

SECOND SUPPLEMENT TO THE GIBRALTAR GAZETTE

No. 5344 GIBRALTAR Thursday 17th September 2026

LEGAL NOTICE NO. 337 OF 2026

TRANSPORT ACT 1998

TAXIS (CITY SERVICE, CRUISE TERMINAL AND AIRPORT SERVICE) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2026

In exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 17 and 69 of the Transport Act 1998, and all other enabling powers, the Minister has made these Regulations-

Title.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Taxis (City Service, Cruise Terminal and Airport Service) (Amendment) Regulations 2026.

Commencement.

2. These Regulations come into operation on the date of publication.

Amendment to the Taxis (City Service, Cruise Terminal and Airport Service) Regulations 1999.

3.(1) The Taxis (City Service, Cruise Terminal and Airport Service) Regulations 1999 are amended in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations.

(2) In regulation 2-

(a) after the definition of “airport service” insert-

““city service line” means the line designated for city service at Casemates Square as demarcated in Schedule 4”;

(b) after the definition of “Shore excursion Agent” insert-

““Upper Rock Tour” means a taxi tour of the Upper Rock Nature Reserve;

“Upper Rock Tour line” means the line designated for Upper Rock Tours at Casemates Square as demarcated in Schedule 4;

“Upper Rock Tour service” means a taxi service for the conveyance of passengers on an Upper Rock Tour;”.

(3) After regulation 5A insert-

“Casemates Square taxi rank: two-line system.

5B.(1) The taxi rank at Casemates Square shall consist of two designated lines—

- (a) the Upper Rock Tour line; and
- (b) the city service line,

each as demarcated by traffic signs and as described in Schedule 4.

- (2) A taxi stationed at the Upper Rock Tour line may only accept fares for Upper Rock Tours.
- (3) A taxi stationed at the city service line may only accept fares for city service journeys.
- (4) No taxi stationed at the Upper Rock Tour line shall provide services for city service journeys unless directed to do so by the Commission under sub regulation (8).
- (5) No taxi stationed at the city service line shall provide services for Upper Rock Tours unless directed to do so by the Commission under subregulation (8).

Offence of toutting at the two-line rank.

- 5C.(1) A driver of a taxi stationed at the Upper Rock Tour line who solicits, touts for, or accepts a fare for a city service journey commits an offence.
- (2) A driver of a taxi stationed at the city service line who solicits, touts for, or accepts a fare for an Upper Rock Tour commits an offence.
- (3) A person guilty of an offence under subregulation (1) or (2) is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.
- (4) Where a person is alleged to have committed an offence under this regulation, a fixed penalty notice may be served on that person in accordance with subregulations (5) to (7).
- (5) The fixed penalty payable shall be £1,000.
- (6) Where a person is served with a fixed penalty notice, the Commission may in addition, by written notice, apply restricting conditions to the offending Road Service Licence and/or the PSV licence of the offender for such period as the Commission considers appropriate, not exceeding 6 months.
- (7) Payment of a fixed penalty shall discharge any liability to conviction for the offence to which the fixed penalty notice relates.

Allocation and management of lines.

- 5D.(1) The Commission shall manage the allocation of taxis between the Upper Rock Tour line and the city service line and shall ensure that a sufficient number of taxis is stationed at each line to meet demand.
- (2) The Commission may, by direction given to the driver of a taxi, require a taxi stationed at one line to move to the other line where the Commission is satisfied that it is necessary to do so in order to maintain an adequate level of service.
- (3) A driver who fails to comply with a direction given under subregulation (2) without reasonable excuse commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 2 on the standard scale.
- (4) The Commission shall have regard to—
- (a) the time of day and the likely pattern of demand for each type of service;
 - (b) the number of taxis available for service at the rank; and
 - (c) any relevant data obtained from GPS monitoring under regulation 2C,
- in exercising its functions under this regulation.
- (5) A Transport Inspector may, at any time during his or her shift, roster or instruct up to 5 City Service vehicles to attend and service the city service line.
- (6) A driver who fails to attend the city service line within 20 minutes of being instructed to do so under subregulation (5) without reasonable excuse commits an offence.
- (7) Where a person is alleged to have committed an offence under subregulation (6), a fixed penalty notice may be served on that person, and the fixed penalty payable shall be—
- (a) £300 in respect of a first offence;
 - (b) £600 in respect of a second offence committed within 12 months of a previous offence under this regulation;
 - (c) £1,000 in respect of a third or subsequent offence committed within 12 months of a previous offence under this regulation.
- (8) Payment of a fixed penalty shall discharge any liability to conviction for the offence to which the fixed penalty notice relates.

Offence of conducting unauthorised tour on city service.

5E.(1) A driver of a taxi operating under a city service who, whilst purportedly carrying a city service fare, provides what is in substance a tour commits an offence.

(2) A person guilty of an offence under subregulation (1) is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale.

(3) A fixed penalty notice may be served on a person alleged to have committed an offence under this regulation.

(4) The fixed penalty payable shall be—

(a) £300 in respect of a first offence;

(b) £600 in respect of a second offence committed within 12 months of a previous offence under this regulation;

(c) £1,000 in respect of a third or subsequent offence committed within 12 months of a previous offence under this regulation.

(5) Payment of a fixed penalty shall discharge any liability to conviction for the offence to which the fixed penalty notice relates.”

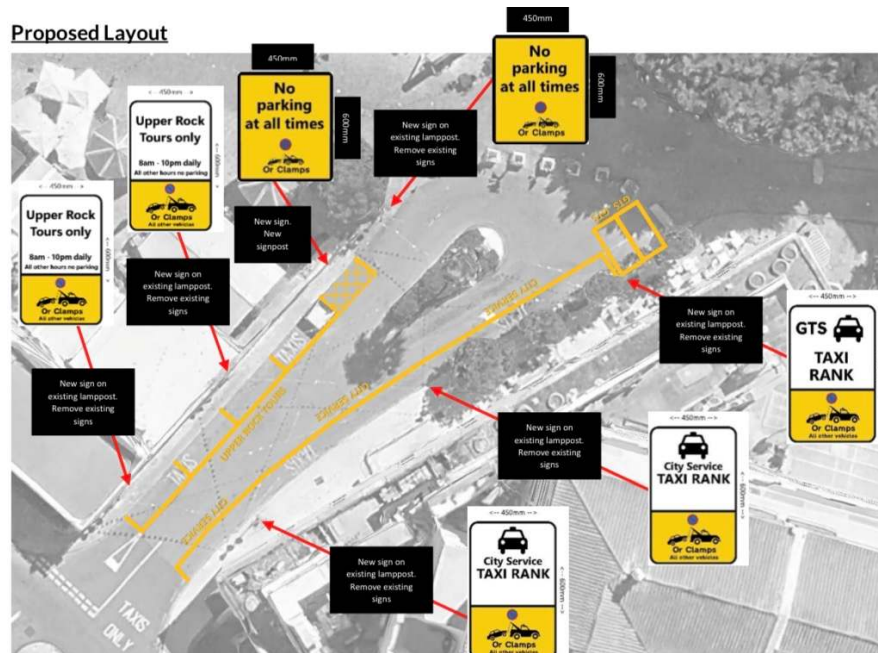
(4) After Schedule 3 insert-

“SCHEDULE 4

Regulation 5B

DEMARCATIION OF TAXI LINES AT CASEMATES SQUARE

1. The two lines shall be separated by a clearly visible demarcation sign bearing the words “UPPER ROCK TOURS” on the northern side and “CITY SERVICE” on the southern side, together with a painted ground marking.
2. Signage shall be erected at the head of each line indicating the type of service available from that line, clearly visible to members of the public.
3. The following diagram is indicative of the layout of the two-line system—



Dated: 17th September 2026.

PROF J CORTES,
Minister with responsibility for Transport.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

These Regulations amend the Taxis (City Service, Cruise Terminal and Airport Service) Regulations 1999 to establish a two-line taxi rank system at Casemates Square. The Upper Rock Tour line is designated for taxis accepting fares for Upper Rock Tours, and the city service line is designated for taxis accepting fares for city service journeys. The Regulations create an offence of touting or soliciting fares across lines, for which the fixed penalty is £1,000, and replace the power to suspend a Road Service Licence with a power for the Commission to apply restricting conditions to the offending Road Service Licence and/or the PSV licence of the offender for up to 6 months. The Regulations also create an offence where a driver of a taxi operating under a city service, whilst purportedly carrying a city service fare, provides what is in substance a tour. A Transport Inspector may, during his or her shift, roster or instruct up to 5 City Service vehicles to attend and service the city service line; failure to attend within 20 minutes without reasonable excuse is an offence, with fixed penalties of £300, £600 and £1,000 applying to a first offence, a second offence within 12 months and a third or subsequent offence within 12 months respectively. The Commission is empowered to manage the allocation of taxis between the two lines.