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ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTIONS 64 AND 65
AUTHORISATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNS AND SPECIAL DIRECTIONS

The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of his powers under Sections 64 and 65 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and all other powers enabling him in that behalf, for the purpose of warning road users of road works and lane closures on motorways and all-purpose trunk roads, hereby:

1. authorises the placing at appropriate sites on motorway and all-purpose trunk roads in England for which Highways England is the traffic authority, of a variable message sign (hereinafter referred to as "the authorised sign") conforming as to size, colour and character with that shown on the attached drawing number GT50/198/0014-1; and

2. directs that the authorised signs shall be displayed as needed to indicate to road users which lanes are closed, in accordance with the guidance within Traffic Signs Manual Chapter 8 or a competent, risk assessed, site specific design which would provide the same, or better, level of information to road users and level of safety to both road users and road workers; and

3. directs that, the symbols indicating which lanes are open or closed to traffic shown on the authorised sign shall be varied as required, to indicate to road users which lanes are closed; and

4. directs that the legend "200 yds" on the authorised sign may be varied to an alternative distance, to the nearest 50 yards, which reflects the distance to the lane closure; and

5. directs that, when not used to display the authorised sign or another prescribed or authorised sign or aspect, the variable message sign shall display a blank black face; and

6. directs that, in the event of power failure, the variable message sign shall display a blank black face; and

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7. directs that the authorised sign shall only be displayed if the apparatus (including the content of all instructions stored in or executed by it) used in connection with them is of a type which has been approved by the Secretary of State; and

8. directs that the authorised sign shall only be displayed when the sign unit is mounted vertically; and

9. directs that the authorised sign shall be placed on the road only in connection with the execution of works on or near a road and shall not be retained on or near the road for more than six months days after the completion of the works; and

10. directs that this authorisation shall remain in force until 30 June 2020, and after that day shall, without prejudice to the giving of any further authorisation, cease to have effect. This authorisation may also cease to have effect on a date as may be appointed, with one month's notice, by the Secretary of State in writing to the traffic authority for the removal or alteration of the authorised signs and on that day this authorisation shall, without prejudice to the giving of any further authorisation or direction, cease to have effect.

The provisions of Regulations 12 and 13 of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002 (SI 3113/2002, "the 2002 Regulations") shall apply to the authorised sign in the same manner as they apply to the sign shown in Diagram 7202 in Schedule 12 Part III to those Regulations.

Dated: 24 February 2016

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

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A Delegated Official of the Department for Transport

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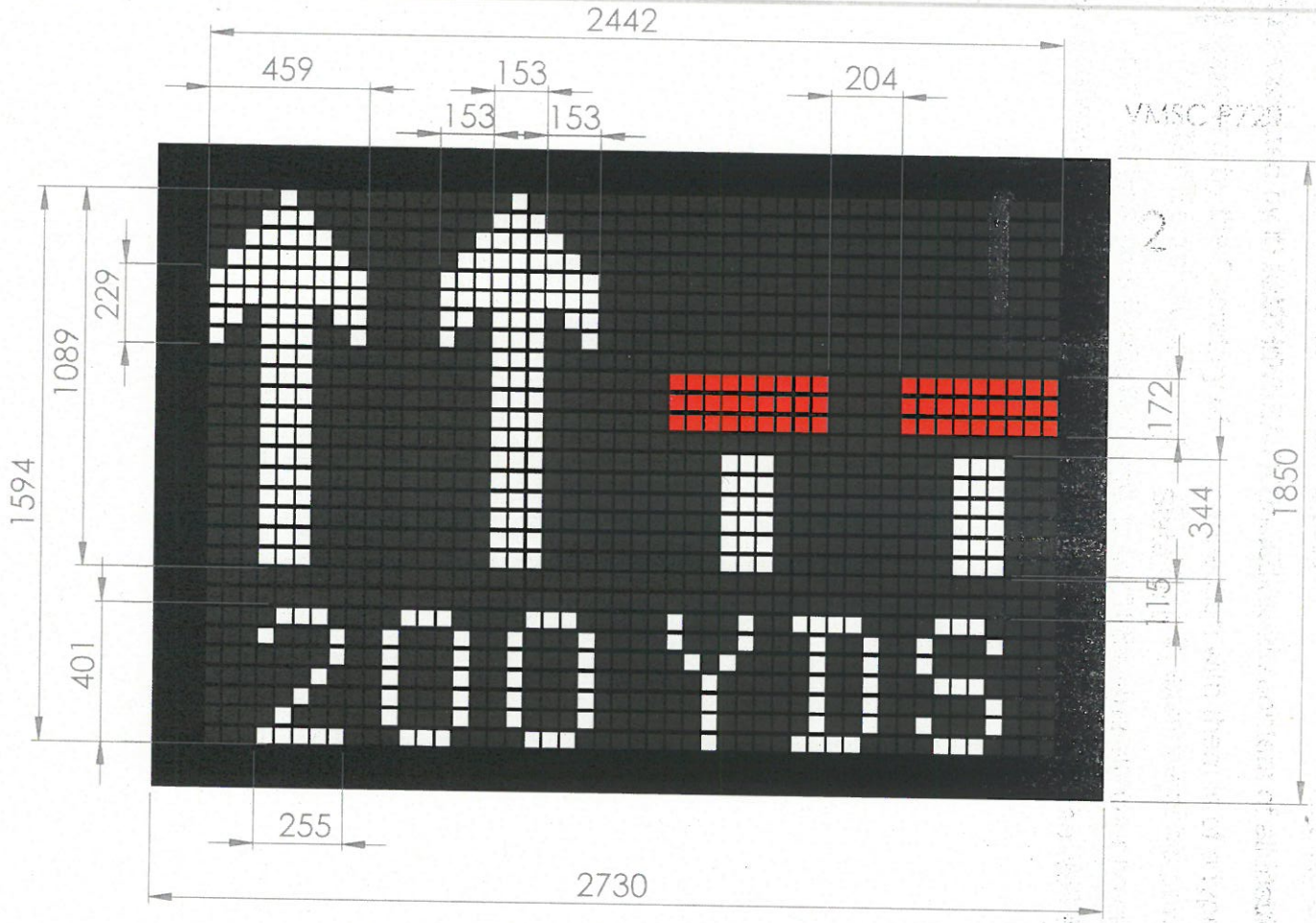

Dimensioning lines do not form part of sign

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