
From: ACPO Trevor Hall [mailto:trevor.hall@acpo.police.uk]
Sent: 17 May 2007 6:15 AM
To:
Subject: Fw: Query regarding GATSO cameras[Scanned]

FYI

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----- Original Message -----

From: ACPO Trevor Hall
To: [mailto:trevor.hall@acpo.police.uk]
Sent: Thu May 17 06:14:56 2007
Subject: Fw: Query regarding GATSO cameras[Scanned]

I managed to get the full text from [mailto:trevor.hall@acpo.police.uk] and suggest the following response.

Dear [mailto:trevor.hall@acpo.police.uk]

I have spoken with the ACPO representative on Home Office Type Approval, Trevor Hall, about this issue. He advises that from your description the forward facing camera you referred to is a dummy Gatso speed meter that is not subject of Home Office Type approval.

These units are used all over the UK and monitor traffic speeds in both directions. They are not used for enforcement hence no approval is required.

They operate in a similar way to a normal Gatso camera and fit in the same housings. The purpose for use is to provide a speed deterrent effect and have been in use, continuously, since 1993.

If you provide the location of the site Trevor Hall will confirm this is the case in this instance with the local Police.

Regards

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From: [mailto:trevor.hall@acpo.police.uk]
To: ACPO Trevor Hall
Sent: Wed May 16 17:42:29 2007
Subject: FW: Query regarding GATSO cameras[Scanned]

-----Original Message-----

From: [mailto:trevor.hall@acpo.police.uk]
Sent: 11 May 2007 4:46 PM
To:

Subject: RE: Query regarding GATSO cameras

I think it is one for you to raise with ACPO. There is a direction setting on the Gatso which should have been set so that only receding traffic are measured and trigger it. It appears from this description that the Gatso on the opposite side of the road has been incorrectly set to measure approaching traffic and thereby trigger it. It is not approved for such use. Otherwise it has developed a fault. You could advise him to contact Trevor Hall and if he says where it occurred Trevor could contact the force and get them to correct it.

-----Original Message-----

From:
Sent: 11 May 2007 12:47 PM
To:
Subject: RE: Query regarding GATSO cameras

I have a query from DfT as stated below.

Would you say it is one for the Home Office? If it is could you provide me with some lines there after I will contact DfT to transfer the case to me on the

CTS.

Thanks

-----Original Message-----

From:
Sent: 08 May 2007 9:04 AM
To: road.safety@dft.gsi.gov.uk
Cc:
Subject: Query regarding GATSO cameras

Picture a stretch of road with a rear facing GATSO on either side. While driving to an emergency using my blue lights I was exceeding the 40mph speed limit on a stretch of road with good visibility. Furthermore I was the only vehicle on that stretch of road at that time traveling in either direction. I was prepared for the camera that I passed to flash me from behind, which it duly did. However the rear facing camera on the other side of the carriageway also flashed me, which I wasn't expecting!

The flash in my face caused me momentarily to lose my vision. Had I been approaching a forward facing camera I would have been prepared and either slowed down or held a hand up to shield my eyes.

I understand that when a camera has no film in it, it can be reset to trigger at a lower speed or indeed to be triggered by

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oncoming traffic. However I feel that this is a clear health and safety risk for people such as me who in the course of their work might have to trigger these cameras.

Is having a camera set to flash ONCOMING traffic without warning legal? And do I have a legitimate health and safety concern, bearing in mind the nature of my work and sometimes the speeds I am expected to drive at (obviously bearing in mind the road conditions!!) in order to meet our response time targets?

Thanks for your time and advice

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From:
Sent: 27 August 2004 4:49 PM
To:
Subject: RE: Dummy Cameras for Road Policing Use

Neither am I. I do not recall us giving any guidance on this. Please would you respond to say so?

-----Original Message-----

From:
Sent: 27 August 2004 11:12
To:
Subject: Dummy Cameras for Road Policing Use

I had a call this morning from a contact from the Met in Bexley, who want to install dummy cameras for traffic use. He has had an idea and believes that we have given guidance on dummy cameras in one of our publications, but is not sure which. Can you assist at all here please?

Thanks

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