

SECOND SUPPLEMENT TO THE GIBRALTAR GAZETTE

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TRANSPORT ACT 1998

TAXIS (CITY SERVICE, CRUISE TERMINAL AND AIRPORT SERVICE) (AMENDMENT No.2) 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 No.2) 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 5B-

(a) after subregulation (1), insert—

“(1A) The two-line system established under subregulation (1) shall operate only during the designated hours.

(1B) Outside the designated hours, the taxi rank at Casemates Square shall operate as an ordinary taxi rank, and any taxi may ply for hire from the rank for any lawful purpose without restriction as to the type of service.

(1C) In this regulation, and in regulations 5C, 5D and 5E, “designated hours” means the period from 9:00am to 7:00pm on any day.”;

(b) in subregulation (2), after “A taxi stationed at the Upper Rock Tour line”, insert “during the designated hours”;

(c) in subregulation (3), after “A taxi stationed at the city service line”, insert “during the designated hours”;

- (d) in subregulation (4), after “No taxi stationed at the Upper Rock Tour line shall”, insert “during the designated hours,”;
 - (e) in subregulation (5), after “No taxi stationed at the city service line shall”, insert “during the designated hours,”.
- (3) In regulation 5C—
- (a) in subregulation (1), after “A driver of a taxi stationed at the Upper Rock Tour line who”, insert “during the designated hours,”;
 - (b) in subregulation (2), after “A driver of a taxi stationed at the city service line who”, insert “during the designated hours,”.
- (4) In regulation 5D—
- (a) in subregulation (1), after “The Commission shall”, insert “during the designated hours,”;
 - (b) in subregulation (5), after “A Transport Inspector may,”, insert “during the designated hours and”.
- (5) In Regulation 5E insert the following subregulation after subregulation (5)—
- “(6) This regulation applies at all times and is not limited to the designated hours.”.
- (6) In Schedule 4 insert the following after paragraph 3-
- “4. The demarcation signage and ground markings described in paragraphs 1 to 3 shall remain in place at all times but shall be operative only during the designated hours as defined in regulation 5B(1C). Outside those hours, the physical markings shall have no regulatory effect and the rank shall be treated as a single taxi rank.”.

Dated: 24th 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 restrict the operation of the two-line taxi system at Casemates Square to the hours of 9:00am to 7:00pm daily. This amendment is made to accommodate the early opening times of the Nature Reserve and to reduce unnecessary restriction outside peak tourist hours.

Outside those hours, Casemates Square will revert to operating as an ordinary taxi rank, with no distinction between Upper Rock Tour taxis and city service taxis. The offence of touting (regulation 5C) and the Commission's allocation powers (regulation 5D) are similarly confined to the designated hours. The offence of conducting an unauthorised tour whilst purportedly on city service (regulation 5E) is expressly preserved at all times, as the mischief it addresses — disguising tours as city fares — is not time-dependent.