



Department
for Transport

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Sections 64 and 65

Authorisation of traffic signs and special directions

Accessible transcript

Secretary of State for Transport's traffic authorisation of traffic signs for the purpose of providing information to road users.

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

A scanned copy of the signed authorisation and supporting documents 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
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The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of his powers under Sections 64 and 65 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all powers enabling him in that behalf, for the purposes of providing information to road users, hereby:-

1. authorises at appropriate locations on roads for which Highways England is the traffic authority, the display of the following legends (hereinafter referred to as “the authorised legends” on variable message signs (VMS) as defined in Schedule 1 of the Traffic Signs Regulations 2016 (Part 1 of S.I. 2016/362, “the 2016 Regulations”):
 - EU freight covid test centre next services
 - EU freight covid test centre (at) A/M* J*(-*) (services)
 - EU freight covid test centre (at) * (services)
2. directs that the authorised legends shall be individually displayed only at such times as are appropriate to indicate that the conditions it describes apply and that, when not displaying any message, the sign face of the VMS shall remain blank; and
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4. directs that ‘services’ may be abbreviated; and
5. directs that brackets do not form part of the authorised legends but indicate words that may or may not be displayed as part of the authorised legend; and



6. directs that the forward slash does not form part of the authorised legends but is used to show where alternatives can be selected and that only one of the alternatives can be displayed on one sign at any one time; and
7. directs that asterisks do not form part of the authorised legends but will be replaced by a number or by the name of a location or service area as appropriate; and
8. directs without prejudice to any statutory provision to the like effect, that it is a condition of this authorisation that use of the authorised legends shall continue to have effect only until such day as may be appointed by one month's notice given by the Secretary of State in writing to the traffic authority for the removal or alteration of the authorised legends 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 Schedule 16 to the 2016 Regulations shall apply to the authorised legends as they apply to the legends prescribed in Schedule 16 to those Regulations.

Dated *14 January 2021*

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

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A Delegated Official of the Department for Transport



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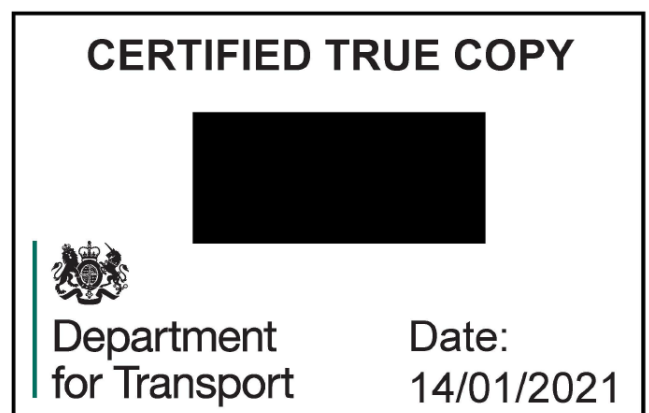
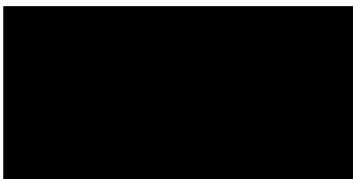


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