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MOTOR VEHICLES AND ROAD TRAFFIC (TRAFFIC  
SIGNS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2015

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The Administrator makes these Regulations in exercise of the power in section 3 of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Consolidation) Ordinance 2006(a)

**Citation**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Traffic Signs) (Amendment) Regulations 2015.

**Commencement**

2. These Regulations come into force on 6 April 2015.

**Regulation 11 of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Traffic Signs) Regulations 2012 (exceptions for emergency vehicles) amended**

3. For regulation 11(1) of the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Traffic Signs) Regulations 2012(b), substitute—

“11.—(1) In this regulation, “emergency vehicle” means a motor vehicle that is being used, in the course of official duties, to respond to an emergency and is—

- (a) an ambulance;
- (b) a vehicle owned or operated by—
  - (i) the police;
  - (ii) the Fire Service(c);
  - (iii) the Crown in right of Her Majesty’s Government of the United Kingdom;
  - (iv) the Republic of Cyprus, where the vehicle is defined as an emergency vehicle in the corresponding Republican Regulations.”.

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Dated this 27 day of March 2015

By the Administrator’s Command,  
P. Rushbrook,  
Deputy Administrator,  
Sovereign Base Areas.

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(a) Ordinance 5/2006 as amended by Ordinances 29/2006, 13/2007, 24/2008, 26/2009, 4/2010 and 32/2012. Ordinance 32/2012 substitutes a new section 3.  
(b) P.I. 12/2012.  
(c) The definition of “Fire Service” was inserted into Ordinance 5/2006 by Ordinance 4/2010 and includes the Fire Service of the Republic.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

1. This explanatory note relates to the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Traffic Signs) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 (the “Regulations”). It has been prepared by the Office of the Attorney-General and Legal Adviser in order to assist the reader of the Regulations. This note should be read in conjunction with the Regulations. It is not, and is not meant to be, a comprehensive description of the Regulations.
2. The Regulations amend the Motor Vehicles and Road Traffic (Traffic Signs) Regulations 2012 (the “principal Regulations”). Under regulation 3 of the principal Regulations, a driver of a motor vehicle must comply with any traffic signs shown in Schedule 1 to the principal Regulations that are placed on public roads. Regulation 11 of the principal Regulations creates an exception to this requirement for emergency vehicles.
3. The definition of “emergency vehicle” in regulation 11 of the principal Regulations is amended to include Crown vehicles and to make clear that non-compliance with a traffic sign under the principal Regulations is only permitted where the driver of an emergency vehicle is responding to an emergency in the course of official duties.
4. A person who fails to comply with a traffic sign on a public road commits an offence under regulation 3(6) of the principal Regulations and is liable, on conviction, to a term of imprisonment of up to 12 months, a fine not exceeding €1,706 or to both penalties.

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