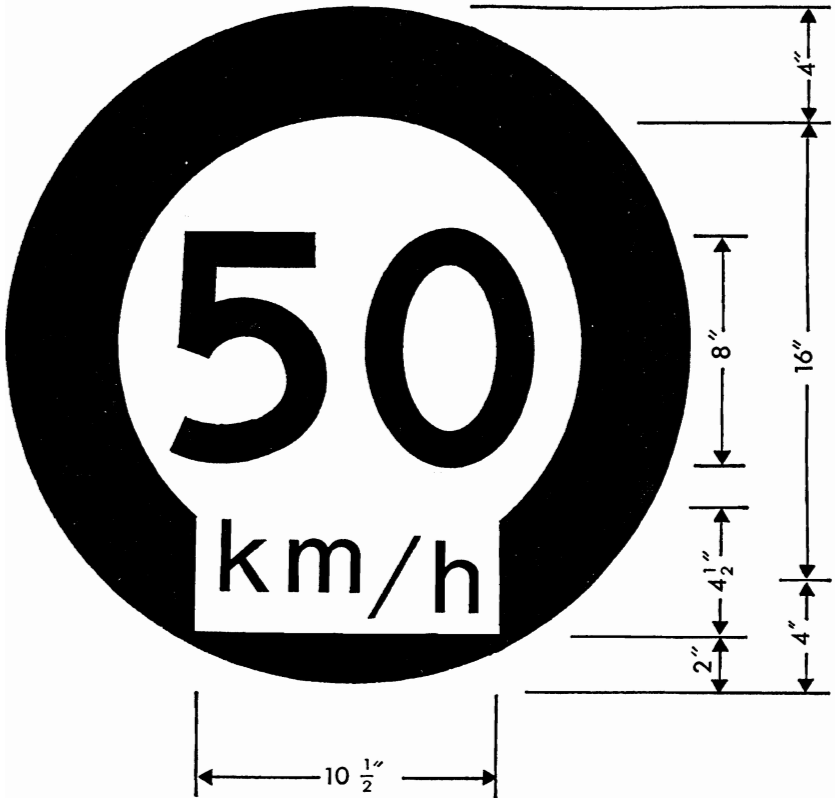
SECOND SCHEDULE

Reg. 12 (a)

NEW DIAGRAM NO. 14 IN FOURTH SCHEDULE TO PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS

“CLASS I

Diagram No. 14



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NOTE—The numerals are for illustration only and may be replaced by other appropriate numerals.”

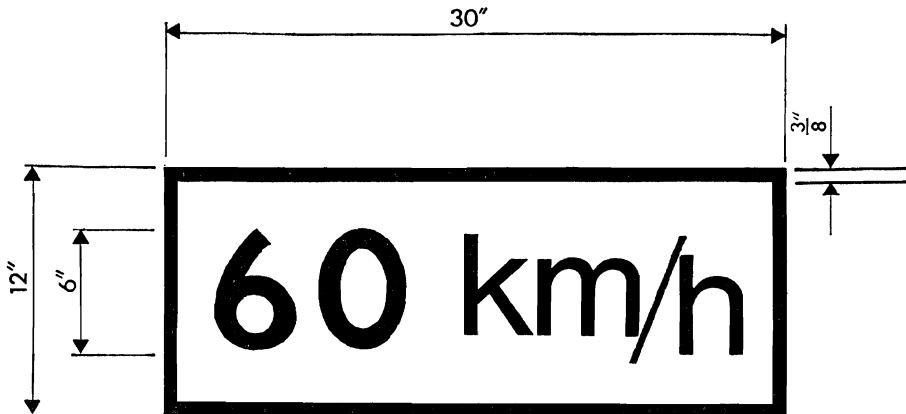
Reg. 12 (b)

## THIRD SCHEDULE

NEW DIAGRAM NO. 19 IN FOURTH SCHEDULE TO PRINCIPAL REGULATIONS

"CLASS N

Diagram No. 19



White or silver reflectorised letters and numbers on a black ground. Yellow reflectorised border.

NOTE—The numerals are for illustration only and may be replaced with appropriate numerals."

A. C. McLEOD,

Acting for Clerk of the Executive Council.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*This note is not part of the regulations, but is intended to indicate their general effect.*

These regulations amend the Traffic Regulations 1956 (the principal regulations).

Regulation 2 substitutes, for the various measurements specified in the principal regulations (other than the dimensions of traffic signs and markings), their approximate metric equivalents.

Regulations 3, 5, 10, and 11 make metric conversions and other minor amendments to regulations 19 (restrictions on stopping or parking vehicles), 33 (passing school buses), 129A (road markings), and the Third Schedule diagram No. 1 (pedestrian crossing markings) respectively of the principal regulations.

Regulation 4 amends regulation 26 (speed—general provisions) of the principal regulations to provide that the maximum speed limit is 80 kilometres an hour (equivalent to 50 miles an hour). Regulations 7 and 9 make consequential amendments to regulations 120 (classes of traffic signs) and 125 (erection of traffic signs) respectively of the principal regulations. (NOTE—Regulation 2 of the Transport (Motor Spirits Conservation) Regulations 1973 amended the principal regulations in the same way as regulations 4, 7, and 9 of these regulations—but on a temporary basis only. Regulation 2 of the Transport (Motor Spirits Conservation) Regulations 1973 is revoked by regulation 13 (1) of these regulations.)

Regulation 6 amends regulation 44 (tyres) of the principal regulations by substituting approximate metric equivalents for the various measurements specified in that regulation and by inserting a special minimum tyre tread-depth for passenger-service vehicles that weigh more than 2000 kg (namely, 3 mm).

Regulation 8 amends regulation 121 (description of traffic signs) of the principal regulations. This amendment is consequential on the amendment effected by regulation 12 (b) of these regulations.

Regulation 12 amends the Fourth Schedule to the principal regulations by substituting a new diagram No. 14 (signs denoting speed limits) and a new diagram No. 19 (signs indicating speed which, owing to a bend, turning, or intersection in the road, a driver should not exceed).

Regulation 13 makes consequential revocations and savings.

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