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The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002

PART I

THE TRAFFIC SIGNS REGULATIONS 2002

SECTION 2

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Proportions and form of letters, numerals, symbols and other characters

13.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2), (5), (6) and (9) all letters, numerals and other characters incorporated in the signs or parts of the signs shown in the diagrams in Schedules 1 to 5 and 7, Part II of Schedule 10 and Schedule 12 which have a red, blue, brown, black or green background shall have the proportions and form shown in Part I of Schedule 13.

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to the letters, numerals and other characters incorporated in—

- (a) the bottom panel of diagram 674;
- (b) diagrams 970, 971, 973.2, 973.3, 2401 and 2403.1;
- (c) the parts of diagrams 2505, 2505.1, 2506, 2507, 2508, 2509.1, 2510, 2511, 2512 and 2513 which indicate the availability of parking places in accordance with regulation 19(4)(c);
- (d) diagrams 2607, 2610, 2610.1 and 2610.2;
- (e) the top panels of diagrams 2919.1 and 2920.1;
- (f) the petrol price display in diagram 2919.1;
- (g) the reference to the traffic authority in diagrams 7003.1, 7006, 7006.1 and 7007.1;
- (h) the top and bottom panels of diagram 7008; and
- (i) the words “National Trust for Scotland” used in conjunction with the symbol shown in diagram T303 in Part IV of Schedule 14.

(3) Subject to paragraphs (4), (5), (6), (8) and (9) all letters, numerals and other characters incorporated in the signs or the parts of signs shown in the diagrams in Schedules 1 to 5, 7, 10 and 12 which have a white, yellow or orange background shall have the proportions and form shown in Part II of Schedule 13.

(4) Paragraph (3) does not apply to the letters, numerals and other characters incorporated in—

- (a) the bottom panel of diagram 674;
- (b) diagrams 970, 971, 973.2, 973.3, 2401 and 2403.1;
- (c) diagrams 2607, 2610, 2610.1 and 2610.2;
- (d) the top panels of diagrams 2919.1 and 2920.1;
- (e) the references to the traffic authority in diagrams 7003.1, 7006, 7006.1 and 7007.1; and
- (f) the top and bottom panels of diagram 7008.

(5) Letters and numerals used for the purpose of indicating a route number on any sign shown in a diagram in Part X of Schedule 7 (other than those incorporated in diagrams 2913, 2913.2, 2913.3, 2913.4, 2914, 2915, 2927.1, 2929 and 2929.1) shall have the proportions and form shown in Part III of Schedule 13, except—

- (a) where a route number is indicated in brackets on a sign shown in diagram 2904, 2904.1, 2906, 2908, 2908.1, 2909, 2913.1 or 2914.1; or
- (b) where a route number is shown on a green or white panel indicating a route that is not a motorway on a sign shown in diagram 2913.1 or 2914.1,

in either of which cases those letters and numerals shall have the proportions and form shown in either Part I or Part III of Schedule 13 as appropriate.

(6) Letters and numerals used for the purpose of indicating a route number on any sign shown in a diagram in Part III of Schedule 12 when used on a motorway shall have the proportions and form shown in Part IV of Schedule 13.

(7) Subject to and within the limits of any dimension specified as a maximum or minimum in—

- (a) the bottom panel of diagram 674;
- (b) diagrams 970, 971, 973.2, 973.3, 2401 and 2403.1;
- (c) the parts of diagrams 2505, 2505.1, 2506, 2507, 2508, 2509.1, 2510, 2511, 2512 and 2513 which indicate the availability of spaces in accordance with regulation 19(4)(c);
- (d) diagrams 2607, 2610, 2610.1 and 2610.2;
- (e) the top panels of diagrams 2919.1 and 2920.1;
- (f) the petrol price display in diagram 2919.1;
- (g) the references to the traffic authority in diagrams 7003.1, 7006, 7006.1 and 7007.1;
- (h) the top and bottom panels of diagram 7008; and
- (i) the words “National Trust for Scotland” used in conjunction with the symbol shown in diagram T303 in Part IV of Schedule 14,

any letters or numerals or other characters incorporated in those diagrams may have proportions and form other than the proportions and form shown in Schedule 13.

(8) Letters and numerals used on a sign in diagram 2714 or 2715 shall have the proportions and form shown in Part I of Schedule 13 where those letters and numerals are white and the proportions and form shown in Part II of Schedule 13 where they are black.

(9) All letters, numerals, symbols and other characters incorporated in variable message signs shall have the general proportions and form shown in Part V of Schedule 13 where the construction or method of operation of the sign does not permit the use of letters, numerals and other characters of the proportions and form shown in Part I, II, III or IV of Schedule 13 or of symbols shown in diagrams in Schedules 1 to 5, 10 or 12.

(10) All letters, numerals and other characters incorporated in the road markings shown in the diagrams in Schedule 6 shall have the proportions and form shown in Part VI of Schedule 13.

(11) Symbols incorporated in signs for the purpose of indicating diversion routes to be followed in an emergency shall have the proportions and form shown in Part VII of Schedule 13.

(12) Symbols incorporated in signs for the purpose of indicating types of tourist destination shall have the proportions and form shown in Schedule 14.