
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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ROAD TRAFFIC

The Traffic Signs General (Amendment) Directions 1995

Made - - - - 19th October 1995

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The Secretary of State for Transport, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State for Wales, acting jointly in exercise of the powers conferred by section 65(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(1), and the Secretary of State for Transport in exercise of the powers conferred by section 85(2) of that Act and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby give the following Directions:

Citation and commencement

1. These Directions may be cited as the Traffic Signs General (Amendment) Directions 1995 and shall come into force on 10th November 1995.

Amendment of Traffic Signs General Directions 1994

2.—(1) The Traffic Signs General Directions 1994(2) shall be amended as follows.

(2) In direction 3—

(a) in paragraph (2) the words ““national speed limit”” and ““speed limit”” shall be omitted;

(b) after paragraph (2) there shall be added—

““(3) Regulation 5 (interpretation of “speed limit”) shall apply for the interpretation of these Directions as it applies for the interpretation of the Regulations.””

(3) In direction 8—

(a) in paragraph (1), for the words “(in this direction called “the relevant road”)” there shall be substituted “(in this direction and in direction 8A called “the relevant road”)”; and

(b) in paragraph (2) after the words “paragraphs (3) and (4)”, there shall be inserted “and to direction 8A”.

(4) After direction 8 there shall be inserted—

(1) 1984 c. 27. Section 65(1) was substituted by the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (c. 22), Schedule 8, paragraph 48 and section 85(2)(a) was amended by the Road Traffic Act 1991 (c. 40), Schedule 4, paragraph 30. For the meaning of “the Ministers”, see section 142(1).

(2) Part II of S.I.1994/1519.

“Beginning of a speed limit further provisions

8A.—(1) Direction 8(2) does not apply where a speed limit in force on the relevant road begins—

- (a) at a point where the relevant road begins, being a point where it has no junction with another road; or
- (b) at a point where the relevant road has a junction with another road and the same speed limit is in force on both roads.

(2) This paragraph applies where the relevant road has a junction (“the junction”) with the side of another road (“the other road”) and a maximum speed limit is in force on the other road which is different from the speed limit in force on the relevant road.

(3) Where paragraph (2) applies, it is sufficient compliance with regulation 8(2), for the purpose of indicating the beginning of the speed limit on the relevant road to traffic entering it from the other road, if a sign shown in diagram 670, 674 or 675 is erected not more than 20 metres from the junction, on the left hand or near side of the carriageway of the relevant road as viewed in the direction of travel of such traffic or, where the relevant road is a dual carriageway road, on the left hand or near side of the carriageway by which traffic may pass into the relevant road from the other road.

(4) Where paragraph (2) applies, for the purpose of indicating the speed limit in force on the other road to traffic entering that road from the relevant road, signs shown in diagram 670, 674 or 675 shall (subject to paragraph (5)) be erected not further than 20 metres from the junction and so as to be visible to such traffic, on each side of the carriageway of the relevant road or, where the relevant road is a dual carriageway road, on each side of the carriageway by which traffic may pass from the relevant road into the other road.

(5) Paragraph (4) does not apply if—

- (a) the maximum speed limit in force on the other road is greater than that in force on the relevant road; and
- (b) signs indicating that maximum speed limit have been placed on the other road in accordance with direction 10 on each side of, and not more than 100 metres from, the junction.”

(5) In direction 9 after paragraph (3), there shall be added—

“(4) Where a road (“the relevant road”) has a junction with the side of another road (“the other road”) and—

- (a) a maximum speed limit is in force on the other road; and
- (b) a national speed limit is in force on the relevant road,

then, for the purpose of indicating the national speed limit to traffic entering the relevant road from the other road, a sign shown in diagram 671 or 675 shall be placed on the relevant road in accordance with paragraph (5).

(5) The sign shall be placed not more than 20 metres from the junction with the other road on the left hand or near side of the relevant road as viewed in the direction of travel of a vehicle entering the relevant road from the other road or, if the relevant road is a dual carriageway road, on the left hand or near side of the carriageway by which a vehicle may pass into the relevant road from the other road.

(6) Where a road (“the relevant road”) has a junction with the side of another road (“the other road”) and—

- (a) a national speed limit is in force on the other road; and
- (b) a maximum speed limit is in force on the relevant road,

then, for the purpose of indicating the national speed limit to traffic entering the other road from the relevant road, traffic signs shown in diagram 671 or 675 shall be placed in accordance with paragraph (7) on the relevant road not further than 20 metres from the junction.

(7) If the relevant road has one carriageway, one such sign shall be placed on each side of that carriageway and, if the relevant road is a dual carriageway road, one such sign shall be placed on each side of the carriageway by which traffic may pass from the relevant road into the other road.”

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

17th October 1995

Steven Norris
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State,
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Signed by Authority of the Secretary of State for Scotland

18th October 1995

James Douglas Hamilton
Minister of State, Scottish Office

19th October 1995

William Hague
Secretary of State for Wales

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Directions)

These Directions amend the Traffic Signs General Directions 1994 in relation to the placing of traffic signs to indicate speed limits at junctions between roads subject to differing speed limits and make other minor amendments.