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The Road Traffic (Speed Limits and Trials) Ordinance, 1987

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The Road Traffic (Speed Limits and Trials) Ordinance, 1987

THE STATES, in pursuance of their Resolution of the 24th day of September, 1986, hereby order:—

General and particular speed limits

General speed limit.

1. Subject to section 7 of this Ordinance, a person shall not drive or ride a vehicle on any public highway at a speed exceeding 35 miles per hour.

Speed limits on particular public highways.

2. Subject to section 7 of this Ordinance, a person shall not drive or ride a vehicle —

- (a) at a speed exceeding 25 miles per hour on any public highway identified in Part I of Schedule 1 to this Ordinance;
- (b) in June, July, August or September in any year, at a speed exceeding 25 miles per hour on any public highway identified in Part II of Schedule 1 to this Ordinance;
- (c) at a speed exceeding 15 miles per hour on any public highway identified in Part III of Schedule 1 to this Ordinance;
- (d) at a speed exceeding 12 miles per hour on any public highway identified in Part IV of Schedule 1 to this Ordinance.

Speed limits for particular vehicles.

3. (1) Subject to section 7(1) of this Ordinance, a person shall not drive a vehicle to which this subsection applies on any public highway at a speed exceeding 25 miles per hour.

(2) Subsection (1) of this section applies to—

- (a) an omnibus;

- (b) a motor vehicle exceeding two tons unladen weight;
- (c) an articulated vehicle.

(3) Subject to section 7(1) of this Ordinance, a person shall not, on any public highway, drive or ride a motor vehicle to which there is attached (otherwise than so as to form an articulated vehicle) a trailer of any of the descriptions specified in the left hand column of the following Table at a speed in excess of that specified in the right hand column of that Table in relation to that description of trailer:

TABLE

Description of trailer	Speed limit of motor vehicle to which trailer is attached
Steam boilers, tar boilers, concrete mixers, material spreaders and other trailers of any kind whatsoever with metal wheels.	8 miles per hour.
Four-wheeled heavy trailers of the low loader type.	12 miles per hour.
Caravan homes, horse and cattle boxes and two-wheeled trailers of any kind whatsoever.	20 miles per hour.

Speed trials etc.

Speed trials
etc.

4. (1) A person shall not promote or take part in any race or trial of speed between motor vehicles on a public highway other than a race or trial of speed—

(a) in which there is an interval of time between the finish of the performance or attempted performance of the contest by any one of such motor vehicles and the start of the performance or attempted performance of the contest by any other of such motor vehicles;

(b) held—

(i) at such place, on such day and within such hours on that day as shall be approved by the Committee; and

(ii) under such conditions, whether with regard to the safeguarding of the persons taking part in the contest, the spectators of the contest and others, or otherwise, as the Committee shall prescribe.

(2) The expression “some special occasion” in section 1 of the Ordinance entitled “Ordonnance par rapport à la Clôture de Routes aux Occasions Spéciales” of 1st May, 1937^(a) shall be deemed to include a race or trial of speed approved by the Committee and the provisions of that section shall have effect accordingly.

(3) Nothing in this section applies to a motor vehicle race held, otherwise than on a public road, in accordance with a licence granted by the Royal Court under the Control of Motor Vehicle Racing Ordinances, 1948 and 1970^(b).

^(a) Recueil d'Ordonnances Tome IX, p. 31.

^(b) Recueil d'Ordonnances Tome IX, p. 203; Tome XV, p. 342; Tome XVI, p. 395.

Miscellaneous and supplementary

5. A person shall not permit a vehicle to be or remain on a public highway if it is a vehicle to which section 3(1) of this Ordinance applies unless the unladen weight, and the maximum permitted speed, of the vehicle is marked in a prominent position on the left hand side of the vehicle in legible characters of not less than two inches in height.

Marking of heavy motor vehicles.

6. Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed as prejudicing the operation of any regulations made by the Committee or of any other Ordinance for the time being in force imposing—

Saving for other speed limits.

- (a) a maximum speed limit for any particular class of vehicle; or
- (b) a maximum speed limit for any vehicle in relation to any particular public highway.

7. (1) Nothing in any provision of this Ordinance, or of any such regulations or other Ordinance as mentioned in section 6 of this Ordinance, applies in relation to any vehicle when it is being used—

Exceptions.

- (a) for police purposes:
 - (i) in an emergency; or
 - (ii) in pursuit of the driver or rider of any vehicle who is suspected of exceeding any speed limit; or
- (b) for fire brigade or ambulance purposes, if the person in charge of the vehicle causes its warning apparatus to be sounded,

to the extent that observance of that provision would be likely to hinder the use of the vehicle for the purpose for which it is being used.

(2) Nothing in section 1 or section 2 of this Ordinance applies to the driver or rider of a motor vehicle whilst taking part in a race or trial of speed in accordance with section 4 of this Ordinance.

Offences and penalties.

8. (1) A person who contravenes or fails to comply with, or who causes or permits another person to contravene or to fail to comply with, any provision of this Ordinance, is guilty of an offence.

(2) A person concerned with the promotion of, or the arrangements in connection with, or taking part (as a competitor or otherwise) in, a race or trial of speed, who contravenes or fails to comply with any condition prescribed by the Committee in relation thereto, is guilty of an offence.

(3) A person guilty of an offence under this section is liable, on conviction, to a fine not exceeding £200.

Interpretation.

9. (1) In this Ordinance—

“articulated vehicle” means a motor vehicle with a trailer so attached to the drawing vehicle that part of the trailer is superimposed upon the drawing vehicle, and when the trailer is uniformly loaded not less than 20 per cent of the weight of its load is borne by the drawing vehicle;

“the Committee” means the Island Police Committee;

“motor vehicle” means a mechanically propelled vehicle intended or adapted for use on a public highway;

“omnibus” includes a motor-coach;

“public highway” includes any road, street, lane or public place;

“trailer” means a vehicle drawn by a motor vehicle;

“unladen weight” in relation to any vehicle means the weight of the vehicle inclusive of the body and all parts (the heavier being taken where alternative bodies or parts are used) which are necessary to or ordinarily used with the vehicle when working on a road, but exclusive of the weight of water, fuel or accumulators used for the purpose of the supply of power for the propulsion of the vehicle and of loose tools and loose equipment;

“vehicle” includes a motor vehicle, an animal-drawn vehicle, a bicycle and a tricycle.

(2) Unless the context otherwise requires, any reference in this Ordinance to any other enactment includes a reference to that enactment as amended, extended or applied by or under any enactment, including this Ordinance.

10. (1) The enactments specified in column (1) of Schedule 2 to this Ordinance are repealed to the extent specified in column (2) of that Schedule. Repeals and amend-ments.

(2) The enactments specified in Schedule 3 to this Ordinance are amended as set out in that Schedule.

11. This Ordinance may be cited as the Road Traffic (Speed Limits and Trials) Ordinance, 1986. Citation.

12. This Ordinance shall come into force on the 1st day of March, 1987. Commence-ment.

SCHEDULE 1

SPEED LIMITS ON PARTICULAR PUBLIC
HIGHWAYS

PART I

25 m.p.h. all year speed limit

1. Any public highway in the parishes of Saint Peter Port and Saint Martin situate within the area bounded by the following public highways—

Grand Bouet;

La Vrangue;

La Couture, from its junction with La Vrangue to its junction with Collings Road and Fosse André;

Collings Road;

Rohais Road, from its junction with Collings Road to its junction with York Avenue;

York Avenue;

Route Isabelle, from its junction with York Avenue to its junction with Les Croutes;

Les Croutes, from its junction with Route Isabelle to its junction with Rue à L'Or and King's Road;

Rue à L'Or;

Le Vauquiédor, from its junction with Rue à L'Or to its junction with Mount Row and Richmond Avenue;

Mount Row;

Prince Albert's Road;

Colborne Road;

Le Val des Terres;

South Esplanade;

The Quay;

North Esplanade;

The roadway surrounding the new roundabout at the bottom of St. Julian's Avenue;

Glategny Esplanade;

St. George's Esplanade; and
 Les Banques, from its junction with St. George's
 Esplanade to its junction with Grand Bouet.

2. Any of the public highways in the parishes of Saint Peter Port and Saint Martin mentioned in paragraph 1 of this Schedule as forming the boundary of the area specified in that paragraph, other than the following public highways—
 - Glategny Esplanade;
 - St. George's Esplanade;
 - Les Banques, from its junction with St. George's Esplanade to its junction with Grand Bouet.

3. Any of the following public highways—
 - (a) in the parish of Saint Peter Port—
 - The Castle Pier and Emplacement;
 - The bridge connecting the Castle Emplacement with the Castle Breakwater;
 - The Albert Pier;
 - The Victoria Pier;
 - St. Julian's Pier;
 - St. Julian's Emplacement;
 - The New Jetty;
 - The White Rock;
 - The roadways at the North Beach Marina;
 - Ozouets Road;

 - (b) in the parish of Saint Sampson—
 - Grandes Maisons Road;
 - New Road;
 - Church Road;
 - South Side, from its junction with New Road to its junction with Bulwer Avenue;
 - Nocq Road;
 - Vale Road;
 - Le Murier;

Duvaux Road;
 Baubigny Road;
 Les Gigands Road;

- (c) in the parishes of Saint Peter Port, the Vale and the Castel—
 Les Baissières;
- (d) in the parishes of Saint Sampson and the Vale—
 Bridge Road;
- (e) in the parish of the Vale—
 Vale Avenue;
- (f) in the parish of the Castel—
 Les Delisles, from Les Delisles Chapel to its junction with Rue de la Porte;
 Rue de la Porte;
 King's Mills Road, from its junction with Rue de la Porte to its junction with La Hurette Road;
- (g) in the parish of Saint Martin—
 La Route des Camps, from the Queen's Hotel to its junction with La Grande Rue;
 La Grande Rue, from its junction with La Route des Camps to its junction with Rue des Câches and La Rue Cauchez.

PART II

25 m.p.h. June to September speed limit

4. Any of the following public highways—

- (a) in the parish of the Castel—
 Cobo Coast Road, from its junction with Route de Carteret to its junction with La Neuve Rue;

- La Neuve Rue;
 La Banquette;
 La Giffardière;
 Rue d'Albecq;
 Vazon Road, from its junction with Rue
 d'Albecq to the Martello Tower in Vazon
 Road;
- (b) in the parish of Saint Peter-in-the-Wood—
 Route de Rocquaine, between its junction
 with the Route de la Lague and its junc-
 tion with the Route du Coudré;
- (c) in the parishes of Saint Peter-in-the-Wood
 and Torteval—
 Route de la Lague.

PART III

15 m.p.h. all year speed limit

5. La Vallette, Saint Peter Port.

PART IV

12 m.p.h. all year speed limit

6. The following public highways in the parish of
 Saint Peter Port—
 Market Street;
 Market Place;
 Mill Street;
 Mansell Street;
 Church Square;
 High Street;
 Smith Street;
 The Pollet.

SCHEDULE 2 Section 10(1)

ENACTMENTS REPEALED

(1) Enactment	(2) Extent of repeal
The Road Traffic (Speed Limits and General Provisions) Ordinance, 1955(c).	The whole Ordinance so far as it remains unrepealed.
The Ordinance entitled "The Road Traffic (Speed Limits and Trailers) Ordinance, 1959"(d).	Section 2 and the Schedule
The Road Traffic (Speed Limits and General Provisions) (Amendment) Ordinance, 1962(e).	The whole Ordinance.
The Road Traffic (Speed Limits and General Provisions) (Amendment) (No. 2) Ordinance, 1970(f).	The whole Ordinance.
The Road Traffic (Speed Limits and General Provisions) (Amendment) Ordinance, 1973(g).	The whole Ordinance.
The Road Traffic (Speed Limits and General Provisions) (Amendment) Ordinance, 1974(h).	The whole Ordinance.
The Road Traffic (Speed Limits and General Provisions) (Amendment) Ordinance, 1978(i).	The whole Ordinance.

(c) Recueil d'Ordonnances Tome XI, p. 169.

(d) Recueil d'Ordonnances Tome XII, p. 96.

(e) Recueil d'Ordonnances Tome XIII, p. 134.

(f) Recueil d'Ordonnances Tome XVI, p. 499.

(g) Recueil d'Ordonnances Tome XIX, p. 53.

(h) Recueil d'Ordonnances Tome XIX, p. 342.

(i) Recueil d'Ordonnances Tome XXI, p. 102.

(1) Enactment	(2) Extent of repeal
The Vehicular Traffic and Other Offences (Increase in Fines) Ordinance, 1979(j).	Section 5.
The Road Traffic (Speed Limits and General Provisions) (Amendment) Ordinance, 1984(k).	The whole Ordinance.
The Road Traffic (Speed Limits and General Provisions) (Amendment) Ordinance, 1985(l).	The whole Ordinance.
The Vehicle Noise etc. Ordinance, 1986(m).	Section 5(2).

(j) Recueil d'Ordonnances Tome XXI, p. 190.

(k) Ordinance No. X of 1984.

(l) Ordinance No. XXV of 1985.

(m) Ordinance No. VI of 1986.

ENACTMENTS AMENDED

*The Road Traffic (Speed Limits and Trailers)
Ordinance, 1959*

1. In section 3A of the Ordinance entitled “The Road Traffic (Speed Limits and Trailers) Ordinance, 1959”(n), for “any of the provisions of the last two preceding sections” there is substituted “section three of this Ordinance”.

The Vehicle Noise etc. Ordinance, 1986

2. In the Vehicle Noise etc. Ordinance, 1986—
 - (a) for paragraph (a) of section 3 there is substituted:

“(a) section 4 of the Road Traffic (Speed Limits and Trials) Ordinance, 1986;
or”;
 - (b) section 5(1) is renumbered as section 5 and in the marginal note to that section for “Ordinances of 1929 and 1955” there is substituted “Ordinance of 1929”.

K. H. TOUGH,
Her Majesty's Greffier.

(n) Recueil d'Ordonnances Tome XII, p. 96; Tome XIV, p. 97; Ordinance No. IX of 1986: section 3A was inserted by the Road Traffic (Speed Limits and Trailers) (Amendment) Ordinance, 1965 (Tome XIV, p. 97) and amended by the Road Traffic and Highways Offences (Increase in Fines) Ordinance, 1986 (No. IX of 1986).