STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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ROAD TRAFFIC

The Parking Meters (Description and Testing) (England and Wales) Order, 1961

Made - - - -	10*th April*, 1961
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The Minister of Transport (hereinafter referred to as "the Minister") in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 86 and 87 of the Road Traffic Act, 1960(a) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act of 1960") 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 twentieth day of April, 1961, and may be cited as the Parking Meters (Description and Testing) (England and Wales) Order, 1961.

2. The Parking Meters (Description and Testing) (England and Wales) Order, 1957(b), is hereby revoked except in relation to any Order made under section 85 of the Act of 1960 before the coming into operation of this Order and providing for the use of parking meters of a description prescribed by the said Order of 1957.

3.—(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 11 of this Order:

Provided that, if at any particular parking place some other period has been prescribed as the period in excess of which a vehicle may not be left in that parking place after the excess charge has been incurred, 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 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 85 of the Act of 1960, 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

(a) 8 & 9 Eliz. 2. c. 16. (b) S.I. 1957/822 (1957 I, p. 1083).

(*b*) in relation to a parking place designated by an order under subsection (5) of the said section 85, the Minister or, after the operation of that parking place has been transferred under that subsection to a council, that council;

"parking place order" means an order made under section 85 of the Act of 1960 whereby parking places are designated and whereby provision is made for the use for the purposes of those places of parking meters complying with the requirements prescribed by Part II of this Order;

"parking meter" means an apparatus for use on or in the vicinity of 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 11 of this Order by the provisions of Article 7, 8, 9 or 10 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, 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 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 for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament, and as if for the purposes of section 38 of that Act this Order were an Act of Parliament and the Order revoked by Article 2 of this Order were an Act of Parliament thereby repealed.

Part II—Description of Parking Meters

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

5. 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 Article 11 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.

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

6. A parking meter may be capable of being operated by the insertion in the meter of—

(*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; or

(*d*) a coin of the denomination of one florin; or

(*e*) a coin of the denomination of either one shilling or one florin; or

(*f*) a coin of the denomination of one half crown.

7. Every parking meter which can be operated by the insertion in the parking meter of only a coin of the denomination of sixpence shall show in the manner mentioned in Article 11 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, if on the insertion of the said coin the unexpired period (if any) is less than half the standard period by more than six minutes; or the standard period, if on the insertion of the said coin the unexpired period is more than half the standard period or is less than half the standard period by not more than two minutes; or

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

8. The provisions of the last preceding Article shall apply to every parking meter which can be operated by the insertion in the parking meter of

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

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

(*c*) only a coin of the denomination of one half crown

as though—

(i) in the case mentioned in paragraph (*a*) of this Article, for any reference to a coin of the denomination of sixpence and for the reference to two coins each of the denomination of sixpence there were substituted respectively a reference to a coin of the denomination of one shilling and a reference to two coins each of the denomination of one shilling;

(ii) in the case mentioned in paragraph (*b*) of this Article, for any reference to a coin of the denomination of sixpence and for the reference to two coins each of the denomination of sixpence there were substituted respectively a reference to a coin of the denomination of one florin and a reference to two coins each of the denomination of one florin;

(iii) in the case mentioned in paragraph (*c*) of this Article, for any reference to a coin of the denomination of sixpence and the reference to two coins each of the denomination of sixpence there were substituted respectively a reference to a coin of the denomination of one half crown and a reference to two coins each of the denomination of one half crown.

9. 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 11 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, if on the insertion of the said coin the unexpired period (if any) is less than half the standard period by more than six minutes ; or the standard period, if on the insertion of the said coin the unexpired period is more than half the standard period or is less than half the standard period by not more than two minutes.

10. The provisions of the last preceding Article shall apply to every parking meter which can be operated by the insertion in the parking meter of a coin of the denomination of either one shilling or one florin as though—

(*a*) in paragraph (*a*) of that Article for the reference to two coins each of the denomination of sixpence or a coin of the denomination of one shilling there were substituted a reference to two coins each of the denomination of one shilling or a coin of the denomination of one florin, and

(*b*) in paragraph (*b*) of that Article for the reference to a coin of the denomination of sixpence there were substituted a reference to a coin of the denomination of one shilling.

11.—(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 into not less than twenty-four equal time periods nor more than sixty equal time periods ; 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 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 register 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 two minutes for every hour of the standard period.

(4) The expiry of the scale period shall be shown by the sudden appearance on a parking meter of a flag or other device—

(*a*) 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 as regards a meter in relation to which the standard period does not exceed two hours, and

(*b*) at a time not less than two minutes nor more than six minutes after the said pointer or other device points to zero on the said time scale as regards a meter in relation to which the standard period exceeds two hours.

12. 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).

13.—(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 a 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 the 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.

(5) Where a parking meter is operated by the insertion in the meter of a coin of the denomination of one florin 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 1·140 inch or of a thickness of more than ·105 inch cannot be inserted therein.

(6) Where a parking meter is operated by the insertion in the meter of a coin of the denomination of either one shilling or one florin and one slot is provided in the meter for the insertion of a coin of the denomination of one shilling and another slot is so provided for the insertion of a coin of the denomination of one florin the dimensions of the said slots shall respectively comply with the requirements as to dimensions specified in paragraphs (2) and (5) of this Article.

(7) 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 the denomination of either one shilling or one florin the said slot shall be of such dimensions that a coin of a diameter of more than 1·140 inch or of a thickness of more than ·105 inch cannot be inserted therein.

(8) Where a parking meter is operated by the insertion in the meter of a coin of the denomination of one half crown 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 1·290 inch or of a thickness of more than ·105 inch cannot be inserted therein.

14. 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 sixpence or one shilling, or

(*d*) less than 1·100 inch diameter is inserted in a slot so provided for the insertion of a coin of the denomination of one florin, or

(*e*) less than 1·100 inch but more than ·940 inch diameter or less than ·921 inch diameter is inserted in a slot so provided for the insertion of a coin of the denomination of either one shilling or one florin, or

(*f*) less than 1·250 inch diameter is inserted in a slot so provided for the insertion of a coin of the denomination of one half crown,

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.

15. In the application of the foregoing provisions of this Part of this Order to a twin parking meter the following modifications shall apply, namely, an additional and separate pointer or other device, time scale, and flag or other device shall be provided and capable of being operated in accordance with the provisions of Article 11 of this Order so, however, that the indication given by 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.

16.—(1) A parking meter may also show by means of a pointer or other device on a time scale, and a twin parking meter may also show by means of two pointers or other devices on two time scales, how much of the excess charge period has at any time expired, subject to the conditions prescribed in the following paragraphs of this Article.

(2) A time scale mentioned in paragraph (1) of this Article shall—

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

(*b*) be graduated into not less than eight equal time periods nor more than thirty equal time periods; and

(*c*) be easily legible.

(3) On the expiry of the scale period a pointer or other device mentioned in paragraph (1) of this Article shall on a scale therein mentioned show the

whole of the excess charge period as unexpired and thereafter, until the excess charge period has expired, how much of the excess charge period has at any time expired.

(4) When the said pointer or other device is showing how much of the excess charge period is at any time expired, the time to be taken at any instant for that pointer or other device to register the passage of two hours, or such other time as shall be the excess charge period, on a time scale shall not be less than the period indicated on the time scale at that instant nor exceed that period by more than two minutes for every hour of the excess charge period.

(5) The expiry of the excess charge period shall be shown by the appearance on a parking meter of a flag or other device—

(*a*) at a time not less than one minute nor more than three minutes after a pointer or other device mentioned in paragraph (1) of this Article points to two hours (or such lesser time as may be the excess charge period) on a scale so mentioned as regards a meter in relation to which the excess charge period does not exceed two hours, and

(*b*) at a time not less than two minutes nor more than six minutes after such pointer or other device points to a time (being an excess charge period in excess of two hours) on such scale as regards a meter in relation to which the excess charge period exceeds two hours.

17.—(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 ·176 inch and has an outside diameter of not less than 2·354 inches, nor more than 2·394 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.

18.—(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

19. Before a parking meter is brought into use on or in the vicinity of 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.

20. After a parking meter is brought into use on or in the vicinity of a parking place the parking authority for that parking place shall make arrangements for ensuring—

(*a*) that 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.

21. 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 on or in the vicinity of 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.

22. The parking authority for a parking place shall make arrangements for ensuring that after a parking meter has been brought into use on or in the vicinity of 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 20 of this Order, or

(*b*) on any other occasion,

the following steps are taken, namely—

(i) the meter is put into proper working order by either 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 11 or 16 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.

23. 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 19 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 20 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 20 ; 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 21 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 out of order.

24. The parking authority for a parking place—

(*a*) shall at each parking meter on or in the vicinity of 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 on or in the vicinity of 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 this tenth day of April, 1961.

(L.S.)

Ernest Marples,
The Minister of Transport.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

This Order re-enacts with amendments the Parking Meters (Description and Testing) (England and Wales) Order, 1957. The main change is that Article 6 provides that parking meters may be capable of being operated by florins and half crowns as well as by sixpences and shillings.