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BRIDLEWAY GATES. A GUIDE TO THE BRITISH STANDARD

Here it is.

What we've all been waiting for

RULE 1: LEAST RESTRICTIVE OPTION

Least restrictive option must be chosen.

RULE 2: REASONABLENESS.

Except where a gap is chosen, an assessment of reasonableness of putting a structure across a path must be made.

RULE 3: MANOEUVRING SPACE.

This is the space needed to be kept clear so as to allow users to get into position to open, pass through, and close a gate or to negotiate a fixed structure.



RULE 4: LOCATION OF STRUCTURES.

At vehicular roads, structures must be set back at least four metres from the (usually metalled) carriageway.

RULE 5: ONGOING.

The standard requires continuous and ongoing satisfaction. That is even if at installation the structure is fully compliant, as soon as any of the functional requirements are no longer satisfied (for example by the placing of barbed wire on it) it is no longer compliant to the BS and must be repaired or replaced to comply [4.1.8].

RULE 6: GROUND.

Ground within two metres of the structure to be free of surface water and provide a firm surface. Except immediately after rain.

RULE 7: BARBED WIRE ETC.

No barbed wire, electric fence etc within one metre of the structure or the manoeuvring space.

RULE 8: PROTRUSIONS.

No protrusions likely to catch clothes or cause injury, edges radiused to 2mm or chamfered to 3mm minimum.

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