

SECOND SUPPLEMENT TO THE GIBRALTAR GAZETTE

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TRAFFIC ACT 2005

TRAFFIC (TRAFFIC LIGHTS) (AMENDMENT NO.2) REGULATIONS 2023

In exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section 89 of the Traffic Act 2005, the Government has made the following Regulations–

Title.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Traffic (Traffic Lights) (Amendment No.2) Regulations 2023.

Commencement.

2. These Regulations come into operation on the day of publication.

Amendment of Traffic (Traffic Lights) Regulations, 1986.

3.(1) The Traffic (Traffic Lights) Regulations, 1986 are amended in accordance with the provisions of this Regulation.

(2) Insert the following regulation after regulation 1–

“Interpretation.

1A. In these Regulations–

“advanced stop lines” means the demarcated stop lines as shown in the diagram in Part 3 of the Schedule;

“driver” includes a reference to a person riding a bicycle, or operating a personal light electric transporter;

“first stop line” means the transverse white line or lines appearing below the pedal cycle symbol in the road markings shown in the diagram in Part 3 of the Schedule; and

“second stop line” means the transverse white line appearing above the pedal cycle symbol in the road markings shown in the diagram in Part 3 of the Schedule.”.

(3) In regulation 2–

- (a) in subregulation (1), for “sub-paragraphs (3) and (4)” substitute “subparagraphs (3), (4) and (5)”;
- (b) insert the following subregulation after subregulation (4)–

“ (5) Where light signals are used in conjunction with advanced stop lines, the colour and type of light signals prescribed by subregulation (2) shall only apply to motor-vehicular traffic and the following additions are to be included–

- (a) an additional three lights shall be used, independent of those listed in subregulation (2)(a) for the purposes of controlling traffic consisting of individuals riding bicycles and operating personal light electric transporters;
- (b) of the three the lights referred to in paragraph (a), one will be red, one will be amber and one will be green;
- (c) the lamps showing the coloured lights referred to in paragraph (a) shall be arranged vertically, the lamp showing a red light being the uppermost and that showing a green light the lowermost;
- (d) each lamp shall be separately illuminated;
- (e) the sequence of light signals referred to in paragraph (a) shall be as follows–
 - (i) red;
 - (ii) amber and red together; and
 - (iii) green.”.

(4) In regulation 4–

- (a) in subregulation (1), for “The significance” substitute “Subject to regulation 4A(1), the significance”;
- (b) in subregulation (2), for “The significance” substitute “Subject to regulation 4A(2), the significance”; and
- (c) delete subregulation (5).

(5) Insert the following regulation after regulation 4–

“Significance of light signals where advanced stop lines have been demarcated.

4A.(1) The significance of the light signals prescribed by regulation 2(2) and 2(5) or by regulation 3, used in conjunction with advanced stop lines, shall be as follows—

(a) except as provided in paragraph (c), the red signal referred to in regulation 2(2) shall convey the prohibition that motor-vehicular traffic shall not proceed beyond the first stop line on the carriageway provided in conjunction with the signals or—

(i) if the first stop line is not for the time being visible, beyond the second stop line; or

(ii) if the second stop line is also not visible, beyond the signals;

(b) except as provided in paragraph (c), the red signal referred to in regulation 2(5) shall convey the prohibition that a person riding a bicycle or operating a personal light electric transporter, shall not proceed beyond the second stop line on the carriageway provided in conjunction with the signals or, if the second stop line is not for the time being visible or there is no stop line, beyond the signals;

(c) on an occasion when a vehicle is being used for fire brigade, ambulance or police purposes and the observance of the prohibition conveyed by a red signal as provided by paragraphs (a) or (b) would be likely to hinder the use of that vehicle for the purpose for which it is being used on that occasion, then the said paragraphs shall not apply to that vehicle; but instead the prohibition conveyed to that vehicle by the red signal shall be that the vehicle shall not proceed beyond the first or second stop line, or as the case may be as provided by the said paragraphs, beyond the signals in such a manner or at such a time—

(i) as is likely to cause danger to the driver of any other vehicle proceeding on or from another road or on or from another part of the same road in accordance with the indications of the light signals operating there in association with the said red signal or as to necessitate the driver of any other such vehicle to change its speed or course in order to avoid an accident; or

(ii) in the case of any traffic which is not vehicular, as is likely to cause danger to that traffic proceeding on or from another road or on or from another part of the same road;

(d) the amber-with-red signal referred to in regulation 2(2) and 2(5) shall be taken to denote an impending change in the indication given by the signals from red to green but shall not alter the prohibition conveyed by the red signal;

(e) the green signal referred to in regulation 2(2) shall indicate that motor-vehicular traffic may pass the signals and proceed straight on or to the left or to the right;

(f) the green signal referred to in regulation 2(5) shall indicate that a person riding a bicycle or operating a personal light electric transporter may pass the signals and proceed straight on or to the left or to the right;

(g) the amber signal referred to in regulation 2(2) shall, when shown alone, convey the prohibition that motor-vehicular traffic shall not proceed beyond the first stop line or—

(i) if the first stop line is not for the time being visible, beyond the second stop line; or

(ii) if the second stop line is also not visible or there is no stop line, beyond the signals,

except in the case of any vehicle which when the signal first appears is so close to the said lines or signals that it cannot safely be stopped before passing the lines or signals.

(2) The significance of the light signals prescribed by Regulation 2(2) as varied in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 2(3) and 2(5), where advanced stop lines have been demarcated, shall be as follows—

(a) subject as provided in paragraph (f) of this subregulation, the red signal referred to in regulation 2(2), shall convey the prohibition that motor-vehicular traffic shall not proceed beyond the first stop line on the carriageway provided in conjunction with the signals or—

(i) if the first stop line is not for the time being visible, beyond the second stop line; or

(ii) if the second stop line is also not visible, beyond the signals,

except that when a vehicle is being used on such an occasion as is specified in subregulation (1)(c), the foregoing prohibition prescribed by this paragraph shall not then apply to that vehicle but instead the prohibition conveyed to it on that occasion by the red signal referred to in regulation 2(2) shall be the same as that provided by subregulation (1)(c) in relation to the vehicle mentioned in that paragraph;

(b) subject as provided in paragraph (f) of this subregulation, the red signal referred to in regulation 2(5) shall convey the prohibition that a person riding a bicycle or operating a personal light electric transporter shall not proceed beyond the second stop line on the carriageway provided in conjunction with the signals or if the second stop line is not for the time

being visible or there is no second stop line, beyond the signals, except that when a vehicle is being used on such an occasion as is specified in subregulation (1)(c), the foregoing prohibition prescribed by this paragraph shall not then apply to that vehicle but instead the prohibition conveyed to it on that occasion by the red signal referred to in regulation 2(5) shall be the same as that provided by subregulation (1)(c) in relation to the vehicle mentioned in that paragraph;

(c) subject as provided in paragraph (f) of this subregulation, the amber-with-red signal referred to in regulation 2(2) and 2(5) shall denote an impending change in the indication given by the signals from red to green (where a green signal is provided) or from red to a green arrow or arrows but shall not alter the prohibition conveyed by the red signal;

(d) the green signal referred to in regulation 2(2) (where a green signal is provided) shall indicate that motor-vehicular traffic may pass the signals and proceed straight on or to the left or to the right;

(e) the green signal referred to in regulation 2(5) shall indicate that a person riding a bicycle or operating a personal light electric transporter may pass the signals and proceed straight on or to the left or to the right;

(f) any green arrow during such time as it is illuminated shall indicate that motor-vehicular traffic may pass the signals and proceed in the direction indicated by the arrow notwithstanding any other indication given by the signals;

(e) the amber signal referred to in regulation 2(2) shall, when shown alone, convey the prohibition that motor-vehicular traffic shall not proceed beyond the first stop line, or

(i) if the first stop line is not for the time being visible, beyond the second stop line; or

(ii) if the second stop line is also not visible,

beyond the signals, except in the case of any vehicle which when the signal first appears is so close to the said lines or signals that it cannot safely be stopped before passing the lines or signals.

(3) Vehicular traffic passing any light signals in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this regulation shall proceed with due regard to the safety of other users of the road and subject to the direction of any police constable in uniform or other duly authorised person who may be engaged in the regulation of traffic.

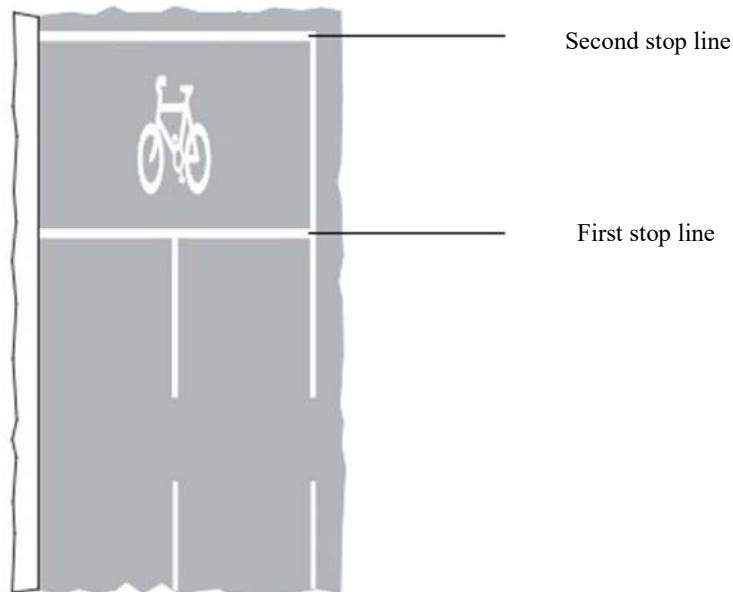
(4) Where the amber signal is omitted in accordance with regulation 2(4), the preceding paragraphs of this regulation shall be read as if all references to the amber signal or the amber with red signal were omitted.”

- (6) In regulation 5(1), for “Regulation 2(3)” substitute “regulation 2(3) and 2(5)”.
- (7) In regulation 6, for “regulation 4” substitute “regulations 4 or 4A”.
- (8) In the Schedule, insert the following Part after Part 2–

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PART 3

Advanced Stop Lines



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Dated: 1st September 2023.

P J BALBAN
Minister with responsibility for Traffic,
for the Government.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

These Regulations amend the Traffic (Traffic Lights) Regulations, 1986.