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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2005 No. 120**

**The Merseytram (Liverpool City Centre to Kirkby) Order 2005**

**PART 4**

**OPERATION OF TRAM SYSTEM**

**Traffic signs**

**46.**—(1) Merseytravel may, for the purposes of, or in connection with the operation of, the authorised tram system, place or maintain traffic signs of a type prescribed by regulations made under section 64(1)(a) of the 1984 Act or of a character authorised by the Secretary of State on any street in which the authorised tram system is laid or which gives access to such a street.

(2) Merseytravel—

- (a) shall consult with the traffic authority as to the placing of signs; and
- (b) unless the traffic authority is unwilling to do so and subject to any directions given under section 65 of the 1984 Act, shall enter into arrangements with the traffic authority for the signs to be placed and maintained by the traffic authority.

(3) Any power conferred by section 65 of the 1984 Act to give directions to a traffic authority or local traffic authority as to traffic signs shall include a power to give directions to Merseytravel as to traffic signs under this article; and, accordingly, the powers conferred by paragraph (1) shall be exercisable subject to and in conformity with any directions given under that section.

(4) A traffic authority or other authority having power under or by virtue of the 1984 Act to place and maintain, or cause to be placed and maintained, traffic signs on any street in which the authorised tram system is laid or which gives access to such a street shall consult with Merseytravel as to the placing of any traffic sign which would affect the operation of the authorised tram system.

(5) Tramcars shall be taken to be public service vehicles for the purposes of section 122(2)(c) of the 1984 Act.

(6) Expressions used in this article and in the 1984 Act shall have the same meaning in this article as in that Act.