HIGHWAY, ENGLAND

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The Parking Meters (Description and Testing) (England and Wales) Order, 1957

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The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation (hereinafter referred to as "the Minister") in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by sections 20 and 21 of the Road Traffic Act, 1956(a) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act of 1956") and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf hereby makes the following Order:—

PART I—GENERAL

1. This Order shall come into operation on the thirtieth day of May, 1957, and may be cited as the Parking Meters (Description and Testing) (England and Wales) Order, 1957.

2.—(1) In this Order, except where the context otherwise requires, the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them:—

"automatic type", in relation to a parking meter, means that the mechanism contained in the meter is put into operation only by the insertion of a coin into the meter;

"excess charge period" means a period of two hours immediately following the expiry of the scale period as shown in accordance with the provisions of Article 9 of this Order:

Provided that, if at any particular parking place some other period so following as aforesaid has been prescribed by a parking place order as the excess charge period for that parking place, the excess charge period for the purposes of the application of this Order to a parking meter used or to be used at that parking place shall be the period so prescribed;

"manual type", in relation to a parking meter, means that the mechanism contained in the meter is put into operation by the insertion of a coin into the meter and by the manipulation of a handle or other device provided on the meter;

"parking authority" means—

(*a*) in relation to a parking place designated by an order under subsection (1) of section 19 of the Act of 1956, the council on whose application such order was made or, after a council become under subsection (4) of that section the local authority for that parking place, that council, and

(*b*) in relation to a parking place designated by an order under subsection (5) of the said section 19, the Minister or, after the operation of that parking place has been transferred under that subsection to a council, that council;

(a) 4 & 5 Eliz. 2. c. 67.

"parking place order" means an order made under section 19 of the Act of 1956 whereby parking places are designated and whereby provision is made for the use at those places of parking meters complying with the requirements prescribed by Part II of this Order;

"parking meter" means an apparatus for use at a parking place designated under a parking place order for indicating as respects a space provided at that parking place for the leaving of vehicles whether the initial charge has been paid and whether the period for which payment was made by the initial charge has expired;

"prescribed" for the purposes of the application of this order to a parking meter used or to be used at a particular parking place means prescribed by the parking place order designating that parking place;

"scale period" means the period which immediately after the insertion in a parking meter of a coin of the appropriate denomination for payment of the amount of the initial charge is required to be shown on the time scale mentioned in Article 9 of this Order by the provisions of Article 6, 7 or 8 of this Order;

"standard period" means a period of two hours:

Provided that, if at any particular parking place some other period has been prescribed by a parking place order as the standard period for that parking place, the standard period for the purposes of the application of this order to a parking meter used or to be used at that parking place shall be the period so prescribed;

"twin parking meter" means a parking meter relating to two adjacent spaces provided for the leaving of vehicles;

"unexpired period" means such part of a scale period as is shown at any time as remaining unexpired by a parking meter.

(2) Any reference in this Order to the insertion of any coin in a parking meter shall in the case of a manual type parking meter include a reference to the manipulation of the handle or other device provided thereon immediately after the insertion of the coin in the meter.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1889(a), shall apply to the interpretation of this Order as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

PART III—DESCRIPTION OF PARKING METERS

3. Every parking meter shall be of either the automatic type or the manual type.

4. Every parking meter shall contain a mechanism which after the insertion in the meter of a coin of the appropriate denomination for the amount of the initial charge shall in conjunction with the time scale and pointer or other device and the flag or other device mentioned in that Article 9 of this Order cause to be indicated in accordance with that Article—

(*a*) that that charge has been paid;

(*b*) so much of the scale period as remains at any time unexpired; and

(*c*) when the scale period has expired, the expiry of that period.

5. A parking meter shall be capable of being operated by the insertion in the meter of either—

(*a*) a coin of the denomination of sixpence; or

(*b*) a coin of the denomination of one shilling; or

(*c*) a coin of the denomination of either sixpence or one shilling.

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

6. Every parking meter which can be operated by the insertion in the parking meter of a coin of the denomination of sixpence shall show in the manner mentioned in Article 9 of this Order:—

(*a*) on the insertion in the meter immediately one after the other of two coins each of the denomination of sixpence, the standard period, and on the insertion in the meter of a coin of the denomination of sixpence either—

(i) a time equal to the sum of one half of the standard period and the unexpired period (if any) on the insertion of the said coin so, however, that the time so shown shall not exceed the standard period, or

(ii) one half of the standard period or, if on the insertion of the said coin the unexpired period (if any) is more than half the standard period, or is less than half the standard period by not more than ten minutes or such other time as shall be prescribed, the standard period; or

(*b*) on the insertion in the meter of a coin of the denomination of sixpence, the standard period.

7. Every parking meter which can be operated by the insertion in the parking meter of a coin of the denomination of one shilling shall show in the manner mentioned in Article 9 of this Order:—

(*a*) on the insertion in the meter immediately one after the other of two coins each of the denomination of one shilling, the standard period, and on the insertion in the meter of a coin of the denomination of one shilling either—

(i) a time equal to the sum of one half of the standard period and the unexpired period (if any) on the insertion of the said coin so, however, that the time so shown shall not exceed the standard period, or

(ii) one half of the standard period or, if on the insertion of the said coin the unexpired period (if any) is more than half the standard period, or is less than half the standard period by not more than ten minutes or such other time as shall be prescribed, the standard period; or

(*b*) on the insertion in the meter of a coin of the denomination of one shilling, the standard period.

8. Every parking meter which can be operated by the insertion in the parking meter of a coin of the denomination of either sixpence or one shilling shall show in the manner mentioned in Article 9 of this Order:—

(*a*) on the insertion in the meter immediately one after the other of two coins each of the denomination of sixpence or a coin of the denomination of one shilling, the standard period; and

(*b*) on the insertion in the meter of a coin of the denomination of sixpence either—

(i) a time equal to the sum of one half of the standard period and the unexpired period (if any) on the insertion of the said coin so, however, that the time so shown shall not exceed the standard period, or

(ii) one half of the standard period or, if on the insertion of the said coin the unexpired period (if any) is more than half the standard period, or is less than half the standard period by not more than ten minutes or such other time as shall be prescribed, the standard period.

9.—(1) Every parking meter shall display a time scale which shall—

(*a*) extend from two hours or such other time as shall be the standard period to zero;

(*b*) be graduated in time intervals of not less than two minutes nor more than five minutes; and

(*c*) be easily legible to a person inserting in the meter a coin of the appropriate denomination for the amount of the initial charge.

(2) On the insertion in a parking meter of a coin of any denomination specified in Article 6, 7 or 8 of this Order the flag or other device mentioned in paragraph (4) of this Article, if showing, shall disappear, and a pointer or other device shall on the said time scale show the whole of the scale period as unexpired and thereafter until the scale period has expired, how much of the scale period remains at any time unexpired.

(3) When the said pointer or other device is showing how much of the scale period is at any time unexpired, the time to be taken at any instant for that pointer or other device to move to zero on the said time scale shall not be less than the period indicated on the said time scale at that instant nor exceed that period by more than four minutes if the standard period is two hours or by more than two minutes if the standard period is one hour.

(4) The expiry of the scale period shall be shown by the sudden appearance on a parking meter of a flag or other device at a time not less than one minute nor more than three minutes after the pointer or other device mentioned in paragraph (2) of this Article points to zero on the said time scale.

10. Payment of the initial charge by the insertion in a parking meter of a coin of the appropriate denomination for the amount of that charge shall be indicated by the pointer or other device mentioned in paragraph (2) of the last preceding Article showing in accordance with the provisions of that paragraph the whole of the scale period or so much thereof as remains at any time unexpired and by the flag or other device mentioned in paragraph (4) of that Article being not displayed, and the expiry of the period for which payment was made by the initial charge shall be indicated by the appearance of the said flag or other device in accordance with the provisions of the said paragraph (4).

11.—(1) Where a parking meter is operated by the insertion in the meter of a coin of the denomination of sixpence the slot provided in the meter for the insertion of that coin shall be of such dimensions that a coin of the diameter of more than ·776 inch or of a thickness of more than ·073 inch cannot be inserted therein.

(2) Where a parking meter is operated by the insertion in the meter of a coin of the denomination of one shilling the slot provided in the meter for the insertion of that coin shall be of such dimensions that a coin of a diameter of more than ·940 inch or of a thickness of more than ·083 inch cannot be inserted therein.

(3) Where a parking meter is operated by the insertion in the meter of a coin of the denomination of either sixpence or one shilling and one slot is provided in the meter for the insertion of a coin of the denomination of sixpence and another slot is so provided for the insertion of a coin of the denomination of one shilling the dimensions of the said slots shall respectively comply with the requirements as to dimensions specified in the preceding paragraphs of this Article.

(4) Where a parking meter is operated in the manner specified in the last preceding paragraph and only one slot is provided in the meter for the insertion of a coin of a denomination of either sixpence or one shilling the said slot shall be of such dimensions that a coin of a diameter of more than ·940 inch or of a thickness of more than ·083 inch cannot be inserted therein.

12. Where a coin of—

(*a*) less than ·750 inch diameter is inserted in a slot provided in a meter for the insertion of a coin of the denomination of sixpence, or

(*b*) less than ·921 inch diameter is inserted in a slot so provided for the insertion of a coin of the denomination of one shilling, or

(*c*) less than ·921 inch but more than ·776 inch diameter or less than ·750 inch diameter is inserted in a slot so provided for the insertion of a coin of the denomination of either a sixpence or one shilling.

then the parking meter shall be so constructed that either any indication shown by the meter is unaffected or if any indication is affected then a face of the coin shall be visible from the outside of the meter.

13. In the application of the foregoing provisions of this Part of this Order to a twin parking meter the following modifications shall apply, namely, the mechanism contained in the meter or one additional mechanism of the same description so contained shall operate an additional and separate pointer or other device against an additional and separate time scale in accordance with the provisions of Article 9 of this Order and an additional and separate flag or other device in accordance with the provisions of that Article so, however, that the operation of such pointer, flag or other device as aforesaid shall be effected by the insertion in the meter of a coin or coins of the appropriate denomination in an additional and separate slot or slots provided for the purpose.

14. A parking meter may also operate a pointer or other device against a time scale for the purpose of indicating how much of the excess charge period has at any time expired, and a twin parking meter may also operate two pointers or other devices against two time scales for the said purpose, if the following conditions are complied with:—

(*a*) each scale extends from zero to two hours or such other time as shall be the excess charge period;

(*b*) each scale is graduated in time intervals of not less than five minutes nor more than fifteen minutes; and

(*c*) when the excess charge period expires, the parking meter indicates such expiry by the appearance of a flag or other device at a time not less than one minute nor more than three minutes after the pointer or other device points to two hours (or such other time as shall be the excess charge period) on the time scale.

15.—(1) Every parking meter shall be so constructed that it is capable of being fitted on the uppermost part of a steel post which is circular in section, constructed of a material of a thickness of not less than ·160 inch and has an outside diameter of not less than 2·358 inches, nor more than 2·403 inches.

(2) Every parking meter installed at a parking place shall be securely mounted on a steel post, bracket or other support and in such a position that the base of the meter is not less than three feet nor more than four feet above the surface of the ground in the immediate vicinity.

16.—(1) Every mechanism contained in a parking meter shall bear on it an identification number.

(2) Every post, bracket or other support on which is mounted a parking meter shall bear on it an identification number.

PART III—TESTING ETC. OF PARKING METERS

17. Before a parking meter is brought into use in a parking place the parking authority for that parking place shall make arrangements for testing by the insertion in the meter of a coin of the appropriate denomination and the timing of the performance of the mechanism contained in the meter by a reliable stop-watch or clock that the meter can comply with such provisions of Part II of this Order as are applicable to that meter.

18. After a parking meter is brought into use in a parking place, the parking authority for that parking place shall make arrangements for ensuring—

(*a*) the case of the meter is kept in a clean condition and that any instructions appearing on it as to the method of operating the meter are easily legible,

(*b*) the winding of the mechanism of the meter, if it is of the automatic type and is not electrically controlled, once in every seven days or more often if necessary,

(*c*) the inspection at intervals of not more than four weeks of the meter to ascertain whether it is in proper working order, and

(*d*) the removal at intervals of not more than one year of the mechanism from the case of the parking meter.

19. The parking authority for a parking place shall make arrangements for ensuring that, before a mechanism which has been removed in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (*d*) of the last preceding Article is placed in a parking meter at that parking place, the mechanism is cleaned, overhauled, any part thereof which is unduly worn is renewed and thereafter it is tested for the purpose of ascertaining it is in proper working order.

20. The parking authority for a parking place shall make arrangements for ensuring that after a parking meter has been brought into use at that parking place and it is found to be out of order either—

(*a*) on any such inspection as is mentioned in paragraph (*c*) of Article 18 of this Order, or

(*b*) on any other occasion,

the following steps are taken, namely—

(i) the meter is put into proper working order either by repairing or replacing such part thereof as is necessary or it is replaced by another meter of the same description in proper working order; and

(ii) until the meter is put into proper working order or is replaced, a hood or other cover is placed over the meter for the purpose of indicating it is out of order and of preventing the insertion of a coin in the meter:

Provided that in the case of a twin parking meter if the meter is out of order to such extent that only one pointer or other device is not operating correctly against a time scale in accordance with Article 9 of this Order then the hood or other cover may be placed only

over that pointer or other device for the purpose of indicating that the pointer or other device is out of order and of preventing the insertion of a coin in the meter in relation to that pointer.

21. The parking authority for a parking place shall make arrangements for recording in forms approved by the Minister—

(*a*) as respects each mechanism contained in a parking meter—

(i) the date on which and the name of the person by whom that mechanism was tested in accordance with the provisions of Article 17 of this Order;

(ii) the identification number of the post, bracket or other support on which the parking meter containing that mechanism is mounted;

(iii) the date on which that mechanism was first brought into use on the post, bracket or other support on which the parking meter containing that mechanism is mounted;

(iv) the date on which and the name of the person by whom each inspection of the parking meter containing that mechanism was made in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (*c*) of Article 18 of this Order;

(v) the date on which each removal of that mechanism was made in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (*d*) of the said Article 18; and

(vi) the date on which and the name of the person by whom the mechanism was overhauled and tested in accordance with the provisions of Article 19 of this Order,

(*b*) as respects each post, bracket or other support on which is mounted a parking meter—

(i) the identification number of the mechanism contained in that parking meter, and

(ii) particulars of any period during which that parking meter was for any reason not in use.

22. The parking authority for a parking place—

(*a*) shall at each parking meter in that parking place provide a notice—

(i) stating the time during which provision is made by the parking place order designating that parking place for the leaving of vehicles in that parking place;

(ii) stating the amount of charges which may be made for vehicles left in the parking place; and

(iii) containing such information as to offences and other matters relating to the parking place as they think fit; and

(*b*) may at each parking meter in that parking place provide a notice giving the name, address and telephone number of the person who may be notified on the parking meter being found to be out of order.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation this ninth day of May, 1957.

(L.S.)

Harold Watkinson,
The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order, but is intended to indicate its general purport.)

This Order prescribes the requirements which must be complied with by parking meters used for collecting charges for the parking of vehicles on highways in England and Wales at parking places provided under the Road Traffic Act, 1956, where provision is made for the use of meters complying with such requirements. This Order also specifies the steps to be taken by local authorities in connection with the testing and inspection of such meters.

HOUSING, ENGLAND

1957 No. 1842

The Housing (Prescribed Forms) Regulations, 1957

Made - - - -	*25th October*, 1957
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The Minister of Housing and Local Government, in exercise of his powers under section 178 of the Housing Act, 1957(a), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:—

1.—(1) These regulations may be cited as the Housing (Prescribed Forms) Regulations, 1957, and shall come into operation on the first day of December, 1957.

(2) The Interpretation Act, 1889(b), applies to the interpretation of these regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. The forms set out in the second schedule hereto (of which a list is set out in the first schedule hereto) or forms substantially to the like effect shall be the forms to be used for the purposes of the Housing Act, 1957.

3. The regulations comprised in the Housing (Form of Orders and Notices) Regulations, 1937 to 1956(c), are hereby revoked, but this revocation shall not affect the validity of any order, notice, advertisement or other document made or used in a form prescribed by the said regulations before the coming into operation of these regulations.

Given under the official seal of the Minister of Housing and Local Government this twenty-fifth day of October, nineteen hundred and fifty-seven.

(L.S.)

Henry Brooke,
Minister of Housing and Local Government.

(a) 5 & 6 Eliz. 2. c. 56. (b) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(c) S.R. & O. 1937/78, 1939/30 (Rev. X, p. 38: 1937, p. 880; 1939 II, p. 1719); S.I. 1950/363, 1954/1632, 1956/1198 (1950 I, p. 985; 1954 I, p. 950; 1956 I, p. 1056).