

NEW HEBRIDES CONDOMINIUM

LEGISLATION OFFICE

E R R A T U M

Joint Regulation N°. 21 of 1976, English text, Page 3, schedule 2 :  
CONDUCT OF PEDESTRIANS AND DRIVERS

Between paragraphs 6. and 7. the following subparagraphs must be inserted :

6. The driver of a vehicle .....
  - (a) prevented from continuing by circumstances beyond his control, or
  - (b) obliged to stop in order to avoid an accident.
7. The area within a distance of 10 metres .....

PORT-VILA, September 22nd, 1976

TO PROVIDE for the installation of pedestrian crossings in urban areas.

MADE by the Resident Commissioners under the provisions of Articles 2:2, 7 and 62 of the Anglo-French Protocol of 1914.

Creation of pedestrian crossings

1. The Mayor of any Municipality may, if in the view of the Municipal Council it is desirable so to do, order the installation on any of the roads within the area of that Municipality of crossings giving pedestrians priority over road traffic, which said crossings are hereinafter called pedestrian crossings.

Consultation with Commandants of Police

2. Before the site of any pedestrian crossing is finally determined the Mayor

(i) shall seek the views of the Commandants of Police as to whether the installation of a pedestrian crossing in the position proposed by the Council would result in a traffic hazard ; and

(ii) unless the Resident Commissioners otherwise direct him, shall not order the installation of a pedestrian crossing at any place where the Commandants of Police consider it would cause a traffic hazard.

Marking of pedestrian crossings on roadway

3. A pedestrian crossing shall be defined and marked on the roadway in accordance with the provisions of Part I of the Schedule hereto.

Offences

4. (1) Any person who fails to comply with any of the provisions of Part II of the Schedule shall commit an offence punishable by a fine not exceeding 5,000 FNH or its equivalent in Australian dollars at the official rate of exchange.

(2) It shall not be a defence in the case of any prosecution for an offence against subsection (1) that the markings prescribed in paragraphs (1) to (4) of Part I of the Schedule have become worn or obliterated.

Citation and commencement 5. This Regulation may be cited as the Pedestrian Crossings Regulation N°. 21 of 1976 and shall come into operation on the date of its publication in the Condominium Gazette.

MADE at Vila this Fourth day of August, 1976.

The Chancellor - for  
The Resident Commissioner  
for the French Republic  
in his absence

Her Britannic Majesty's  
Resident Commissioner

F. DOYEN

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SCHEDULE

PART I - FORM AND MARKING OF PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS

1. (1) A pedestrian crossing ( hereinafter referred . to as a " crossing ") shall consist of a length of carriageway approximately 3 metres long measured along the centreline of the carriageway. This length of carriageway shall be divided into bands parallel to the centreline, each band approximately 50 centimetres wide, across the full width of the carriageway. Alternate bands shall be painted white.

(2) The limits of the crossing shall be the two edges of the carriageway, and the 2 theoretical straight lines approximately 3 metres apart, collinear with the ends of the white bands.

(3) The preceding provisions of this paragraph shall be regarded as having been complied with in the case of any crossing which for the most part complies with those provisions notwithstanding that those provisions may not be complied with as respects one or more bands, so long as the general appearance of the pattern of bands is not thereby materially impaired.

2. Either side of the crossing a double white line may be painted along the road centreline for a distance of approximately 10 metres, indicating that overtaking is prohibited within the distance so marked. The double white lines shall be 15 centimetres wide and 15 centimetres apart.

3. A crossing approach warning line shall be marked on the carriageway at a distance of 10 metres before the crossing when viewed by approaching traffic. This line shall consist of a broken white line 15 centimetres in width painted across the approach lane of the carriageway, parallel to the crossing.

4. The prohibited parking area 20 metres either side of the crossing shall be indicated by a single or double yellow line adjacent to and parallel to the edge of the carriageway for the required distance.

5. Traffic signs in accordance with figure A 13 b of Schedule G of the Joint Traffic Regulation N°. 4 of 1962 shall be erected in such a prominent position as to give adequate warning to drivers approaching the crossing. Where practicable such signs shall be placed 20 metres away from the crossing on the right hand side.

6. If the crossing is not on a road that is illuminated at night, sufficient lighting should be provided to enable pedestrians on the crossing to be clearly visible.

PART II - CONDUCT OF PEDESTRIANS AND DRIVERS

1. For the purposes of this Schedule the expression " vehicle " shall include a pedal bicycle or motorised bicycle.

2. Every person crossing a roadway on foot within the limits of a crossing shall have precedence of right of way over all approaching vehicles.

3. No pedestrian shall remain on a crossing longer than is necessary to cross the road at a normal pace.

4. Any person starting to cross a crossing in front of an approaching vehicle without giving sufficient forewarning to the driver to enable him to pull up safely, shall be guilty of an offence.

5. All drivers shall stop their vehicles before the limits of the crossing if : -

- (a) a pedestrian is on the crossing ; or
- (b) a pedestrian has given indication of his intention to cross; or
- (c) other vehicles from either direction have already stopped, or obviously intend to stop, at the crossing.

6. The driver of a vehicle shall not cause the vehicle or any part thereof to stop within the limits of a crossing unless he is :-

7. The area within a distance of 10 metres either side of a crossing shall be a prohibited parking area, and the driver of any vehicle parking within this area shall be liable to the penalties prescribed in section 4(1) of this Regulation.

8. Overtaking shall be prohibited for such distance on both sides of a crossing as may be indicated by the double white lines painted along the centreline of the roadway.

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