

**Reprint  
as at 20 May 1955**



**Gates and Cattlestops Order 1955**  
(SR 1955/67)

Pursuant to subsection (4) of section 11 of the Public Works Amendment Act 1935, as set out in section 16 of the Public Works Amendment Act 1952, the Minister of Works hereby makes the following order.

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**Order**

- 1**  
This order may be cited as the Gates and Cattlestops Order 1955.
- 2**  
For the purposes of the said subsection (4) of section 11 of the Public Works Amendment Act 1935, the specifications for

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**Note**

Changes authorised by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 have been made in this reprint.

A general outline of these changes is set out in the notes at the end of this reprint, together with other explanatory material about this reprint.

**This order is administered by Land Information New Zealand.**

gates and cattlestops across public roads shall be those prescribed in the Schedule.

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## Schedule Specifications

- 1 In these specifications—  
**cattlestop** means a device set in the formed portion of a public road consisting primarily of a number of rails or bars fixed horizontally over a pit in such a manner as to allow wheeled traffic to pass but as to form a barrier for livestock  
**gate** means a swing gate constructed in conjunction with a cattlestop to provide access for livestock.
- 2 Cattlestops and gates shall be constructed of reasonably permanent material having regard to the circumstances applicable and shall be designed in accordance with sound engineering principles.
- 3 Every cattlestop shall be capable of supporting with the wheels in any possible position not less than one and a quarter times the maximum axle weight specified by the Heavy Motor Vehicle Regulations 1950 for the class of road on which the cattlestop is to be constructed:  
provided that if the road is classified lower than class 3 the road shall be deemed to be class 3:  
provided further that the aforesaid axle weight shall be considered as being distributed over not more than 2 transverse rails or bars.
- 4 The minimum width of any cattlestop which is available for traffic shall be 10 feet, but either the cattlestop or the gate alongside shall afford a width available for traffic of at least 12 feet.
- 5 The minimum length of the pit of any cattlestop measured along the centre line of the road shall be 7 feet.
- 6 The depth from the top of the rails or bars of any cattlestop to the bottom of the pit shall be not less than 1 foot 6 inches.

- 7 The rails or bars of every cattlestop shall be securely fastened to prevent movement under traffic, and shall be at right angles to the general direction of travel of traffic.
- 8 Openings adjacent to the running surface between rectangular bars or railway rails of any cattlestop shall be not less than 4½ inches nor more than 6 inches. Spacing of pipes or chamfered rails of any cattlestop shall be not less than 6 inches nor more than 7 inches centre to centre.
- 9 The thickness of any earth retaining wall around the pit of any cattlestop, and of any wall supporting rails or bars of any cattlestop, shall be not less than 6 inches.
- 10 Cattlestops shall have side fences effective to prevent the passage of livestock extending their full length.
- 11 A cattlestop shall be located so that it is clearly visible for a distance of at least 5 chains on both approaches.
- 12 The top of the part of any cattlestop carrying traffic shall be so built that it forms a continuation of the surface of the adjacent road.
- 13 At least 1 gate not less than 10 feet wide, of adequate design and construction with adequate hinges and fastenings, shall be constructed in conjunction with every cattlestop. No gate shall have timber members of less than the following widths and thicknesses:

|           | <b>New Zealand timber</b> | <b>Australian hardwood</b> |
|-----------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Rails     | 4 inches x 1½ inches      | 3½ inches × 1 inch         |
| Stiles    | 4 inches x 1 inch double  | 3 inches × 1 inch double   |
| Diagonals | 4 inches x 1 inch double  | 3 inches × 1 inch double   |
14. All members of gates shall be securely bolted together with metal bolts of not less than ½ inch diameter.

Dated at Wellington this 9th day of May 1955.

W S Goosman,  
Minister of Works.



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**Notes****1 *General***

This is a reprint of the Gates and Cattlestops Order 1955. The reprint incorporates all the amendments to the order as at 20 May 1955, as specified in the list of amendments at the end of these notes.

Relevant provisions of any amending enactments that contain transitional, savings, or application provisions that cannot be compiled in the reprint are also included, after the principal enactment, in chronological order. For more information, see <http://www.pco.parliament.govt.nz/reprints/>.

**2 *Status of reprints***

Under section 16D of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989, reprints are presumed to correctly state, as at the date of the reprint, the law enacted by the principal enactment and by the amendments to that enactment. This presumption applies even though editorial changes authorised by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 have been made in the reprint.

This presumption may be rebutted by producing the official volumes of statutes or statutory regulations in which the principal enactment and its amendments are contained.

**3 *How reprints are prepared***

A number of editorial conventions are followed in the preparation of reprints. For example, the enacting words are not included in Acts, and provisions that are repealed or revoked

are omitted. For a detailed list of the editorial conventions, see <http://www.pco.parliament.govt.nz/editorial-conventions/> or Part 8 of the *Tables of New Zealand Acts and Ordinances and Statutory Regulations and Deemed Regulations in Force*.

#### **4 Changes made under section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989**

Section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 authorises the making of editorial changes in a reprint as set out in sections 17D and 17E of that Act so that, to the extent permitted, the format and style of the reprinted enactment is consistent with current legislative drafting practice. Changes that would alter the effect of the legislation are not permitted. A new format of legislation was introduced on 1 January 2000. Changes to legislative drafting style have also been made since 1997, and are ongoing. To the extent permitted by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989, all legislation reprinted after 1 January 2000 is in the new format for legislation and reflects current drafting practice at the time of the reprint.

In outline, the editorial changes made in reprints under the authority of section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 are set out below, and they have been applied, where relevant, in the preparation of this reprint:

- omission of unnecessary referential words (such as “of this section” and “of this Act”)
- typeface and type size (Times Roman, generally in 11.5 point)
- layout of provisions, including:
  - indentation
  - position of section headings (eg, the number and heading now appear above the section)
- format of definitions (eg, the defined term now appears in bold type, without quotation marks)
- format of dates (eg, a date formerly expressed as “the 1st day of January 1999” is now expressed as “1 January 1999”)

- position of the date of assent (it now appears on the front page of each Act)
- punctuation (eg, colons are not used after definitions)
- Parts numbered with roman numerals are replaced with arabic numerals, and all cross-references are changed accordingly
- case and appearance of letters and words, including:
  - format of headings (eg, headings where each word formerly appeared with an initial capital letter followed by small capital letters are amended so that the heading appears in bold, with only the first word (and any proper nouns) appearing with an initial capital letter)
  - small capital letters in section and subsection references are now capital letters
- schedules are renumbered (eg, Schedule 1 replaces First Schedule), and all cross-references are changed accordingly
- running heads (the information that appears at the top of each page)
- format of two-column schedules of consequential amendments, and schedules of repeals (eg, they are rearranged into alphabetical order, rather than chronological).

**5** *List of amendments incorporated in this reprint  
(most recent first)*

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