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PART 1

NOTICES

A. The following Notices are published by order of the Commissioner:

None.

B. The following Notices are published by order of the Commissioner's Representative:

None.

PART 2
APPOINTMENTS

A. The Commissioner has made the following appointments:

None.

B. The Commissioner's Representative has made the following appointments:

None.

LEGAL SUPPLEMENT

A. The following laws have been enacted:

1. Ordinance No. 10 of 2025: The Road Traffic Ordinance 2022 (Amendment)
Ordinance 2025

B. The following Proclamations, Directions, Orders and other statutory instruments have been enacted:

None.

C. The following UK laws have been extended to the Territory:

1. S.I. No. 1092 of 2025: The Global Irregular Migration and Trafficking in Persons
Sanctions (Overseas Territories) Order 2025

LEGAL SUPPLEMENT



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THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE 2022 (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 2025

Ordinance No. 10 of 2025

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Enacted by the Commissioner for the British Indian Ocean Territory

10 November 2025

[SIGNED ON THE ORIGINAL]

Nishi Dholakia
Commissioner

THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE 2022 (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 2025

Ordinance No. 10 of 2025

An Ordinance to add provisions to the Road Traffic Ordinance 2022 to enable the detention of persons affected by alcohol or a drug, to prevent them from driving or attempting to drive until such time that they would not thereby be committing an offence.

Citation and commencement.

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Road Traffic Ordinance 2022 (Amendment) Ordinance 2025 and shall come into force forthwith.

Definition.

2. “The Principal Ordinance” means the Road Traffic Ordinance 2022.

Addition of section 34A to the Principal Ordinance.

3. The Principal Ordinance is hereby amended by adding the following section 34A between sections 34 and 35 –

“Detention of persons affected by alcohol or a drug.

34A. (1) Subject to subsections (2), (3) and (4) below, a person required under section 33 to provide a specimen of breath or urine may afterwards be detained at the police station (or, if the specimen was provided otherwise than at the police station, arrested and taken to and detained at the police station) if a Police Officer has reasonable grounds for believing that, were that person then driving or attempting to drive a mechanically propelled vehicle on a road, he would commit an offence under section 30 or 31 of this Ordinance.

(2) Subsection (1) above does not apply to the person if it ought reasonably to appear to the Police Officer that there is no likelihood of his driving or attempting to drive a mechanically propelled vehicle whilst—

(a) the person’s ability to drive properly is impaired, or

(b) the proportion of alcohol or a drug in the person’s breath or urine exceeds the prescribed limit.

(3) A person who is at a hospital as a patient shall not be arrested and taken from there to the police station in pursuance of this section if it would be prejudicial to his proper care and treatment as a patient.

(4) A Police Officer must consult a medical practitioner on any question arising under this section whether a person’s ability to drive properly is or might be impaired through drugs and must act on the medical practitioner’s advice.”

UK LAWS EXTENDED TO THE BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY

1. S.I. No. 1092 of 2025: [The Global Irregular Migration and Trafficking in Persons Sanctions \(Overseas Territories\) Order 2025](#)