

## 1970 No. 1972

## ROAD TRAFFIC

## The Traffic Signs (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1970

<i>Made</i>	- - -	17th December 1970
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		31st December 1970
<i>Coming into Operation</i>		1st January 1971

The Secretary of State for the Environment, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State for Wales, acting jointly in exercise of their powers under section 54(1), (2) and (5) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1967(a) and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with the provisions of section 107(2) of the said Act of 1967, hereby make the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Traffic Signs (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 1970 and shall come into operation on the 1st January 1971.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1889(b) shall apply for the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. The Traffic Signs Regulations 1964(c), as amended (d), shall have effect as though—

(1) in Regulation 8(3)—

(i) in sub-paragraph (a), for the words “5%” there were substituted the words “15%”;

(ii) in sub-paragraph (b), for the words “10%” there were substituted the words “20%”; and

(iii) in sub-paragraph (c), for the words “20%” there were substituted the words “30%”;

(2) in Regulation 25(1), in proviso (b), for the reference to the year 1970 there were substituted a reference to the year 1971;

(3) in Regulation 31(2)—

(i) in sub-paragraph (c), for the words “8¼ inches” there were substituted the words “8⅝ inches”;

(ii) in sub-paragraph (d), for the word “green” there were substituted the word “amber”, for the words “7 feet” there were substituted the words “7 feet 9 inches”, for the words “11 feet 6 inches” there were substituted the words “13 feet”, for the words “17 feet” there were substituted the words “17 feet 9 inches” and for the words “20 feet” there were substituted the words “29 feet”; and

(a) 1967 c. 76.

(b) 1889 c. 63.

(c) S.I. 1964/1857 (1964 III, p. 4053).

(d) The relevant amending instrument is S.I. 1970/468 (1970 I, p. 1567).

- (iii) in sub-paragraph (f), for the words "shall be placed" there were substituted the words "may be placed";
- (4) for Regulation 32 there were substituted the following Regulation, that is to say—
- "32.—(1) Subject to the next following paragraph of this Regulation, a lens or lenses of the size and colour shown in diagram 1 in Schedule 3, which, when illuminated, shows a green arrow—
- (a) may be substituted for the lens showing the green light in the light signals referred to in Regulation 31(2) in any of the methods shown in diagrams 3, 5, 6 and 7 in the said Schedule;
- (b) may be affixed to the light signals referred to in Regulation 31(2) or to those signals as altered in accordance with the preceding sub-paragraph in any of the methods shown in diagram 2 and diagrams 4 to 9 in the said Schedule; or
- (c) may be affixed below the light signals referred to in Regulation 31(2) or below those signals when altered in accordance with sub-paragraph (a) of this paragraph by the substitution of a green arrow for the lens showing the green light in the method shown in diagram 3 in the said Schedule.
- (2) A lens which is, without prejudice to the provisions of Regulation 8, such as is shown in diagram 1 in Schedule 3 except only that the size thereof has been increased by 50% as to each and every dimension specified in the said diagram 1, shall be treated for the purposes of and subject to these Regulations as a lens of the size shown in the said diagram 1 notwithstanding that the size has been so increased as aforesaid.
- (3) When a lens is, or lenses are, so affixed as provided in sub-paragraph (b) or (c) of paragraph (1) of this Regulation and any one lens so affixed is of the increased size permitted by the preceding paragraph, the distance between the centre of that lens and the centre of any other lens affixed next in position immediately above, below or to the side of that first mentioned lens shall be not more than  $17\frac{1}{4}$  inches.
- (4) The direction in which the arrow shown in diagram 3 in the said Schedule points may be varied so as to be—
- (a) a direction which lies straight upright, or
- (b) a direction which lies at any angle between 90 degrees either to the left or to the right of the said upright direction.
- (5) The direction in which any arrow shown in any of the diagrams 2 and 4 to 7 in the said Schedule points may be varied so as to be—
- (a) a direction which lies straight upright, or
- (b) a direction which lies between the direction shown in the diagram showing that arrow and the said upright direction.
- (6) Any arrow shown on a lens provided in accordance with paragraph (1)(c) of this Regulation may point in a direction which lies straight upright or at any angle between 90 degrees either to the left or to the right of the said upright direction.";
- (5) for paragraph (1) of Regulation 35, there were substituted the following paragraph, that is to say—
- "(1) Light signals for conveying to pedestrians the information mentioned in paragraph (4) of this Regulation may be used facing across the carriageway in conjunction with the light signals prescribed by Regula-

tion 31(2) or those light signals as varied in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 32 and, if so used, shall be of the size, colour and type shown in Schedule 4 on a rectangular black ground or alternatively of the said size, colour and type so shown but on a circular black ground having an overall diameter of 12 inches :

Provided that the light signals for conveying to pedestrians such information as aforesaid and which are associated as parts of the same electrical circuit shall be all of them on the said rectangular ground or alternatively all of them on the said circular ground and not some of them on one ground and others on the other ground.” ; and

(6) there were added at the end of Regulation 35 the following paragraph, that is to say—

“(5) If neither kind of light signals for conveying to pedestrians information as prescribed in the foregoing paragraphs of this Regulation in relation to a rectangular or alternatively a circular black ground is used, light signals indicating to pedestrians the period during which it is desirable that they should cross the carriageway may be used in conjunction with the light signals prescribed by Regulation 31(2) or those light signals as varied in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 32, and, if so used, shall consist of—

- (a) a lamp facing across the carriageway which, when lit, illuminates the words “CROSS” or “CROSS NOW” in white or green letters on a black ground, or
- (b) two lamps arranged vertically with their centres not more than 28 inches apart and facing across the carriageway, the upper lamp of which, when lit, shows a red light or illuminates the word “WAIT” in red letters, and the lower lamp, when lit, illuminates the words “CROSS” or “CROSS NOW” in white or green letters, on a black ground.”.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State.  
Dated 17th December 1970.

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Dated 17th December 1970.

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Secretary of State for Scotland.

Dated 17th December 1970.

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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)*

These Regulations further amend the Traffic Signs Regulations 1964.

The principal changes are :—

1. The permitted variations in dimensions of road markings are increased (Regulation 2(1)).
2. Provision is made for light signals which incorporate red lenses which do not show the word "STOP" in black lettering or 12 inch diameter lenses showing a green arrow, for a new alternative method of affixing lenses showing a green arrow and for circular signals for pedestrians (Regulation 2(3), 2(4) and 2(5)).
3. Provision is also made for the continued use of worded signals for pedestrians (Regulation 2(6)). (Since 1st January 1965 such signals have been authorised under the powers of section 54 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1967.)

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