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Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Sections 64 and 65

Authorisation of traffic signs and special directions

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Secretary of State for Transport's traffic authorisation of traffic signs for the purpose of warning road users of road works and lane closures on motorway and all-purpose trunk roads (including their slip roads) in England, by persons acting on behalf of Highways England, and where Highways England is the traffic authority.

The following pages contain a copy of the text from the Secretary of State for Transport's traffic authorisation regarding the above sign/markings.

A scanned copy of the signed authorisation and supporting signs/markings from the application are appended to this letter. The supporting material is submitted to the Department for Transport by a third party. You should refer to the party involved for accessible copies of the supporting material.



**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 motorway and all-purpose trunk roads (including their slip roads) in England, by persons acting on behalf of Highways England, and where Highways England is the traffic authority, hereby:-

1. Authorises the variation of the legend “200 yds” shown in the bottom panel of the signs to diagram 7202.1 in Schedule 13, Part 6, Item 13 of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 (Part 1 of S.I. 2016/362, “the 2016 Regulations”), to “Road works ahead” (hereinafter referred to as “the authorised sign A”); and
2. Authorises the variation of the legend “200 yds” shown in the bottom panel of the signs to diagram 7202.1 in Schedule 13, Part 6, Item 13 of the 2016 Regulations, to “Mobile works ahead” (hereinafter referred to as “the authorised sign B”); and
3. Authorises the variation of the legend “800 yards” shown in the bottom panel of the sign to diagram 7244 in Schedule 13, Part 6, Item 15 of the 2016 Regulations, to “Road works ahead” (hereinafter referred to as “the authorised sign C”); and
4. Authorises the variation of the legend “800 yards” shown in the bottom panel of the sign to diagram 7244 in Schedule 13, Part 6, Item 15 of the 2016 Regulations, to “Mobile works ahead” (hereinafter referred to as “the authorised sign D”); and



5. directs that the authorised signs A to D may be displayed to indicate the presence of lane closures during mobile road works or short-term works undertaken in compliance with the guidance and requirements specifically identified for such works in the Traffic Signs Manual (TSM) Chapter 8 or an equivalent, risk assessed, site specific temporary traffic management design and safe method of working derived from any other guidance in the TSM Chapter 8; and
6. directs that 'short-term works' may include mobile works where the works vehicles and any accompanying impact protection vehicles shown in Section O10 in the TSM Chapter 8, Part 2 are stationary for more than 20 minutes at any one point during the works, and that the term may also include any other works lasting more than 20 minutes and less than 12 hours where a scheme specific, risk assessed temporary traffic management design and safe method of design does not include a cone taper conforming to that shown in either DZB3 in the TSM Chapter 8, Part 1 or Figure 7.9 in the TSM Chapter 8, Part 3, located at a fixed taper point, and also where roadworkers are physically protected by one or more impact protection vehicles, other suitable works vehicles or temporary vehicle restrain barrier; and
7. directs that the authorised signs A to D may be used in place of an equivalent prescribed or authorised sign (including a bottom plate showing a distance) for planned static road works only where risk assessment indicates it is not reasonably practicable to use a sign with a prescribed or authorised distance plate; and
8. directs that the authorised signs A to D may be used in place of an equivalent prescribed or authorised sign (including a bottom plate showing a distance) during the installation, maintenance or removal of mobile works or short-term temporary traffic management where works vehicles, impact protection vehicles or road workers are in a live lane; and



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11. directs that when the authorised signs A and B are displayed on a Variable Message Sign (VMS), the symbols indicating which lanes are open and closed may be varied to the form and size of equivalent symbols prescribed in diagram 6008.2 in Schedule 15, Part 2, Item 6 of the 2016 Regulations; and
12. directs that when the authorised signs A and B are displayed on a VMS, the legend may be displayed in accordance with Schedule 17, Part 5 of the 2016 Regulations; and
13. directs that when the authorised signs A and B are displayed on a VMS for mobile works, short-term works, standard schemes as defined by Chapter 8 and the installation, maintenance or removal of works or temporary traffic management, the authorised signs A and B may be displayed with diagram 670 in Schedule 10, Part 2, Item 1 of the 2016 Regulations; and
14. directs that when the authorised signs A and B are displayed on a VMS, the authorised signs A and B may be displayed with diagram 878 in Schedule 11, Part 2, Item 63 of the 2016 Regulations; and
15. directs that the authorised signs A to D shall only be placed on the road or set on a VMS by, or at the direction of, a person who is competent in accordance with national Codes of Practice for temporary traffic management and that the signs shall not be altered unless directed by the Traffic Safety and Control Officer (or other person identified by the Contactor undertaking work as being responsible for the signing and guarding of the works) or as directed in any



traffic management plan, implemented via a prearranged safe system of work that indicates in which circumstances the control centre may change signs and signals in the works; and

16. directs, without prejudice to any statutory provisions to the like effect, that it is a condition of this authorisation that the placing of the authorised signs A to D on a road or VMS shall continue to have effect only until such day as may be appointed by one month's notice given by the Secretary of State, and on that day the said authorisation shall, without prejudice to the giving of any further authorisation or direction, cease to have effect.

The provisions of Regulations 5, 7 and 8 and Schedule 16 of the 2016 Regulations shall apply to the authorised signs A and B in the same manner as they apply to the signs shown in diagram 7202.1 in Schedule 13, Part 6, Item 13 to those Regulations.

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Dated *06 October 2020*

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

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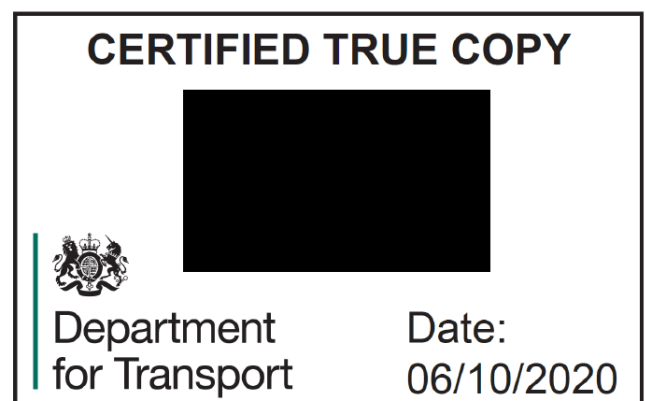
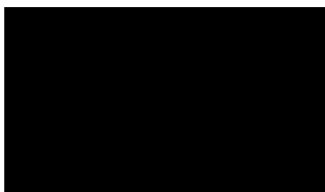
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