

# Island of Guernsey

## Ordinance of the States **XXXIV**

1962

Made .. .. 28th November, 1962.

Came into Operation .. 28th November, 1962.

### **The Vehicular Traffic (Light Signals) Ordinance, 1962**

THE STATES, in pursuance of their Resolution of the fourth day of April, nineteen hundred and sixty-two, and on the representations of the Island Police Committee, hereby order:—

1. (1) Where a light signal of the size, colour and type prescribed by the provisions of sections two, three or four of this Ordinance has been placed on or near a public highway by the Committee, any person who, being in charge of a vehicle or an animal, fails to comply with the prohibition or indication conveyed or given by the signal shall be guilty of an offence and liable, on conviction in the case of a first offence to a fine not exceeding five pounds or in the case of a second or subsequent offence to a fine not exceeding ten pounds.

Persons to  
obey light  
signals.

(2) For the purposes of this section a light signal placed on or near a public highway by the Committee shall be deemed to be of the size, colour and type prescribed as aforesaid unless the contrary is proved.

Size, colour  
and type  
of light  
signals  
placed by  
Committee.

2. (1) Subject to the provisions of section four of this Ordinance, light signals may be placed on or near a public highway by the Committee for the control of vehicular traffic and animals and shall be of the size, colour and type prescribed by subsection (2) of this section or by section three of this Ordinance.

(2) The size, colour and type of light signals prescribed by this subsection shall be as follows:—

- (a) three lights shall be used facing the stream of traffic which the light signal is intended to control, one red, one amber and one green;
- (b) the lamps showing the coloured lights aforesaid shall be arranged vertically, the lamp showing a red light being the uppermost and the lamp showing a green light being the lowermost;
- (c) each lamp shall be separately illuminated and the effective diameter of the lens thereof shall be not less than eight inches nor more than eight and one quarter inches;
- (d) the height of the centre of the green lens from the carriageway shall be seven feet and six inches, save that where desirable in order to secure adequate visibility of the signal this height may be increased to not more than ten feet;
- (e) the centre of the lenses shall be not more than fourteen inches apart;
- (f) the word "STOP" in black lettering shall be placed upon the lens of the lamp showing a red light and no other lettering shall be used upon the lenses or in connection with a light signal;
- (g) the sequence of the light signals shown for the purpose of controlling vehicular traffic and animals shall be as follows—

- (i) Red,
- (ii) Amber and red together,
- (iii) Green,
- (iv) Amber.

3. A lens of the size and colour shown in Diagram No. 1 in the Schedule to this Ordinance which, when illuminated, shows a green light— Green filters for light signals.

- (a) may be substituted for the lens showing the green light referred to in subsection (2) of section two of this Ordinance in any of the methods shown in Diagrams Nos. 4 to 8 both inclusive in the said Schedule, or
- (b) may be affixed to the light signals referred to in the said subsection (2) or to those signals as altered in accordance with the preceding paragraph of this section in any of the methods shown in Diagrams No. 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8 in the said Schedule.

4. (1) Portable light signals may be placed on or near a public highway by the Committee for the control of vehicular traffic and animals— Portable light signals.

- (a) where, owing to roadworks being in progress or for some other reason the width of the carriageway is temporarily restricted so that it will carry only one line of traffic, or
- (b) during the progress of temporary schemes of traffic control.

(2) Such light signals as aforesaid shall comply either with the provisions of paragraphs (a), (b), (c), (e) and (g) of subsection (2) of section two of this Ordinance and subsections (6) and (8) of this section or with all the succeeding provisions of this section.

(3) Two lights shall be used facing the stream of traffic which the signal is intended to control, one red and the other green.

(4) The lamps showing the coloured lights as aforesaid shall be arranged vertically, the lamp showing the red light being uppermost.

(5) Each lamp shall be separately illuminated and the effective diameter of the lens thereof shall be not less than eight inches nor more than eight and one quarter inches.

(6) The height of the centre of the green lens from the carriageway shall be not less than five feet and not more than seven feet and six inches.

(7) The centre of the lenses shall be not more than twenty-eight inches apart.

(8) The signal head and the post or legs on which it is supported shall be black and white in alternate bands.

(9) The word "STOP" in black lettering shall be placed upon the lens of the lamp showing a red light.

(10) The red and green lights shall not be shown together and one shall follow the other without any appreciable interval of time.

Significance  
of light  
signals.

5. (1) The significance of the light signals prescribed by subsection (2) of section two or section four of this Ordinance shall be as follows:—

- (a) the red signal shall convey the prohibition that vehicular traffic shall not proceed, and a person, being in charge of an animal, shall not cause or permit that animal to proceed, beyond the stop line on the carriageway provided in conjunction with the signals or if there is no stop line, beyond the signals;
- (b) the amber-with-red signal (where an amber signal is provided) shall be taken to denote an impending change in the indication given

by the signal from red to green but shall not alter the prohibition conveyed by the red signal;

- (c) the green signal shall indicate that vehicular traffic and animals may pass the signals and proceed straight on or to the left or to the right;
- (d) the amber signal (when provided) shall, when shown alone, convey the prohibition that vehicular traffic shall not proceed, and a person, being in charge of an animal, shall not cause or permit that animal to proceed, beyond the stop line or, if 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 line or signals that it cannot be safely stopped before passing the line or signals.

(2) The significance of the light signals prescribed by subsection (2) of section two of this Ordinance, as varied in accordance with the provisions of section three of this Ordinance, shall be as follows:—

- (a) subject as provided in paragraph (d) of this subsection, the red signal shall convey the prohibition that vehicular traffic shall not proceed, and a person, being in charge of an animal, shall not cause or permit that animal to proceed, beyond the stop line on the carriageway provided in conjunction with the signals;
- (b) subject as provided in paragraph (d) of this subsection, the amber-with-red signal 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;

- (c) the green signal (where a green signal is provided) shall indicate that vehicular traffic and animals may pass the signals and proceed straight on or to the left or to the right;
- (d) any green arrow during such time as it is illuminated shall indicate that vehicular traffic and animals may pass the signals and proceed only in the direction indicated by the arrow notwithstanding any other indication given by the signals;
- (e) the amber signal shall, when shown alone, convey the prohibition that vehicular traffic shall not proceed, and a person, being in charge of an animal, shall not cause or permit that animal to proceed, beyond the stop line, except in the case of any vehicle which when the signal first appears is so close to the stop line that it cannot safely be stopped before passing the line.

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

(4) In this section, the expression "stop line" means a transverse line, white or light grey in colour, placed on the carriageway in close proximity to a light signal.

Interpreta-  
tion.

6. In this Ordinance, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them, that is to say:—

"the Committee" means the Island Police Committee;

“police officer” means a member of the salaried police force of the Island of Guernsey and within the limit of his jurisdiction a member of the special constabulary of the Island of Guernsey;

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

“vehicle” means a mechanically propelled vehicle intended or adapted for use on the public highway and includes an animal-drawn vehicle, a bicycle and a tri-cycle and the expression “vehicular traffic” shall be construed accordingly.

7. This Ordinance may be cited as the Vehicular <sup>Citation.</sup>  
Traffic (Light Signals) Ordinance, 1962.

R. H. VIDELO,

Her Majesty's Greffier.

Copies may be purchased from  
Her Majesty's Greffier, Royal Court House, Guernsey.

PRICE 1/5

