1968. No. 267 **[C]**

ROAD VEHICLES

REGULATIONS, DATED 9TH DECEMBER 1968, MADE BY THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS UNDER SECTION 8 OF THE MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1929.

The Ministry of Home Affairs, in exercise of the powers vested in it by Section 8 of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1929(a) and all other powers enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Road Vehicles (School Crossings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1968.

Revocation

2. The Road Vehicles (School Crossings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1966(b) are hereby revoked.

Interpretation

3. In these Regulations—

"School Crossing Patrol" means a person appointed in accordance with a scheme framed under Section 51(5) of the Education Act (Northern Ireland) 1947(c).

Stopping of Vehicles at School Crossings

4.—(1) When a vehicle is approaching a place in a road where children are crossing or seeking to cross the road a School Crossing Patrol, wearing a uniform approved by the Ministry of Home Affairs, shall have power by exhibiting a sign to require the person driving or propelling the vehicle to stop it.

(2) When a person has been required under paragraph (1) above to stop a vehicle—

(*a*) he shall cause the vehicle to stop before reaching the place where children are crossing or seeking to cross and so as not to stop or impede their crossing, and

(*b*) the vehicle shall not be put in motion again so as to reach the place in question so long as the sign continues to be exhibited.

(3) A person who fails to comply with paragraphs (*a*) and (*b*) above shall be guilty of an offence.

Signs

5.—(1) Except where the Ministry of Home Affairs authorises the use of signs of another description every sign which is exhibited by a School Crossing Patrol for the purpose of stopping any vehicle or vehicles shall be of the size, colour and type shown in Part I of the Schedule to these Regulations, subject to the provisions of Part II of that Schedule.

(a) 20 Geo. 5. c. 21 (N.I.).
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1966, No. 107.
(c) 1947. c. 3.

(2) Any such sign which is exhibited by a School Crossing Patrol may be illuminated by means of an internal or external constant light and when a sign is illuminated by an external light that light shall be fitted either to the sign or to the pole or other structure on which it is mounted.

6. For the purposes of these Regulations—

(*a*) where it is proved that a sign was exhibited by a School Crossing Patrol it shall be presumed, unless the contrary is proved, to be of a size, colour and type prescribed or of a description authorised under the foregoing provisions of these Regulations;

(*b*) where it is proved that a School Crossing Patrol was wearing uniform the uniform shall be presumed, unless the contrary is proved, to be a uniform approved by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Ministry of Home Affairs this 9th day of December 1968.

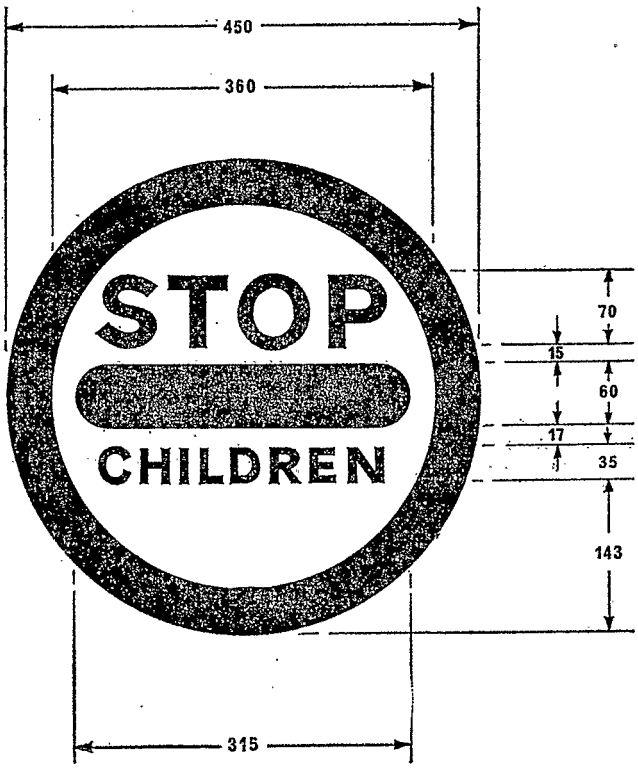
(L.S.) *W. G. Robinson,*
Assistant Secretary.

SCHEDULE

PART I

Diagram

BLACK LETTERS AND BAR ON YELLOW BACKGROUND WITH RED BORDER



All dimensions are in millimetres

PART II

1. Any variation in a dimension (other than as to the height of a letter) specified in the foregoing diagram shall be treated as permitted by these Regulations if the variation—

(*a*) in the case of a dimension so specified as 315 millimetres or as over 315 millimetres, does not exceed 5 per cent. of that dimension;

(*b*) in the case of a dimension so specified as 60 millimetres or as over 60 millimetres but as under 315 millimetres, does not exceed 10 per cent. of that dimension; or

(*c*) in the case of a dimension so specified as under 60 millimetres, does not exceed 15 per cent. of that dimension.

2. Any variation in a dimension as to the height of a letter specified in the foregoing diagram shall be treated as permitted by these Regulations if the variation does not exceed 5 per cent. of that dimension.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Regulations re-enact with amendments The Road Vehicles (School Crossings) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1966. The principal changes are:—

1. The sign to be carried by a school crossing patrol may be illuminated.
2. The uniform of a school crossing patrol is not prescribed but is to be subject to approval by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

1968. No. 268

This Order has been exempted from printing by the Statutory Rules Act (Northern Ireland) 1958. A summary is given in the List of Statutory Rules and Orders of a Local Character under the heading ROADS.