STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2006 No. 164

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

The Zebra, Pelican and Puffin Pedestrian Crossings Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006

Made - - - -	*28th March 2006*
Coming into operation	*9th May 2006*

The Department for Regional Development(**1**) makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by Articles 28(2) and 59(3) of the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997(**2**) and now vested in it(**3**):

PART I

PRELIMINARY

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as The Zebra, Pelican and Puffin Pedestrian Crossings Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006 and shall come into operation on 9th May 2006.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

"the 1997 Regulations" means the Traffic Signs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997(**4**);

"bus" has the meaning assigned to it by regulation 20(2) of the 1997 Regulations;

"carriageway" means a way constituted or comprised in a road being a way over which the public have a right of way for the passage of vehicles, but does not include a central reservation (whether within the limits of a crossing or not);

"central reservation" means—

(a) in relation to a road comprising a single carriageway, any provision (including a pedestrian refuge) which separates one part of the carriageway from another part;

(**1**) S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1) Article 3(1)
(**2**) S.I. 1997/276 (N.I. 2)
(**3**) S.R. 1999 No. 481 Article 6(d) and Schedule 4 Part IV
(**4**) S.R. 1997 No. 386 as amended by S.R. 2005 No. 428

(b) in relation to a road which comprises two or more carriageways any land or permanent work which separates those carriageways from one another;

"controlled area" means a Zebra controlled area, a Pelican controlled area or a Puffin controlled area;

"crossing" means a Zebra crossing, a Pelican crossing or a Puffin crossing;

"driver" in relation to a pedal cycle, means the person riding it who is in control of it;

"give-way line" means a road marking placed adjacent to a Zebra crossing in accordance with regulation 5(1) and paragraph 13 of Part II of Schedule 1;

"indicator for pedestrians" means the sign prescribed for the purposes of a Pelican crossing by regulation 4(2)(a) and paragraphs 2(1)(c) and 5 of Part I of Schedule 2 and shown in diagram 4003A in Schedule 9 to the 1997 Regulations;

"one-way street" means a road on which the driving of vehicles otherwise than in one particular direction is prohibited;

"pedal cycle" has the meaning assigned to it by regulation 2 of the 1997 Regulations;

"pedestrian demand unit" means the sign prescribed for the purposes of a Puffin crossing by regulation 4(3)(a) and paragraphs 1(1)(b) and 3 of Schedule 3 and shown in diagram 4003.1 in Schedule 9 to the 1997 Regulations;

"pedestrian light signals" means the sign prescribed for the purposes of a Pelican crossing by regulation 4(2)(a) and paragraphs 2(1)(b) and 4 of Part I of Schedule 2 and shown in diagram 4002 in Schedule 9 to the 1997 Regulations;

"pedestrian refuge" has the meaning assigned to it by regulation 46(2) of the 1997 Regulations;

"Pelican controlled area" means an area of carriageway in the vicinity of a Pelican crossing the limits of which are indicated in accordance with regulation 5(2) and Schedule 4;

"Pelican crossing" means a pedestrian crossing—

(a) at which there are signs of the size, colour and type prescribed by regulation 4(2)(a) and Part I of Schedule 2;

(b) the limits of which are indicated in accordance with regulation 4(2)(b) and Schedule 4;

"primary signals" means light signals so placed as to face vehicular traffic approaching a Pelican crossing or a Puffin crossing and placed beyond the stop line and in front of the line of studs nearest the stop line indicating the limits of the crossing in accordance with regulation 5(3) and Schedule 4;

"Puffin controlled area" means an area of carriageway in the vicinity of a Puffin crossing the limits of which are indicated in accordance with regulation 5(2) and Schedule 4;

"Puffin crossing" means a pedestrian crossing—

(a) at which there are signs of the size, colour and type prescribed by regulation 4(3)(a) and Schedule 3;

(b) the limits of which are indicated in accordance with regulation 4(3)(b) and Schedule 4;

"retroreflecting material" has the meaning assigned to it by regulation 2 of the 1997 Regulations;

"road marking" has the meaning assigned to it by regulation 2 of the 1997 Regulations;

"sign" has the meaning assigned to it by regulation 2 of the 1997 Regulations;

"stop line" means, in relation to a vehicle approaching a Pelican crossing or a Puffin crossing the transverse continuous white line (indicated in accordance with regulation 5(3) and Schedule 4 and parallel to the limits of the crossing) which is on the same side of the crossing as the vehicle;

"stud" has the meaning assigned to it by regulation 2 of the 1997 Regulations;

"system of staggered crossings" means two or more Pelican crossings or two or more Puffin crossings provided on a road on which there is a central reservation and where—

(a) there is one crossing on each side of the central reservation; and

(b) taken together the two crossings do not form a straight line across the road;

"two-way street" means a road which is not a one-way street;

"vehicular light signals" means, in relation to a Pelican crossing or a Puffin crossing, the sign prescribed (in the case of a Pelican crossing) by regulation 4(2)(a) and paragraphs 2(1)(a) and 3 of Part I of Schedule 2 or (in the case of a Puffin crossing) by regulation 4(3)(a) and paragraphs 1(1)(a) and 2 of Schedule 3 and shown in diagram 3000 in Schedule 8 to the 1997 Regulations;

"Zebra controlled area" means an area of carriageway in the vicinity of a Zebra crossing the limits of which are indicated in accordance with regulation 5(1) and Part II of Schedule 1; and

"Zebra crossing" means a pedestrian crossing—

(a) at which there are signs of the size, colour and type prescribed by regulation 4(1)(a) and Part I of Schedule 1;

(b) the limits of which are indicated in accordance with regulation 4(1)(b) and Part II of Schedule 1.

Authorisations by the Department

3. Nothing in these Regulations shall be taken to limit the power of the Department under Article 28(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 to authorise the erection or retention of signs of a character not prescribed by these Regulations.

PART II

FORM OF CROSSINGS

Signs and road markings for indicating crossings

4.—(1) A Zebra crossing shall be indicated by—

(a) the placing at or near the crossing of signs of the size, colour and type specified in Part I of Schedule 1; and

(b) the placing on the carriageway to indicate the limits of the crossing of road markings of the size, colour and type specified in Part II of Schedule 1.

(2) A Pelican crossing shall be indicated by—

(a) the placing at or near the crossing of signs of the size, colour and type specified in Part I of Schedule 2; and

(b) the placing on the carriageway to indicate the limits of the crossing of road markings of the size, colour and type specified in Schedule 4.

(3) A Puffin crossing shall be indicated by—

(a) the placing at or near the crossing of signs of the size, colour and type specified in Schedule 3; and

(b) the placing on the carriageway to indicate the limits of the crossing of road markings of the size, colour and type specified in Schedule 4.

Give-way and stop lines and controlled areas

5.—(1) On each side of a Zebra crossing there shall be laid out a Zebra controlled area (including a give-way line) indicated by road markings of the size, colour and type, and generally in the manner, specified in Part II of Schedule 1.

(2) On each side of a Pelican crossing or a Puffin crossing, there shall be laid out a Pelican controlled area or a Puffin controlled area indicated by road markings of the size, colour and type, and generally in the manner, specified in Schedule 4.

(3) A stop line of the size, colour and type specified in Schedule 4 shall be placed next to a Pelican crossing or a Puffin crossing in the manner specified in that Schedule.

Dimensions

6.—(1) Dimensions indicated on any diagram shown in Schedule 1 or Schedule 4 are expressed in millimetres.

(2) A dimension (other than one specified as a maximum or minimum dimension) specified in any diagram in Schedule 1 or Schedule 4 may be varied if, in the case of a dimension of the length specified in column (2) of the item in the Table, the variation does not exceed the extent specified in column (3) of the item.

TABLE

Item (1)	*Length of dimension* (2)	*Extent of variation* (3)
1.	300 mm or more	(i) 20% of the dimension where the varied dimension is greater than the specified dimension; or (ii) 10% of the dimension where the varied dimension is less than the specified dimension
2.	Less than 300 mm	(i) 30% of the dimension where the varied dimension is greater than the specified dimension; or (ii) 10% of the dimension where the varied dimension is less than the specified dimension

(3) Where maximum and minimum dimensions are specified for any element of a sign or road marking, the dimensions chosen for that element shall not be less than the minimum and shall not exceed the maximum.

(4) Where any diagram in Schedule 4 specifies a dimension for an element of a sign or road marking together with a dimension for that element in brackets, the dimensions so specified shall be alternatives.

(5) A dimension specified in the 1997 Regulations in relation to a sign prescribed by those Regulations and referred to in these Regulations may be varied to the extent permitted by those Regulations.

Additional equipment

7. The Department may provide at, or fix to any sign or post placed for the purposes of, a crossing in accordance with these Regulations any object, device, apparatus or equipment—

(a) in connection with the proper operation of the crossing; or

(b) which it considers appropriate for giving information or assistance to disabled persons wishing to use the crossing.

Additional signs

8. The Department may provide at or near a crossing, in addition to the signs prescribed by regulation 4, a sign shown in diagram 610, 611, 612, 613 or 616 in Schedule 2 to the 1997 Regulations or diagram 810 in Schedule 4 to the 1997 Regulations, or the road marking shown in diagram 1029 or the white triangular markings included in the road marking shown in diagram 1061 in Schedule 6 to the 1997 Regulations.

Non-compliance with the requirements of this Part

9.—(1) Where, as respects a crossing or controlled area, the requirements of this Part as to the placing of signs and road markings to indicate the crossing or controlled area have not been complied with in every respect, the crossing or, as the case may be, the controlled area shall nevertheless be treated as complying with these Regulations if the non-compliance—

(a) is not such as materially to affect the general appearance of the crossing or the controlled area;

(b) does not, in the case of a Pelican crossing or a Puffin crossing, affect the proper operation of the vehicular and pedestrian light signals at the crossing; and

(c) does not relate to the size of the controlled area.

(2) Nothing in any other provision of these Regulations shall be taken to restrict the generality of paragraph (1).

PART III

SIGNIFICANCE OF SIGNS AT CROSSINGS

Significance of vehicular light signals at Pelican crossings

10.—(1) The significance of the vehicular light signals prescribed by regulation 4(2)(a) and paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 2 for the purpose of indicating a Pelican crossing shall be as follows —

(a) the green signal shall indicate that vehicular traffic may proceed beyond the stop line and through the crossing;

(b) the green arrow signal shall indicate that vehicular traffic may proceed beyond the stop line and through the crossing only for the purpose of proceeding in the direction as indicated by the arrow;