

BRITISH TRANSPORT DOCKS BOARD

BRITISH TRANSPORT DOCKS (SOUTH WALES PORTS) (REGULATION OF VEHICLES) BYELAWS 1982

The British Transport Docks Board (hereinafter referred to as “the Board” in exercise of the powers contained in Section 52 of the British Transport Docks Act 1964 and all other powers them enabling hereby make the following byelaws:-

1. CITATION AND COMMENCEMENT

These Byelaws which may be cited as the British Transport Docks (South Wales Ports) (Regulations of Vehicles) Byelaws 1982 shall come into operation on the expiration of twenty-eight days after their confirmation by the Secretary of State for Transport and shall apply throughout the Board’s South Wales Ports.

2. INTERPRETATION

(a) In these byelaws -

“the docks” means any one of the South Wales Ports and includes all docks, dry docks, graving docks, dock feeders, reservoirs, ponds, slipways, locks or entrances, cuts, canals, approaches, gates and all works and things and land forming part of that undertaking;

(b) “dock road” means any road, pier, wharf, quay, bridge, approach, work or land which is situated within the docks (not being a road as defined by section 196 of the Road Traffic Act 1972);

(c) “dock-use only vehicle” means a vehicle which is used exclusively within the docks and in respect of which no duty is chargeable under the Vehicles (Excise) Act 1971 by reason that the vehicle is used exclusively on roads which are not public roads within the meaning of that Act;

- (d) “South Wales Ports” means Barry, Cardiff, Newport, Swansea and Port Talbot Docks as defined in the Schedule to these byelaws;
- (e) “traffic sign” means any line, mark (on a road) object or device (whether fixed or portable) of the size, colour and type specified in regulations made under section 54 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1967 for conveying to traffic on roads within the meaning of that Act warnings, information, requirements, restrictions or prohibitions of any description so specified and erected in conformity with the general directions given under section 55(1) of that Act;
- (f) “vehicle” means and includes every kind of vehicle and every means of conveyance on wheels other than a handbarrow or trolley however propelled or drawn for carrying any person or thing.

3. SAFETY OF LOADS ON VEHICLES

Any person bringing or causing to be brought or allowing to remain within the docks any vehicle shall ensure that any load carried by such vehicle within the docks shall at all times be so secured and in such a position that danger is not likely to be caused to any person by reason of the load or any part thereof falling from the vehicle or by reason of any other movement of the load or any part thereof in relation to the vehicle.

4. CONDITION OF DOCK-USE ONLY VEHICLES

No person shall bring or cause to be brought or allow to remain within the docks any vehicle which is a dock-use only vehicle unless there is in force in relation to that vehicle a licence signed by the Board or their duly authorised officer permitting the said vehicle to be used within the docks, such licence to be refused or withdrawn only if such dock-use only vehicle is not in a safe condition.

5. LIGHTING OF VEHICLES DURING HOURS OF DARKNESS AND PERIOD OF RESTRICTED VISIBILITY.

Except with the permission of the Docks Manager or his duly authorised deputies or assistants, the driver or person in charge of any vehicle shall cause to be exhibited on such vehicle whilst it is within the docks during hours of darkness or period of restricted visibility:

- (a) two lamps each showing to the front a white light visible from a reasonable distance; and
- (b) two lamps each showing to the rear a red light visible from a reasonable distance;

and shall cause such lamps to be kept properly lighted.

Provided that: -

- (i) In the case of a bicycle not having a sidecar attached thereto whether propelled by mechanical power or not or of a tricycle not propelled by mechanical power or of an invalid carriage, only a single lamp showing a white light to the front instead of two such lamps need be carried.
- (ii) In the case of a bicycle or tricycle not propelled by mechanical power or of a bicycle propelled by mechanical power and not having a sidecar attached thereto only a single lamp showing a red light to the rear instead of two such lamps need be carried.

For the purposes of this byelaw “hours of darkness” shall mean the time between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise throughout the whole of the year.

6. MINIMUM AGE FOR DRIVING DOCK-USE ONLY VEHICLES

No person shall drive dock-use only vehicle unless he has attained the minimum age as laid down in the Road Traffic Act 1972 which would apply in relation to driving that vehicle if it were driven on a road as defined by section 196 of that Act.

7. DUTY TO COMPLY WITH TRAFFIC SIGNS

It shall be the duty of all drivers and persons in charge of vehicles within the docks to comply with the requirements, restrictions or prohibitions indicated by such traffic signs as are erected on any dock road within the dock estate where those indications:-

- (a) require vehicles to proceed in a specified direction;
- (b) prohibit vehicles from proceeding in a specified direction;
- (c) prohibit or restrict the waiting of vehicles;
- (d) prohibit cycling; or
- (e) prohibit the driving of vehicles or classes of vehicles on roads or parts of roads.

8. PERSONS OBSTRUCTING TRAFFIC, IMPEDING ANY OFFICER OF THE BOARD AND LOITERING

- (i) No persons shall enter the docks other than by an authorised entrance, or leave them otherwise than by an authorised exit, or cause any obstruction to traffic, or intentionally obstruct or impede any authorised officer or servant of the Board in the performance of his duty.
- (ii) Every person on the docks shall, whenever required so to do by any authorised officer, give a satisfactory account of himself and his business thereon.
- (iii) No person without lawful business on the docks shall remain thereon if he has been asked to leave by an authorised officer.

9. VEHICLES NOT TO CAUSE OBSTRUCTION OR TO REMAIN WITHIN DOCKS LONGER THAN NECESSARY

- (i) No person shall park or leave any vehicle

in such a place or in such a manner as to cause an obstruction or in any way interrupt the business activities carried on within the docks.

- (ii) No person shall leave a vehicle within the docks longer than is necessary to enable him to complete the business in which he is engaged with the Board or with lessees and tenants of the Board.

10. PENALTIES

Any person who without reasonable cause contravenes these byelaws shall be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a penalty not exceeding £200.

“Barry Docks” means the harbour and dock undertaking of the Board situated at Barry in the county of South Glamorgan and includes No 1 Dock, No 2 Dock and No 3 Dock Basin.

“Cardiff Docks” means the harbour and dock undertaking of the Board situated at Cardiff in the county of South Glamorgan and includes Bute East Dock, Queen Alexandra Dock, Oil Dock, Roath Dock, Roath Basin and the Board’s premises on the North Bank of the River Ely within the Ely Tidal Harbour.

“Newport Docks” means the dock undertaking of the Board at Newport in the county of Gwen and includes North Dock and South Dock.

“Port Talbot Docks” means the harbour and dock undertaking of the Board situated at Port Talbot in the county of West Glamorgan and includes Port Talbot Harbour in the county of West Glamorgan and includes Port Talbot Harbour as defined in section 3 of the British Transport Docks Act 1964 and the extension of the undertaking provided for by section 28 of that Act.

“Swansea Dock” means the harbour and dock undertaking of the Board situated at Swansea in the county of West Glamorgan and includes Prince of Wales Dock, King’s Dock and Queen’s Dock.

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