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## SCHEDULES

### SCHEDULE 15

#### PROTECTIVE PROVISIONS

##### PART I

##### PROTECTION FOR HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

###### Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C1** Sch. 15 Pt. I (paras. 1-18) applied (with modifications) (19.2.1999) by S.I. 1999/537, art. 13(1), Sch. 3 paras. 1-8  
Sch. 15 Pt. I (paras. 1-18) applied (with modifications) (22.3.2001) by S.I. 2001/1451, art. 15(1), Sch. 3 paras. 1(j), 3(8)

- 1 (1) The following provisions of this Part of this Schedule shall, unless otherwise agreed in writing between the nominated undertaker and the highway authority concerned, have effect for the protection of the highway authorities referred to in this Part.
- (2) In this Part of this Schedule—  
“highway” means a highway for which the local highway authority is the highway authority;  
“plans” includes sections and specifications; and  
“property of the highway authority” means any apparatus of the highway authority affixed to or placed under any highway.
- (3) Part III of the <sup>M1</sup>New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 shall not apply in relation to any matter which is regulated by this Part of this Schedule.

###### Marginal Citations

- M1** 1991 c. 22.

- 2 Wherever in this Part of this Schedule provision is made with respect to the approval or consent of the highway authority, that approval or consent shall be in writing and subject to such reasonable terms and conditions as the highway authority may require, but shall not be unreasonably withheld.
- 3 (1) The nominated undertaker shall not exercise the powers conferred by paragraph 6(1) of Schedule 3 to this Act without the consent of the highway authority.
- (2) In its application to this paragraph, paragraph 2 above shall have effect with the addition after “require” of “ in the interest of public safety or convenience ”.

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- (3) If within 28 days after a request for consent has been submitted the highway authority has not given or refused such consent, it shall be deemed to have consented to the request as submitted.
- (4) Where consent under this paragraph is given subject to a term or condition the performance of which is, or becomes, inconsistent with the performance by the nominated undertaker of any of the conditions to which the deemed planning permission is subject, the term or condition to which the consent under this paragraph is subject shall not have effect or, as the case may be, shall cease to have effect.
- (5) In sub-paragraph (4) above, the reference to the deemed planning permission is to the planning permission deemed by section 9 above to be granted.
- 4 Before carrying out any work for the construction or maintenance of any part of the works authorised by Part I of this Act which will involve interference with a highway, or the traffic in any highway, or before temporarily stopping up any highway, the nominated undertaker shall consult the highway authority—
- (a) as to the time when the work shall be commenced, and as to the extent of the surface of the highway which it may be reasonably necessary for the nominated undertaker to occupy, or the nature of the interference which may be caused to traffic in the carrying out of the work, or as to the time during which, and the extent to which, the highway shall be stopped up (as the case may be), and
- (b) as to the conditions under which the work shall be carried out or the highway shall be stopped up (as the case may be),
- so as to reduce so far as reasonably practicable inconvenience to the public and to ensure the safety of the public.
- 5 The nominated undertaker shall not, without the consent of the highway authority, construct any part of the works authorised by Part I of this Act under and within 8 metres of the surface of any highway which comprises a carriageway except in accordance with plans submitted to, and approved by, the highway authority and if within 28 days after such plans have been submitted the highway authority has not approved or disapproved them, it shall be deemed to have approved the plans as submitted.
- 6 In the construction of any part of the said works under a highway no part thereof shall, except with the consent of the highway authority, be so constructed as to interfere with the provision of proper means of drainage of the surface of the highway or be nearer than two metres to the surface of the highway.
- 7 (1) The provisions of this paragraph have effect in relation to, and to the construction of, any new bridge, or any extension or alteration of an existing bridge, carrying any part of the works authorised by Part I of this Act over a highway or carrying a highway over any part of those works; and any such new bridge, or (as the case may be) any bridge so extended or altered, is in this paragraph referred to as “the bridge”.
- (2) Before commencing the construction of, or the carrying out of any work in connection with, the bridge which involves interference with a highway, the nominated undertaker shall submit to the highway authority for its approval plans, drawings and particulars (in this paragraph referred to as “plans”) relating thereto, and the bridge shall not be constructed and the works shall not be carried out except in accordance with the plans submitted to, and approved by, the highway authority.

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- (3) If within 28 days after the plans have been submitted the highway authority has not approved or disapproved them, it shall be deemed to have approved the plans as submitted.
- (4) If the bridge carries any part of the works authorised by Part I of this Act over any highway—
- (a) it shall be constructed in such manner as to prevent so far as may be reasonably practicable the dripping of water from the bridge, and
  - (b) the highway authority may, at the cost of the nominated undertaker, provide and place such lamps and apparatus as may from time to time be reasonably necessary for efficiently lighting any highway under or in the vicinity of the bridge.
- 8 The nominated undertaker shall secure that so much of the works authorised by Part I of this Act as is constructed under any highway shall be so designed, constructed and maintained as to carry the appropriate loading recommended for highway bridges by the Secretary of State at the time of construction of the works, and the nominated undertaker shall indemnify the highway authority against, and make good to the highway authority, the expenses which the highway authority may reasonably incur in the maintenance or repair of any highway, or any tunnels, sewers, drains or apparatus therein, by reason of non-compliance with the provisions of this paragraph.
- 9 Any officer of the highway authority duly appointed for the purpose may at all reasonable times, on giving to the nominated undertaker such notice as may in the circumstances be reasonable, enter upon and inspect any part of the works authorised by Part I of this Act which—
- (a) is in, over or under any highway, or
  - (b) which may affect any highway or any property of the highway authority,
- during the carrying out of the work, and the nominated undertaker shall give to such officer all reasonable facilities for such inspection and, if he shall be of opinion that the construction of the work is attended with danger to any highway or to any property of the highway authority on or under any highway, the nominated undertaker shall adopt such measures and precautions as may be reasonably practicable for the purpose of preventing any damage or injury to the highway.
- 10 (1) The nominated undertaker shall not alter, disturb or in any way interfere with any property of the highway authority on or under any highway, or the access thereto, without the consent of the highway authority, and any alteration, diversion, replacement or reconstruction of any such property which may be necessary shall be made by the highway authority or the nominated undertaker as the highway authority thinks fit, and the expense reasonably incurred by the highway authority in so doing shall be repaid to the highway authority by the nominated undertaker.
- (2) If within 28 days after a request for consent has been submitted the highway authority has not given or refused such consent, it shall be deemed to have consented to the request as submitted.
- 11 The nominated undertaker shall not remove any soil or material from any highway except so much as must be excavated in the carrying out of the works authorised by Part I of this Act.
- 12 (1) If the highway authority, after giving to the nominated undertaker not less than 28 days' notice (or, in case of emergency, such notice as is reasonably practicable) of

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its intention to do so, incurs any additional expense in the signposting of traffic diversions or the taking of other measures in relation thereto, or in the repair of any highway by reason of the diversion thereto of traffic from a road of a higher standard, in consequence of the construction of the works authorised by Part I of this Act, the nominated undertaker shall repay to the highway authority the amount of any such expense reasonably so incurred.

- (2) An amount which apart from this sub-paragraph would be payable to the highway authority by virtue of this paragraph in respect of the repair of any highway shall, if the highway fell or would have fallen due for repair as part of the maintenance programme of the highway authority at any time within ten years of the repair being carried out by the nominated undertaker, so as to confer on the highway authority financial benefit (whether by securing the completion of overdue maintenance work for which the highway authority is liable or by deferment of the time for such work in the ordinary course), be reduced by the amount which represents that benefit.
- 13 (1) The nominated undertaker shall not, except with the consent of the highway authority, deposit any soil or materials, or stand any plant, on or over any highway so as to obstruct or render less safe the use of the highway by any person, or, except with the like consent, deposit any soil or materials on any highway outside a hoarding, but if within 28 days after request therefor any such consent is neither given nor refused it shall be deemed to have been given.
- (2) The expense reasonably incurred by the highway authority in removing any soil or materials deposited on any highway in contravention of this paragraph shall be repaid to the highway authority by the nominated undertaker.
- 14 The nominated undertaker shall, if reasonably so required by the highway authority, provide and maintain to the reasonable satisfaction of the highway authority, during such time as the nominated undertaker may occupy any part of a highway for the purpose of the construction of any part of the works authorised by Part I of this Act, temporary bridges and temporary ramps for vehicular or pedestrian traffic over any part of the works or in such other position as may be necessary to prevent undue interference with the flow of traffic in the highway.
- 15 (1) Where any part of any highway has been broken up or disturbed by the nominated undertaker and not permanently stopped up or diverted the nominated undertaker shall make good the subsoil, foundations and surface of that part of the highway to the reasonable satisfaction of the highway authority, and shall maintain the same to the reasonable satisfaction of the highway authority for such time as may reasonably be required for the permanent reinstatement of the highway.
- (2) The reinstatement of that part of the highway shall be carried out by the nominated undertaker to the reasonable satisfaction of the highway authority in accordance with such requirements as to specification of material and standards of workmanship as may be prescribed for equivalent reinstatement work by regulations made under section 71 of the <sup>M2</sup>New Roads and Street Works Act 1991.

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- 16 If any damage to any highway or any property of the highway authority on or under any highway is caused by, or results from, the construction of any work authorised by Part I of this Act or any act or omission of the nominated undertaker,

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its contractors, agents or employees whilst engaged upon such work, the nominated undertaker may, in the case of damage to a highway, make good such damage to the reasonable satisfaction of the highway authority and, where the nominated undertaker does not make good, or in the case of damage to property of the highway authority, the nominated undertaker shall make compensation to the highway authority.

- 17 The fact that any act or thing may have been done in accordance with plans approved by the highway authority shall not (if it was not attributable to the act, neglect or default of the highway authority or of any person in its employ or its contractors or agents) exonerate the nominated undertaker from any liability, or affect any claim for damages, under this Part of this Schedule or otherwise.
- 18 Any dispute arising between the nominated undertaker and the highway authority under this Part of this Schedule shall, if the parties agree, be referred to arbitration, but shall otherwise be determined by the Secretary of State.

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