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ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1956.

*At the Executive Council Chamber, Melbourne, the
second day of October, 1956.*

PRESENT:

His Excellency the Governor of Victoria.	
Mr. Chandler	Sir Thomas Maltby
Mr. Cameron	Mr. Reid
Mr. McArthur	Mr. Fraser.

ROAD TRAFFIC (SPEED LIMIT) REGULATIONS 1956.

IN pursuance of the powers conferred by the *Road Traffic Act 1956* and all other powers him thereunto enabling, His Excellency the Governor of the State of Victoria in the Commonwealth of Australia by and with the advice of the Executive Council of the said State doth hereby make the Regulations following (that is to say):—

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Road Traffic (Speed Limit) Regulations 1956 and shall come into operation on the eighth day of October, 1956.

2. In these Regulations unless inconsistent with the context or subject-matter—

“De-restricted zone” means any length of highway defined for oncoming traffic by means of a de-restriction sign at the beginning and a restriction sign at the end;

“De-restriction sign” means a sign which is erected on a highway so as to face oncoming traffic and so as to be clearly visible to such traffic and which consists of a disc having a white background with a diagonal black bar. A diagram of this sign is marked “A” in the Schedule to these Regulations;

"40 mile per hour zone" means any length of highway defined for oncoming traffic by means of a restriction sign bearing the numerals "40" at the beginning and a restriction sign bearing the numerals "30" or by a de-restriction sign at the end.

"Highway" includes any street or road;

"Restriction sign" means a sign which is erected on a highway so as to face oncoming traffic and so as to be clearly visible to such traffic and which consists of a disc having a black border and a yellow background with "30" or "40" in black numerals. Diagrams of these signs are marked "B" and "C" respectively in the Schedule to these Regulations;

"30 mile per hour zone" means—

(a) any length of highway which is not a 40 mile per hour zone or a de-restricted zone and on which there is provision for lighting by means of street lighting; or

(b) any length of highway defined for oncoming traffic by means of a restriction sign bearing the numerals "30" at the beginning and by a restriction sign bearing the numerals "40" or by a de-restriction sign at the end.

3. (1) No person shall drive a vehicle for any distance at a speed exceeding—

(a) 30 miles per hour in a 30 mile per hour zone;

(b) 40 miles per hour in a 40 mile per hour zone;

(c) 50 miles per hour on any other length of highway.

(2) A driver shall not be guilty of a contravention of paragraph (c) of sub-regulation (1) of this Regulation if he proves to the satisfaction of the Court that the speed at which he drove the vehicle was not dangerous having regard to all the circumstances.

(3) Nothing in this Regulation shall be construed to justify the driver of a vehicle driving at a speed on any highway which—

(a) may be regarded as driving recklessly or negligently or at a speed or in a manner which is dangerous to the public having regard to all the circumstances; or

(b) exceeds any maximum speed applicable to the vehicle and fixed by or under any Act or Regulation.

(4) The foregoing provisions of this Regulation shall not apply to the driver of—

(a) any vehicle conveying members of the Police Force upon urgent police duty;

(b) any vehicle of a fire brigade proceeding to any fire or fire alarm;

(c) any ambulance answering an urgent call or proceeding to a hospital with any injured or sick person.

4. No person shall erect interfere with or take down or cause to be erected interfered with or taken down any sign referred to in these Regulations without the written permission of the Traffic Commission. But nothing in this Regulation shall apply to the erection of any signs *in situ* at the commencement of these Regulations.

5. In any proceedings for an offence against these Regulations proof of the existence of a sign shall be *prima facie* evidence that the sign was lawfully erected.

6. Any person who contravenes any provision of these Regulations shall be liable for a first offence to a penalty of not more than Twenty-five pounds and for any subsequent offence to a penalty of not more than Fifty pounds.

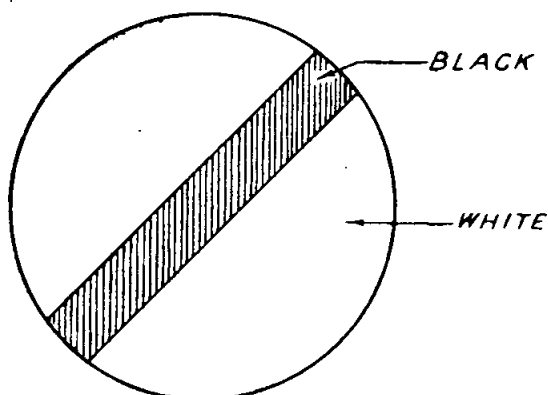
7. The Motor Car Regulations 1952 as amended by the Motor Car Regulations 1954 and continued in force by sub-section (5) of section four of the *Road Traffic Act* 1956 are hereby amended as follows:—

(a) In sub-regulation (1) of Regulation 4 the interpretations of "De-restriction sign" and "Restriction sign" shall be revoked;

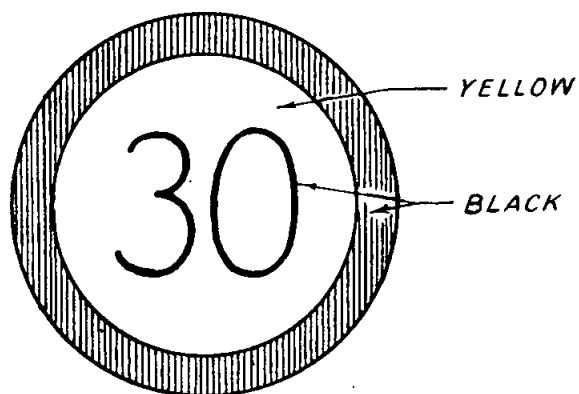
(b) Regulations 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 192A and 192B shall be revoked;

(c) The Forty-sixth Schedule shall be revoked.

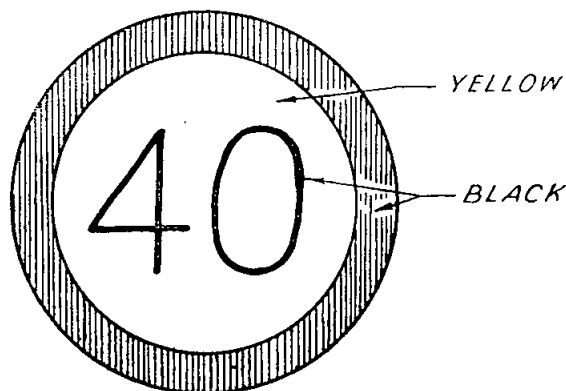
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**DE-RESTRICTION SIGN
DIAGRAM "A"**



**RESTRICTION SIGN
DIAGRAM "B"**



**RESTRICTION SIGN
DIAGRAM "C"**

And the Honorable Arthur Gordon Rylah, Her Majesty's Chief Secretary for the State of Victoria, shall give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

A. MAHLSTEDT,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

