TRAFFIC SIGNS

1960 No. 1095

The Traffic Signs (Amendment) Regulations, 1960

Made - - - -	*24th June*, 1960
Laid before Parliament	*1st July*, 1960
Coming into Operation	*15th July*, 1960

The Secretary of State and the Minister of Transport, acting jointly in exercise of their powers under sections 48 and 59 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930(a), as read with the Transfer of Functions (Roads, Bridges and Ferries) Order, 1955(b), section 35 of the Road Traffic Act, 1956(c), and of all other powers them enabling in that behalf, and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with the provisions of subsection (2) of section 111 of the said Act of 1930, hereby make the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations shall come into operation on the fifteenth day of July, 1960, and may be cited as "The Traffic Signs (Amendment) Regulations, 1960".

(2) Sub-paragraph (ii) of paragraph (*a*) and paragraph (c) of Regulation 2 of the Traffic Signs (Amendment) Regulations, 1957(d), and paragraph (f) of Regulation 2 of the Traffic Signs (Amendment) Regulations, 1959(e), are hereby revoked.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1889(f), shall apply to the interpretation of these Regulations as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament, and as if for the purposes of section 38 of that Act these Regulations were an Act of Parliament and the Regulations revoked by Regulation 1 of these Regulations were Acts of Parliament thereby repealed.

2. The Traffic Signs Regulations, 1957(g), as amended(h), shall have effect as though—

(1) for Regulation 5 there were substituted the following Regulation—

> "*Application of s. 49 of the Road Traffic Act*, 1930, *to signs*
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> 5. Section 49 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930, shall apply to signs of the type shown in any of the diagrams Nos. 204, 205, 206, 212, 213, 216, 217, 218 and 219 in the First Schedule to these Regulations, and to the red signal when shown by the light signals prescribed by Regulation 27, by Regulation 27 as varied by Regulation 28, or by Regulation 29 of these Regulations and to the carriageway marking shown in diagram No. RM 21 in the Second Schedule to these Regulations in so far as that marking conveys the requirements specified in paragraph (3) of Regulation 21 of these Regulations.";

(2) in paragraph (2) of Regulation 12, for the words "in the First Schedule", there were substituted the words "in either the First or the Second Schedule";

(a) 20 & 21 Geo. 5. c. 43. (b) S.I. 1955/1955 (1955 I, p. 1205). (c) 4 & 5 Eliz. 2. c. 67
(d) S.I. 1957/2149 (1957 II, p. 2083). (e) S.I. 1959/761 (1959 II, p. 2368).
(f) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63. (g) S.I. 1957/13 (1957 II, p. 2001).
(h) S.I. 1957/2149, 1959/761 (1957 II, p. 2083; 1959 II, p. 2368).

(3) in paragraph (1) of Regulation 14—

(*a*) after the reference to diagram No. 128 there were inserted a reference to diagrams Nos. 130A, 130B, 130C and 132, and

(*b*) at the end of the paragraph there were added the words "and the sign shown in diagram No. 132 shall be surmounted by a cross of the size, colour and type shown in diagram No. 101A.";

(4) in paragraph (4) of Regulation 14—

(*a*) after the words "the triangle" there were inserted the words "the cross", and

(*b*) after the reference to diagram No. 104 there were inserted a reference to diagram No. 104A;

(5) in paragraph (2) of Regulation 18, for the words "diagram No. 158", there were substituted the words "either of diagrams Nos. 158 or 495";

(6) after the proviso to paragraph (3) of Regulation 18 there were added the following proviso—

"Provided also that on and after the fifteenth day of July, 1962, a sign shown in either of diagrams Nos. 205 or 206 shall, unless it is illuminated by the use of reflectors or reflecting material in accordance with the provisions of the next succeeding Regulation, be illuminated during the said hours by the fitting of a means of external lighting.";

(7) for paragraph (8) of Regulation 19 there were substituted the following paragraph—

"(8) Where any sign is fitted with white reflectors in accordance with the four last preceding paragraphs of this Regulation or where any sign is illuminated by the fitting of a means of external lighting in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (3) of the last preceding Regulation and any such sign is to be surmounted in accordance with the relevant provisions of Regulation 14 of these Regulations by a triangle, cross, ringed triangle, ring or disc, the said triangle, cross, ringed triangle, ring or disc shall also be illuminated, either by the same means of external lighting as that used to illuminate the sign, or by the use of reflecting material in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (10) of this Regulation, or by the use of red reflectors, and where red reflectors are used the number, size and arrangement thereof shall be as indicated in diagrams Nos. 101, 101A, 201, 207 and 301 respectively.";

(8) in paragraph (10) of Regulation 19, after the words "any triangle,", and after the words "sign, triangle,", there were inserted, in both places, the word "cross,";

(9) for paragraphs (iii) and (iv) of Regulation 24 there were substituted the following paragraphs:—

"(iii) the rate of flashing shall be not less than 50 per minute and the period between flashes shall not exceed 6 tenths of a second; and

(iv) the structure on which the lamps are supported shall be coloured either black and white or red and white either in alternate horizontal bands or in alternate sloping bands.";

(10) in sub-paragraph (*d*) of paragraph (1) of Regulation 25, and in sub-paragraph (*f*) of paragraph (3) of Regulation 29, for the word "painted", in each place where it occurs, there were substituted the word "coloured";

(11) for Regulation 27 there were substituted the following Regulation:—

"27.—(1) Light signals may be used for the control of vehicular traffic and shall be of the size, colour and type prescribed either by paragraph (2) or by paragraph (3) of this Regulation.

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

(*a*) three lights shall be used, 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 that showing a green light the lowermost;

(*c*) each lamp shall be separately illuminated and the effective diameter of the lens thereof shall be not less than 8 inches nor more than 8¼ inches;

(*d*) the height of the centre of the green lens from the carriageway shall be 7 feet 6 inches, provided that where desirable in order to secure adequate visibility of the signal this height may be increased to not more than 10 feet;

(*e*) the centres of the lenses shall be not more than 14 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 signal lights shown for the purpose of controlling vehicular traffic shall be as follows:—

(i) Red,

(ii) Amber and red together,

(iii) Green,

(iv) Amber;

Provided that any such light signal on the green lens of which the word "GO" has been placed before the coming into operation of these Regulations shall be deemed to comply with this Regulation.

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

(*a*) two lamps each showing an intermittent red light shall be used;

(*b*) the lamps shall be arranged horizontally so that there is a distance of not less than 1 foot 9 inches nor more than 2 feet 3 inches between the centres of the lenses of the lamps;

(*c*) each lamp shall be separately illuminated and the effective diameter of the lens thereof shall be not less than 8 inches nor more than 8¼ inches;

(*d*) when the signal is operated, each lamp shall show its intermittent red light at a rate of flashing of not less than 54 nor more than 66 flashes per minute, and in such a manner that the light of one lamp is always shown at a time when the light of the other lamp is not shown ;

(*e*) the height of the centre of each lens from the carriageway shall be not less than 7 feet 6 inches nor more than 10 feet ;

(*f*) the word " STOP ", in black lettering, shall be placed upon the lens of each lamp and no other lettering shall be used upon the lens.

(4) Light signals prescribed by the last foregoing paragraph may be surmounted by a cross of the size, colour and type shown in diagram No. 101A in Part I of the First Schedule to these Regulations, and if the said signal is so surmounted the cross shall be assembled with the signal in the method shown in diagram No. 9 in the Third Schedule to these Regulations." ;

(12) in Regulation 28, in paragraph (2) of Regulation 29 and in paragraphs (1) and (2) of Regulation 30, for the reference to Regulation 27, in each place where it occurs, there were substituted a reference to paragraph (2) of Regulation 27 ;

(13) after paragraph (4) of Regulation 30 there were added the following paragraph:—

" (5) The significance of the light signals prescribed by paragraph (3) of Regulation 27 of these Regulations shall be that the intermittent red lights convey the prohibition that vehicular traffic shall not proceed beyond the signals, except in the case of any vehicle which, when the lights first begin to flash, is so close to the signals that it cannot safely be stopped before passing the signals." ;

(14) in Regulation 31,—

(*a*) for the reference to Regulation 27 there were substituted a reference to paragraph (2) of Regulation 27, and

(*b*) the words from " In the case of any such signals " to the end of the Regulation were omitted.

(15) in Part I of the First Schedule—

(*a*) after diagram No. 101 there were inserted as diagram No. 101A the diagram No. 101A set out in the Schedule to these Regulations,

(*b*) after diagram No. 104 there were inserted as diagram No. 104A the diagram No. 104A set out in the said Schedule, and

(*c*) after diagram No. 130 there were inserted—

(i) as diagrams Nos. 130A, 130B and 130C the diagrams Nos. 130A, 130B and 130C set out in the said Schedule, and

(ii) under each of those diagrams the words respectively specified in relation thereto in the said Schedule ;

(16) in Part II of the First Schedule, after diagram No. 220, there were added as diagrams Nos. 221 and 222 the diagrams Nos. 221 and 222 set out in the Schedule to these Regulations ;

(17) in Part IV of the First Schedule, after diagram No. 494, there were added as diagram No. 495 the diagram No. 495 set out in the Schedule to these Regulations ;

(18) in the Second Schedule—

(*a*) for the diagram No. RM 21 there were substituted the diagram No. RM 21 set out in the Schedule to these Regulations, and

(*b*) after the diagram No. RM 29 there were inserted as diagram No. RM 30 the diagram No. RM 30 set out in the Schedule to these Regulations; and

(19) in the Third Schedule—

(*a*) for the heading thereto there were substituted the following heading "Incorporation of arrow in light signals for vehicular traffic and method of assembling cross with signals prescribed by Regulation 27 (see Regulations 27 and 28)", and

(*b*) after diagram No. 8 there were added as diagram No. 9 the diagram No. 9 set out in the Schedule to these Regulations.

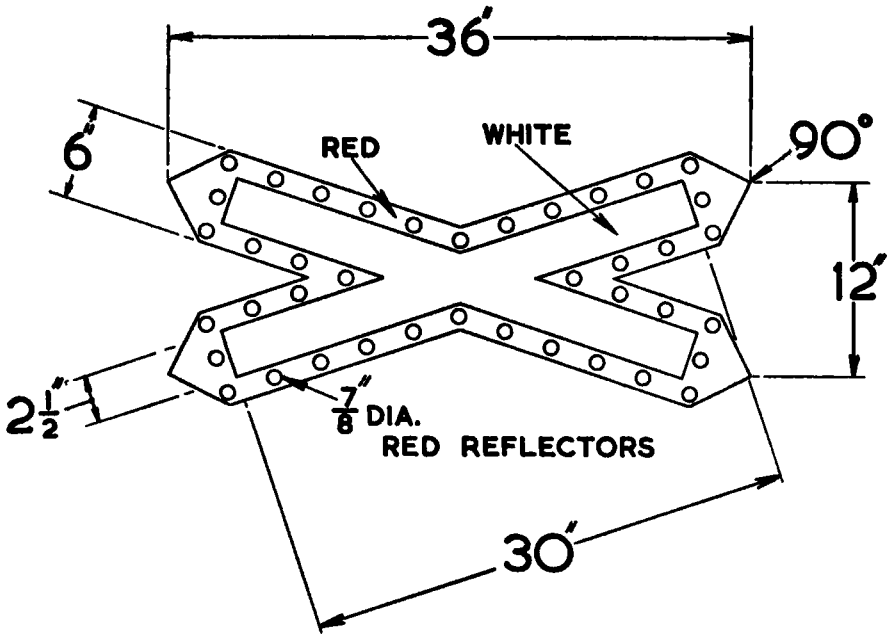
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(L.S.) *John S. Maclay,*
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

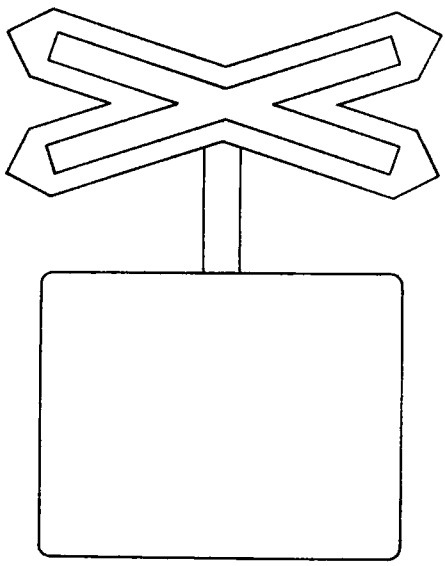
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(L.S.) *Ernest Marples,*
The Minister of Transport.

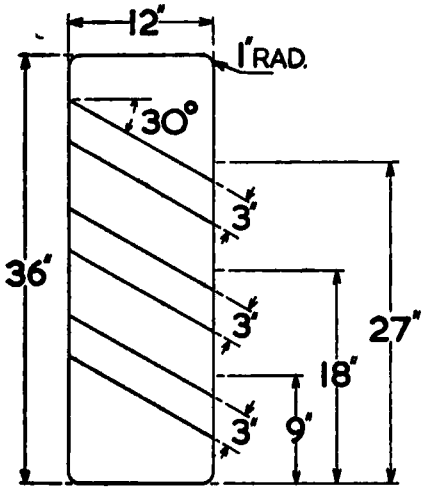
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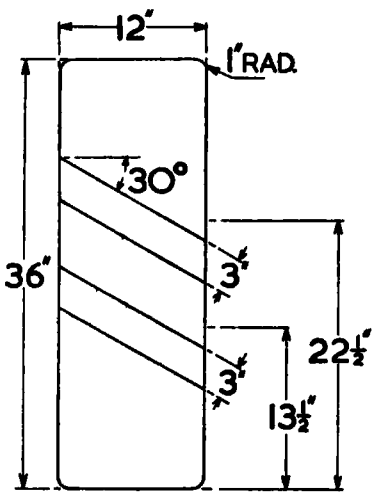
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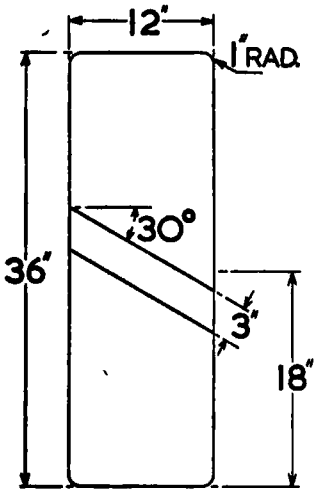
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130A
Concealed crossing ahead



130B
Same as 130A



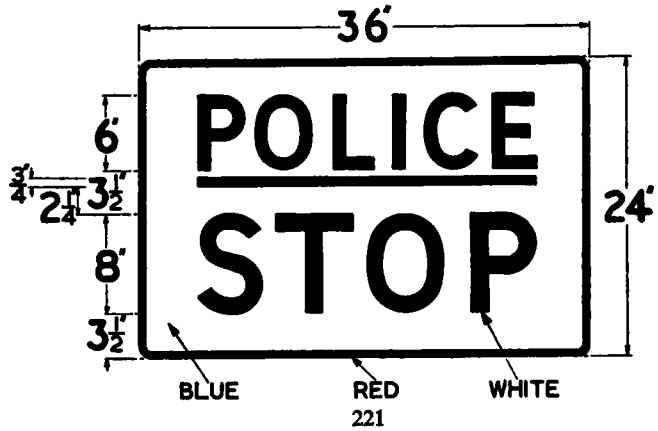
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Same as 130A

Diag. 130A, 130B & 130C

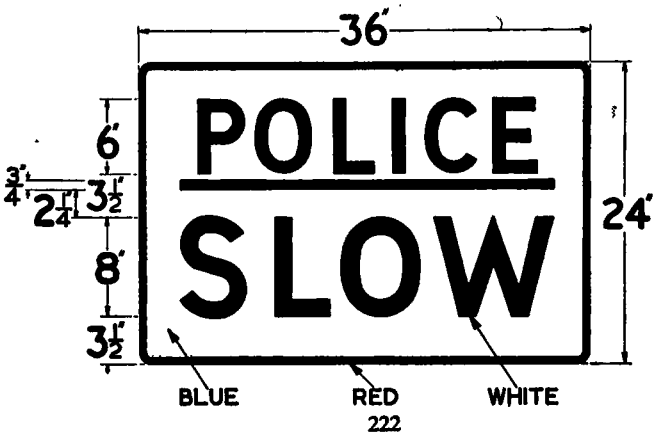
Note 1. Signal Red bars on a White ground.

Note 2. Normally sited on near side of road. If sited on off side, slope of bars should be reversed.

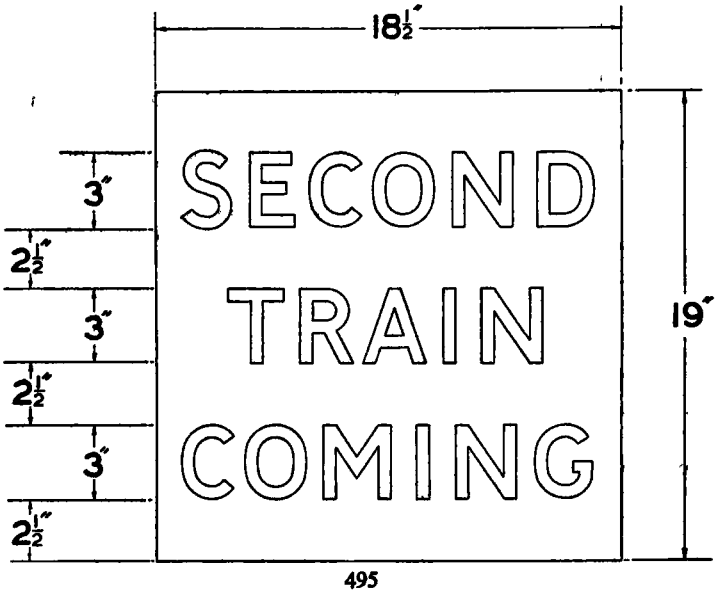
Note 3. These signs will be used to mark the approach to a concealed level crossing in accordance with Direction 13.


36"
POLICE
STOP
24"
6"
3/4"
2 1/4"
3 1/2"
8"
3 1/2"
BLUE
RED
WHITE

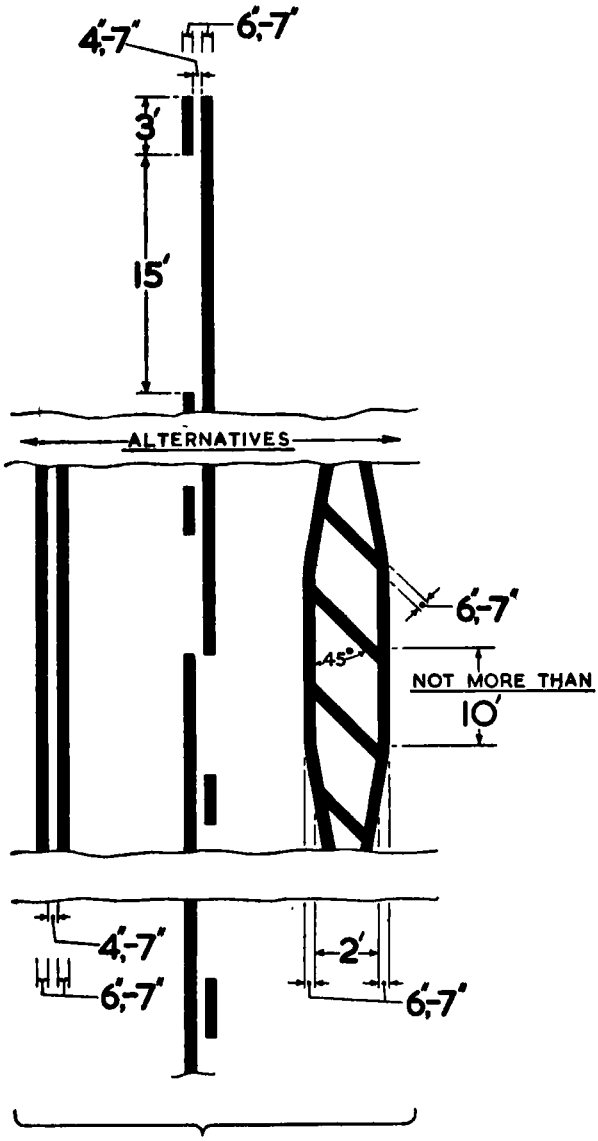
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36"
POLICE
SLOW
24"
6"
3/4"
2 1/4"
3 1/2"
8"
3 1/2"
BLUE
RED
WHITE

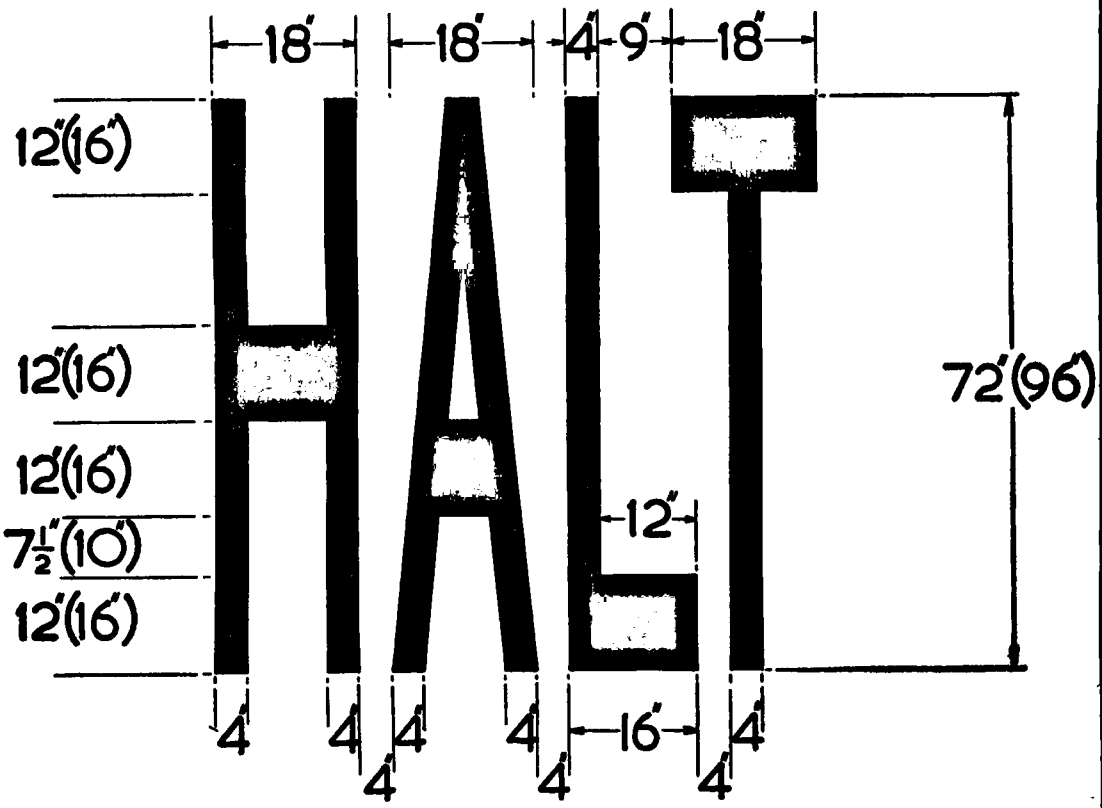
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18 1/2"
SECOND
TRAIN
COMING
19"
3"
2 1/2"
3"
2 1/2"
3"
2 1/2"

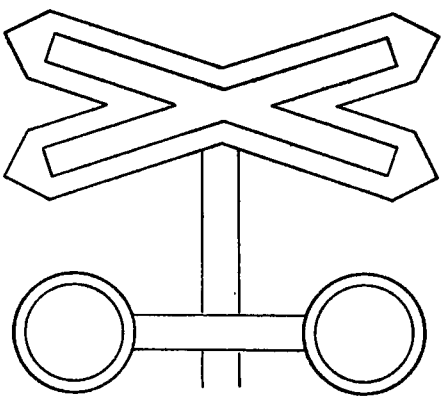
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RM 21



RM 30



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EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations further amend the Traffic Signs Regulations, 1957. The principal changes are:—

1. A new traffic sign comprising flashing red light signals is prescribed for the control of vehicular traffic. (Regulations 2 (11) and 2 (13).)

2. Section 49 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930 (which makes it an offence to fail to conform to the indication given by certain traffic signs) is applied to the said new sign. (Regulation 2 (1).)

3. Provision is made requiring that the signs "slow—major road ahead" (shown in diagram Nos. 205 and 206 in the First Schedule to the 1957 Regulations) shall, after two years from the coming into operation of these Regulations, and unless illuminated by reflectors or reflecting material, be illuminated by the fitting of a means of lighting. (Regulation 2 (6).)

4. Four new traffic signs are prescribed for use at or near level crossings. (Regulations 2 (15) (*c*) and 2 (17).)

5. Two further new traffic signs are prescribed for the purpose of requiring traffic to stop or slow down when required to do so by the police. (Regulation 2 (16).)