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**MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (TRAFFIC SIGNS) REGULATIONS 2012**

The Administrator makes these Regulations under section 3(i) of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Consolidation) Ordinance 2006. (a)

**Citation and commencement**

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Traffic Signs) Regulations 2012.

(2) These Regulations come into force on publication in the Gazette.

**Interpretation**

2. In these Regulations—

“articulated vehicle” means the combination of a motor vehicle (the “drawing vehicle”) and a trailer which is superimposed on the drawing vehicle such that a substantial part of the weight of the trailer and of its load is borne by the drawing vehicle;

“box junction” means the area of carriageway marked with yellow cross-hatching at a junction between two or more roads on which there has been placed the road marking shown in diagram number 90 of Schedule 3;

“junction” means a road junction;

“kph” means kilometres per hour;

“maximum gross weight” means—

(a) in the case of a motor vehicle not drawing a trailer or in the case of a trailer, its maximum laden weight;

(b) in the case of an articulated vehicle, its maximum laden weight (if it has one) and otherwise the aggregate maximum laden weight of all the individual vehicles forming part of that articulated vehicle; and

(c) in the case of a motor vehicle (other than an articulated vehicle) drawing one or more trailers, the aggregate maximum laden weight of the motor vehicle and trailer or trailers drawn by it;

“maximum laden weight” means—

(a) where the maximum weight is specified in an ordinance, the weight so specified;
where the maximum weight is not specified in an ordinance, the weight which the vehicle is designed or adopted not to exceed when in normal use and travelling on a road in a loaded condition;

“traffic lane” means any one of the longitudinal strips into which the carriage-way is divisible, whether or not defined by longitudinal road markings, but wide enough for a moving line of motor vehicles other than motor cycles;

“traffic sign” means—

(a) any object or device (whether fixed or portable) or any sign, mark, symbol or line for conveying to traffic or to any specified description of traffic, warnings, information, requirements, restrictions or prohibitions of any description;

(b) any sign, mark, symbol or line on or near a road or inscribed on the road surface, for so conveying such warnings, information, requirements, restrictions or prohibitions; and

“vehicle” includes a motor vehicle, a vehicle drawn by an animal or a vehicle propelled by a person.

Persons to comply with regulatory traffic signs

3.—(1) Unless directed otherwise by a police officer in uniform, the driver of a vehicle on a public road must, on passing a traffic sign shown in a diagram in Schedule 1, obey that traffic sign.

(2) Unless directed otherwise by a police officer in uniform, a pedestrian on a public road, on passing the traffic sign shown in diagram 11 of Schedule 1, must obey that traffic sign.

(3) A person obeys a traffic sign by—

(a) complying with the requirements specified in the diagram for that sign appearing in Schedule 1;

(b) in the case of the traffic signs shown in diagram 21, complying with the requirements specified in paragraph (4);

(c) in the case of the traffic signs shown in diagram 24, complying with the requirements specified in paragraph (5).

(4) The requirements specified for the traffic sign shown in diagram 21 is that vehicles passing the sign must keep to the left of the sign if the arrow is pointing downwards to the left or to the right of the sign if the arrow is pointing downwards to the right.

(5) The requirements specified for the traffic sign appearing in diagram 24 are that—

(a) a vehicle entering the junction must give priority to vehicles coming from the right at the transverse road marking painted on the road associated with the sign or, if the marking is not for the time being visible, at the junction; and

(b) a vehicle proceeding through the junction must keep to the left of the white circle at the centre of the road marking, unless the size of the vehicle or the layout of the junction makes it impracticable to do so; and

(c) no vehicle shall proceed past the transverse road marking painted on the road associated with the sign in a manner or at a time likely—

(i) to endanger any person, or

(ii) to cause the driver of another vehicle to change its speed or course in order to avoid an accident.

(6) A person who contravenes paragraphs (1) or (2) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or a fine not exceeding €1,706 or both such penalties.

(7) Nothing in this regulation prevents a person from being prosecuted for any other offence as well as for an offence under this regulation.
Warning traffic signs

4. A traffic sign shown in Schedule 2—
   (a) is a warning traffic sign; and
   (b) has the meaning specified in Schedule 2 in relation to that sign.

Additional information signs

5. A traffic sign shown in Schedules 1 or 2 may be depicted as part of a larger sign on a Yellow background containing additional information (of which an example is diagram 87).

Road markings

6.—(1) A traffic sign shown in Schedule 3—
   (a) is a road marking; and
   (b) has the meaning specified in Schedule 3 in relation to that traffic sign.

   (2) The centre of a public road may be marked with—
       (a) a single longitudinal broken white line shown in diagram 95 of Schedule 3;
       (b) a single longitudinal continuous white line shown in diagram 88 of Schedule 3;
       (c) a double longitudinal white line, where one white line is continuous and one line is broken shown in diagrams 96 and 97 of Schedule 3; or
       (d) a double longitudinal continuous white line shown in diagram 89 of Schedule 3.

   (3) The driver of a vehicle on a public road must not cross a single longitudinal broken line in a manner or at a time likely—
       (a) to endanger any person; or
       (b) to cause the driver of another vehicle to change its speed or course in order to avoid an accident.

   (4) The driver of a vehicle on a public road must not cross a double longitudinal white line unless—
       (a) it is safe to do so; and
       (b) the driver—
           (i) intends to overtake a pedal cycle, a horse or a road maintenance vehicle engaged in road maintenance;
           (ii) intends to overtake any other vehicle and paragraph (5) applies;
           (iii) intends to pass a stationary vehicle;
           (iv) intends to enter an adjoining premises or side road; or
           (v) is complying with the direction of a police officer in uniform.

   (5) This paragraph applies if—
       (a) the double white line on the driver’s side of the road is broken; and
       (b) the overtaking manoeuvre can be completed before the broken white line becomes solid.

   (6) The driver of a vehicle on a public road must not cross a single continuous longitudinal white line unless—
       (a) it is safe to do so; and
       (b) the driver—
           (i) intends to overtake a pedal cycle, a horse or a road maintenance vehicle engaged in road maintenance;
           (ii) intends to pass a stationary vehicle;
(iii) intends to enter an adjoining premises or side road; or
(iv) is complying with the directions of a police officer in uniform.

(7) The driver of a vehicle on a public road must not enter an area of the road marked with white diagonal stripes or chevrons (of which examples appear in diagram 108 of Schedule 3)—

(a) if the area is bordered by a broken white line, unless it is necessary to do so and it is safe to do so; or
(b) if the area is bordered by a solid white line, except in an emergency.

(8) The road markings shown in diagrams 93 and 94 of Schedule 3 indicate a pedestrian crossing for the purposes of regulation 2 of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Regulations 1985 (a).

(9) A cycle lane may be indicated by—

(a) the road markings depicted in diagram 109 of Schedule 3; or
(b) colouring the surface of the cycle lane in a different colour to the rest of the road.

(10) A person who contravenes paragraphs (3), (4), (6) or (7) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or a fine not exceeding €1,706 or both such penalties.

(11) Nothing in this regulation prevents a person from being prosecuted for any other offence as well as for an offence under this regulation.

Box Junctions

7.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) the driver of a vehicle on a public road must not enter a box junction so that the vehicle has to stop in the box junction due to the presence of stationary vehicles.

(2) The driver of a vehicle may enter a box junction and stop in that box junction if—

(a) the driver entered the box junction (other than a box junction at a roundabout) for the purpose of turning right; and
(b) the driver is prevented from completing the right turn by oncoming vehicles or by other vehicles which are stationary while waiting to complete a right turn.

(3) The driver of a vehicle may enter a box junction and stop in that box junction if directed to do so by a police officer in uniform.

(4) In this regulation, a reference (however expressed) to a vehicle which is stationary or stops within a box junction includes a vehicle which is stationary whilst part of it is within the box junction.

(5) A person who contravenes paragraph (1) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or a fine not exceeding €1,706 or both such penalties.

(6) Nothing in this regulation prevents a person from being prosecuted for any other offence as well as for an offence under this regulation.

Direction arrows

8.—(1) The road markings shown in diagrams 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 and 103 of Schedule 3, when marking a traffic lane, indicate the direction which traffic in that lane should proceed.

(2) The driver of a vehicle proceeding in a traffic lane marked with road markings referred to in paragraph (1) must either—

(a) Public Instrument 35/1985
(a) proceed in the direction indicated by the road marking in question on a public road; or
(b) alter the course of the vehicle so as to move to a different traffic lane.

(3) Nothing in paragraph (2) permits a driver to act in a manner or at a time likely—
(a) to endanger any person; or
(b) to cause the driver of another vehicle to change its speed or course in order to avoid an accident.

(4) A person who contravenes paragraph (2) commits an offence and is liable on conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or a fine not exceeding €1,706 or both such penalties.

(5) Nothing in this regulation prevents a person from being prosecuted for any other offence as well as for an offence under this regulation.

Direction signs

9. A traffic sign shown in Schedule 4—
(a) is a direction sign; and
(b) has the meaning specified in Schedule 4 in relation to that sign.

Information signs

10. A traffic sign shown in Schedule 5—
(a) is an information sign; and
(b) has the meaning specified in Schedule 5 in relation to that sign.

Exceptions for emergency vehicles

11. (1) This regulation applies to the driver of a vehicle which is being used for fire service, ambulance or police purposes (an “emergency vehicle”).

   11.—(1) In this regulation, “emergency vehicle” means a motor vehicle that is being used, in the course of official duties, to respond to an emergency and is—
   (a) an ambulance;
   (b) a vehicle owned or operated by—
      (i) the police;
      (ii) the Fire Service (a);
      (iii) the Crown in right of Her Majesty’s Government of the United Kingdom;
      (iv) the Republic of Cyprus, where the vehicle is defined as an emergency vehicle in the corresponding Republican Regulations. (b)

   (2) The driver of an emergency vehicle is not required to comply with these Regulations in circumstances where such compliance would be likely to hinder the use of such vehicle.

   (3) If paragraph (2) applies the driver of an emergency vehicle must not proceed beyond a traffic sign in a manner likely to endanger any person.

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(a) The definition of “Fire Service” was inserted into Ordinance 5/2006 by Ordinance 4/2010 and includes the Fire Service of the Republic
(b) Regulation 11(1) substituted by Public Instrument 8/2015 – came into force on 06 April 2015
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Side road ahead

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Diagram 79: Distance to STOP sign.

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Diagram 81: Junction ahead controlled by STOP or GIVE WAY sign.

Diagram 82: Box junction.

Diagram 83: Priority road.

Diagram 84: End of priority road.

Diagram 85: Indicates a cycle lane as part of a numbered cycle route. Sign may also indicate distance in kilometres to a named place.

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Road markings

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Zebra crossing  Zebra crossing with a central island  Single broken white line  Double longitudinal white line - one white line continuous, one white line is broken

Diagram 104  Diagram 105  Diagram 106  Diagram 107
No parking or overtaking along the length of the line  Single yellow line specifies part of carriageway in use  Break in single yellow line at bus stop or road junction  No parking or waiting along the length of the double yellow lines

Arrows indicating direction or directions in which traffic in that lane should proceed.
Diagram 108

Do not cross chevron markings with a continuous boundary line except in an emergency.

Do not enter area with diagonal stripes unless it is necessary and safe to do so.

Road junction with a right-turn lane

Motorway or dual carriageway with exit
Diagram 109

Road markings for cycle lane on a road used by any vehicle
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