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NORTHERN IRELAND RAILWAYS COMPANY LIMITED

Automatic Barriers at Level Crossings

THE NORTHERN IRELAND RAILWAYS (PUBLIC LEVEL CROSSINGS) ORDER (NORTHERN IRELAND) 1972

Made . . . . . 28*th July* 1972
Coming into operation . . 4*th September* 1972
To be laid before the Parliament of the United Kingdom under paragraph 4(5)(*b*) *of the Schedule to the Northern Ireland* (*Temporary Provisions*) *Act* 1972

The Ministry of Development on behalf of the Secretary of State and in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 66 of the Transport Act (Northern Ireland) 1967(**a**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf hereby makes the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Northern Ireland Railways (Public Level Crossings) Order (Northern Ireland) 1972 and shall come into operation on 4th September 1972.

2. In this Order:—
"nearside" means the left-hand side of the road or carriageway in relation to a person approaching the level crossing along the road or carriageway and "offside" means the right-hand side of the road or carriageway in relation to any such person.
"Ministry" means the Ministry of Development.

3. The railway undertaking shall at the level crossings specified in Schedule 1:—
(*a*) provide, maintain and operate the barriers, lights and automatic and other devices specified in Schedule 2;
(*b*) secure the provision, maintenance and operation by the appropriate road authority of the traffic signs as required by Schedule 2; and
(*c*) comply with the conditions and requirements specified in Schedule 2.

4. Where, in respect of any level crossing specified in Schedule 1, the barriers, lights and automatic and other devices and traffic signs referred to in Article 3 have been provided, and the conditions and requirements complied with, to the satisfaction of the Ministry, Section 47 of the Railways Clauses Consolidation Act 1845(**b**) and Section 6 of the Railways Clauses Act 1863(**c**) shall, while this Order remains in force, cease to apply to the level crossing from the date when the barriers are, with the approval of the Ministry, put into operation.

Sealed with the official seal of the Ministry of Development this 28th day of July 1972.

(L.S.)

John F. Irvine,
Deputy Secretary.

(**a**) 1967 c. 37 (N.I.).
(**b**) 8 & 9 Vict. c. 20.
(**c**) 26 & 27 Vict. c. 92.

SCHEDULE 1

Level Crossings	*Situated in*		*Connected with Signalbox at—*
	Townland of	*County of*	
Cookstown Junction	Drumsough	Antrim	Antrim
Cromore (Portstewart)	Ballyleese North	Londonderry	Coleraine
Galgorm	Galgorm	Antrim	Ballymena
Broughdone	Broughdone	Antrim	Cullybackey
Caldanagh	Caldanagh	Antrim	Dunloy
Glenlough	Glenlough	Antrim	Ballymoney
Killagan	Bellaghy	Antrim	Dunloy

SCHEDULE 2

PART I

General description of barriers, lights and traffic signs

(1) Only one half-barrier shall be constructed on each side of the railway.

(2) Each half-barrier shall be capable of being raised and lowered across the nearside of the carriageway and when lowered shall be as nearly as is reasonably practicable at right angles to the centre line of the carriageway. The half-barriers shall be as close to the railway as practicable but no part of a half-barrier shall be nearer than 5ft. 3¾ins. to the running edge of the nearest rail and some part shall be within 11ft. 4 ins. of the running edge of the nearest rail.

(3) Each half-barrier shall be of light construction, shall be provided with a fracture segment near the pivot and shall be so counter-weighted that it will descend in the event of a failure.

(4) When lowered the tip of each half-barrier shall extend to a point within 1 foot from the centre of the carriageway and shall be not less than 10 feet from the further edge of the carriageway both distances measured horizontally. The half-barriers shall when lowered be as near as is reasonably practicable to the horizontal and their undersides shall be not less than 2ft. 9ins. and not more than 3ft. 3ins. above the road at the centre of the carriageway.

(5) The half-barriers shall display on both the front and the back faces red and white stripes of reflecting material 2 feet wide commencing with red at the tip.

(6) When raised, the half-barriers shall be inclined towards the carriageway at an angle of between 5 and 10 degrees from the vertical. No part of any half-barrier or of its attachments which is less than 16ft. 7ins. above the level of the carriageway shall be horizontally displaced from the carriageway by less than 1ft. 6ins.

(7) A fence shall be provided where necessary at each pivot post for the purpose of guarding the public from the operating mechanism and the moving parts of each half-barrier.

(8) Two electric lamps, of not less than 6 watts each and showing a red light in both directions along the carriageway shall be fitted to each half-barrier, one within 6 inches of the tip and the other near the centre.