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**GAZETTE SUPPLEMENT**

**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:
1. MAJOR JUSTIN CHARLES WILLIS RM to be Acting Commissioner's Representative in place of MAJOR PETER CHARLES GODDARD RM with effect 10 June 2026, under section 7 of the British Indian Ocean Territory (Constitution) Order 2004.
  2. MAJOR JUSTIN CHARLES WILLIS RM to be Magistrate in place of MAJOR PETER CHARLES GODDARD RM with effect 10 June 2026, under section 27(1) of the Courts Ordinance 1983.
  3. MAJOR JUSTIN CHARLES WILLIS RM to be a Fisheries Protection Officer in place of MAJOR PETER CHARLES GODDARD RM with effect 10 June 2026, under section 4(5)(a) of the Fisheries (Conservation and Management) Ordinance 2007.
- B. The Commissioner's Representative has made the following appointments:

None.

**LEGAL SUPPLEMENT**

- A. The following laws have been enacted:
1. Ordinance No. 01 of 2026: The Appropriation (2026-2027) Ordinance 2026
  2. Ordinance No. 02 of 2026: The Road Traffic Ordinance 2022 (Amendment) Ordinance 2026
- B. The following Proclamations, Directions, Orders and other statutory instruments have been enacted:
1. S.I. No 1 of 2026: The Prohibited Imports and Exports Control Order 2024 (Amendment) Order 2026
- C. The following UK laws have been extended to the Territory:

None.

# **LEGAL SUPPLEMENT**



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**THE APPROPRIATION (2026-2027)  
ORDINANCE 2026**

**Ordinance No. 01 of 2026**

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**BRITISH INDIAN OCEAN TERRITORY**  
**THE APPROPRIATION (2026-2027) ORDINANCE 2026**

**ORDINANCE No. 01 OF 2026**

**An ordinance to make provision for the expenditure of public funds between 1 April 2026 and 31 March 2027.**

**Enacted by the Commissioner for the British Indian Ocean Territory.**

[SIGNED ON THE ORIGINAL]

Nishi Dholakia

*Commissioner*

15 June 2026

**Short title and commencement.**

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Appropriation (2026-2027) Ordinance 2026 and shall come into force forthwith.

**Appropriation of £11,500,000.00 for the financial year 2026/2027**

2. The Commissioner may cause to be issued out of the public funds of the Territory and applied to the service of the financial year beginning on 1 April 2026 a sum not exceeding **£11,500,000.00** which sum is granted for, and shall be appropriated to the purposes of, and to defray the charges of, the several services specified in the schedule to this Ordinance that will come in the course of payment during that period of the financial year.

**SCHEDULE**

Summary of Expenditure

Administration	£8,500,000.00
Ile du Coin-Related Costs	£3,000,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£11,500,000.00</b>



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**THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE 2022  
(AMENDMENT)  
ORDINANCE 2026**

**Ordinance No. 2 of 2026**

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**THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE 2022**  
**(AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 2026**

**Ordinance No. 2 of 2026**

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Enacted by the Commissioner for the British Indian Ocean Territory

22 June 2026

[SIGNED ON THE ORIGINAL]

Nishi Dholakia  
Commissioner

# THE ROAD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE 2022 (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 2026

## Ordinance No. 2 of 2026

*An Ordinance to amend the Road Traffic Ordinance 2022 to enlarge the number of countries that are able to issue driving licences that are valid in the Territory, to provide an exemption for insurances purposes to those using vehicles owned or controlled by the Ministry of Defence; and for connected purposes.*

### **Citation and commencement.**

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the Road Traffic Ordinance 2022 (Amendment) Ordinance 2026 and shall come into force forthwith.

### **Definition.**

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

### **Amendment of section 4 of the Principal Ordinance.**

3. Section 4 of the Principal Ordinance is amended by replacing it with the following –

#### **“Driving licence required.**

4. (1) No person may drive a motor vehicle of any class or description at any place in the Territory unless he is the holder of a current driving licence, complying with subsection (4), which authorises him to drive a vehicle of that class or description.

(2) No person shall permit or employ any other person to drive a motor vehicle of any class or description at any place in the Territory unless that other person is the holder of a driving licence, complying with subsection (4), which authorises him to drive a vehicle of that class or description.

(3) Any person who contravenes subsection (1) or subsection (2) is guilty of an offence and is liable, on conviction, to a fine of £1,000.

(4) To comply with this subsection, a person must hold one of the following types of licence –

(a) a driving licence issued by a competent authority in the United Kingdom or the United States of America;

(b) an external driving permit;

(c) in respect only of the driving of vehicles in the Territory belonging to the Government of the United States of America, a driving licence issued by a competent authority of the armed forces of the United States of America.

(5) For the purposes of any proceedings for an offence under this section –

(a) a certificate signed by the Commanding Officer that a driving licence had or had not been issued by a competent authority in the United States of America by such a competent authority as is referred to in subsection (4)(c); or

(b) a certificate signed by the Administrator or by the Commissioner's Representative that a driving licence had or had not been issued as otherwise set out in subsection (4),

shall be conclusive of that matter.

(6) Any certificate purporting to be signed as mentioned in subsection (5) shall be received in evidence as such without proof of signature unless credible evidence to the contrary is adduced, and a facsimile or electronic copy of a certificate signed by the Administrator shall be received in evidence as if it were the original certificate.

(7) This section shall not authorise a person to drive a motor vehicle of any class if, in consequence of a conviction or of the order of a court, he is disqualified for holding or obtaining a driving licence under section 6.

(8) For the purposes of this section –

“external driving permit” means a document issued under the law of a country other than the United Kingdom or the United States to a person who has given proof of his competence to drive and authorising the holder to drive motor vehicles, or a specified class of motor vehicles, in that country, but does not include a document issued for the purpose of enabling the applicant to drive a motor vehicle with a view to passing a test of competence to drive.”

#### **Amendment of section 7(4) of the Principal Ordinance.**

4. Section 7(4) of the Principal Ordinance is amended by replacing it with the following

–  
“(4) This section does not apply to –

(a) the use, for the purposes of the Government of the United States of America, of a motor vehicle owned by that Government;

(b) the use of a vehicle owned or controlled by the Ministry of Defence –

(i) in a lifesaving emergency, or

(ii) where an authority to use exists and prior permission has been given in accordance with the policy and procedures set out in the JSP 800, Volume 5, as may from time to time be amended.”



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**THE PROHIBITED IMPORTS AND EXPORTS  
CONTROL ORDER 2024 (AMENDMENT)  
ORDER 2026**

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**THE PROHIBITED IMPORTS AND EXPORTS CONTROL ORDER  
2024 (AMENDMENT) ORDER 2026**

**S.I. No. 01 of 2026**

*The Commissioner, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 5 of the Imports and Exports Control Ordinance 2009 and all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order –*

**Citation and commencement**

1. This Order may be cited as the Prohibited Imports and Exports Control Order 2024 (Amendment) Order 2026 and shall come into force forthwith.

**Definition**

2. “The Principal Order” means the Prohibited Imports and Exports Control Order 2024.

**Amendments of paragraph 1**

3. Paragraph 1 of the Principal Order is amended by –

(a) adding the following definition immediately after the definition of “goods” –

““members of the United States Forces” has the same meaning as in the Exchange of Notes of 20 December 1966 concerning the “Availability for Defence Purposes” of the British Indian Ocean Territory;”

and

(b) deleting the definition of “relevant date”.

**Amendment of paragraph 3(1)**

4. Paragraph 3(1) of the Principal Order is deleted and replaced with –

“(1) All items listed in –

(a) Part A of Schedule 1, and

(b) Part B of Schedule 1, save where such items are imported by members of the United States Forces,

are prohibited goods.”

## **Deletion of “and Immigration” throughout the Order**

5. Wherever the words “and Immigration” appear in the Principal Order between the words “Customs” and “Officer”, the words “and Immigration” are deleted.

## **Amendments of paragraph 7**

6. Paragraph 7 of the Principal Order is amended by –

(a) deleting the letter “A” at the start of sub-paragraph (1) and replacing it with –

“Subject to sub-paragraph (5), a”;

(b) adding the word “to” between the words “not” and “be” in sub-paragraph (4), and

(c) adding a new sub-paragraph (5) as follows –

“(5) No Customs Officer other than the Commissioner’s Representative may expressly permit the import of any items listed in Part B of Schedule 1.”

## **Replacement of paragraph 10**

7. Paragraph 10 of the Principal Order is amended by deleting it and replacing it with –

**“Transitional arrangements – pre-imported prohibited goods.**

10. (1) This paragraph applies where any person, on the relevant date, is in possession of pre-imported prohibited goods.

(2) A person in possession of pre-imported prohibited goods must present those items to a Customs Officer within 90 days from the relevant date, or as soon as reasonably practicable after that time.

(3) When pre-imported prohibited goods are provided to a Customs Officer in accordance with sub-paragraph (2), paragraph 3 shall apply as if the pre-imported prohibited goods had just arrived in the Territory.

(4) If a person in possession of pre-imported prohibited goods fails to present them to a Customs Officer in accordance with sub-paragraph (2), those pre-imported prohibited goods shall be deemed to be a prohibited import.

(5) For the purposes of this paragraph –

“pre-imported prohibited goods” means items –

(a) which have been imported into the Territory before the relevant date,  
and

(b) to which paragraph 3(1)(b) would apply if those items were to be imported into the Territory on or after the relevant date.

“relevant date” means the date when the Prohibited Imports and Exports Control Order 2024 (Amendment) Order 2025 comes into force.”

**Amendment to paragraph 11**

8. Paragraph 11 of the Principal Order is amended by deleting the words “the relevant date”, as they appear in both sub-paragraph (a) and (b), and replacing them with “this Order has come into force”.

**Amendment to Schedule 1**

9. Schedule 1 of the Principal Order is amended by –

(a) inserting “Part A” as a heading to the existing entries, and

(b) adding the following after entry 18 –

“

	Part B
19.	Any type of closed-circuit television (“CCTV”) or surveillance system, that uses a camera to capture images of a specific area that are transmitted to a restricted, designated monitor and recorder.

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[SIGNED ON THE ORIGINAL]

Nishi Dholakia  
Commissioner  
British Indian Ocean Territory

23 June 2026