
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002

PART I

THE TRAFFIC SIGNS REGULATIONS 2002

SECTION 1

PRELIMINARY

Interpretation of speed limit

5.—(1) In these Regulations “speed limit” means a maximum or minimum limit of speed on the driving of vehicles on a road—

- (a) imposed by an order under section 14 of the 1984 Act (temporary prohibition or restriction of traffic on roads);
- (b) imposed by an order under section 16A of the 1984 Act⁽¹⁾ (special events);
- (c) imposed by regulations under section 17 of the 1984 Act (traffic regulation on special roads);
- (d) arising by virtue of the road being restricted for the purposes of section 81 of the 1984 Act (general speed limit for restricted roads);
- (e) imposed by an order under section 84 of the 1984 Act (speed limits on roads other than restricted roads);
- (f) imposed by an order under section 88 of the 1984 Act (temporary speed limits); or
- (g) imposed by or under a local Act,

and “maximum speed limit” and “minimum speed limit” shall be construed accordingly.

(2) In these Regulations “national speed limit” means any prohibition imposed on a road by the 70 miles per hour, 60 miles per hour and 50 miles per hour (Temporary Speed Limit) Order 1977⁽²⁾ or by regulation 3 of the Motorways (Speed Limits) Regulations 1974⁽³⁾.

(1) Section 16A was inserted by the Road Traffic Regulation (Special Events) Act 1994, section 1(1).

(2) This Order is not a Statutory Instrument. It was amended by the 70 miles per hour, 60 miles per hour and 50 miles per hour (Temporary Speed Limit) (Variation) Order 1978 and its provisions were continued in force indefinitely by the 70 miles per hour, 60 miles per hour and 50 miles per hour (Temporary Speed Limit) (Continuation) Order 1978, [S.I. 1978/1548](#).

(3) [S.I. 1974/502](#).