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The amendments have been made to:

- (a) allow for the introduction of red light – speed cameras (to be known as traffic lights detection devices), including their approval and testing requirements, and
- (b) explain the meanings of codes used on images produced by camera detection devices including traffic lights detection devices.

Part 1 - Preliminary

1. These regulation amendments will commence on the day they are notified in the Gazette.

**Part 2 - Amendment of the Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management)
Regulations 2000**

2. Two new definitions are included in Regulation 102 to provide for the use of various makes of traffic lights camera detection device and piezo strip speed measuring device.
3. The amendments to Regulation 103 provide the approval of:
 - traffic lights camera detection devices as approved camera detection devices, and
 - piezo strip speed measuring devices as approved speed measuring devices.

4. Regulation 104 is amended to require that the piezo strip speed measuring device must be tested once in every 12 months to find out if the device is operating in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications, and is accurate within a tolerance of plus or minus 2 km/h.
5. Regulation 107 is amended to clarify that police officers are not approved as operators of traffic lights camera detection devices. These devices operate automatically from fixed positions and do not need to be operated by a person.
6. Regulation 108 is repealed and replaced with an expanded list, and descriptions, of the codes that may appear on an image produced by a camera detection device (including a traffic lights camera detection device). The codes that may be indicated on an image are those for:
 - the speed measuring device component of the camera detection device;
 - the location, date and time of the offence;
 - the direction of travel;
 - the time the red light was showing before the driver entered the intersection;
 - the speed limit and the speed travelled;
 - the operator of the device; and
 - the WORM disk.
7. New 'Part 2 Traffic Lights Camera Detection Devices' is added to Schedule 1 providing a list of the location codes that may appear on an image produced by a traffic lights camera detection device. The physical locations are given with the codes.

**Part 3 – Modification of Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management)
Act 1999**

8. Part 10 of the *Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Act 1999* is modified by inserting a new Section 49A. Part 10 was previously modified by regulation 7 of the Road Transport Legislation Regulations Subordinate Law 2000 No 33. The amendment is to better describe that the device referred to on an image produced by a camera detection device is referring to the speed measuring device component of the device. The section will expire on 1 June 2001.

The power to make these regulations is as follows:

- (a) for Section 49A of the *Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Act 1999*, the power is found in Sections 46 and 47 of the same Act.
- (b) for the balance of the regulations above the power is found in Section 24 of the *Road Transport (Safety and Traffic Management) Act 1999*.