



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 purposes of providing information to road users at appropriate locations on roads for which National Highways 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 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
AUTHORISATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNS AND SPECIAL DIRECTIONS

The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of her powers under Sections 64 and 65 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all powers enabling her in that behalf, for the purposes of providing information to road users, hereby:-

1. authorises at appropriate locations on roads for which National Highways is the traffic authority, the display of the legend “COLLISION” or “COLLISIONS” (hereinafter referred to as “the authorised legend”) 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”); and
2. directs that all provisions available for display of “ACCIDENT” on VMS in Schedule 16 of the 2016 Regulations shall apply to the display of the authorised legend; and
3. directs that the authorised legend may be used in the place of “ACCIDENT” for all previous authorisations made under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984; and
4. directs that the authorised legend be supplemented by further information (hereinafter referred to as “associated text”) such as is required to indicate the nature, severity, location, direction, extent, impact or status of any collision or route referred to or any appropriate combination of these details; and
5. directs that the authorised legend and any associated text may be displayed in white, off white, yellow or amber on a dark background; and
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7. directs that a VMS must display the whole of the authorised legend and any associated text at the same time and only at such times as are appropriate to indicate that the conditions described apply and that, when not displaying any message, the sign face of the VMS shall remain blank; and
8. directs without prejudice to any statutory provision to the like effect, that it is a condition of this authorisation that the use of the authorised legend 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 legend 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 legend as they apply to the legends prescribed in Schedule 16 to those Regulations.

Dated *03 February 2025*

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

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A Delegated Official of the Department for Transport



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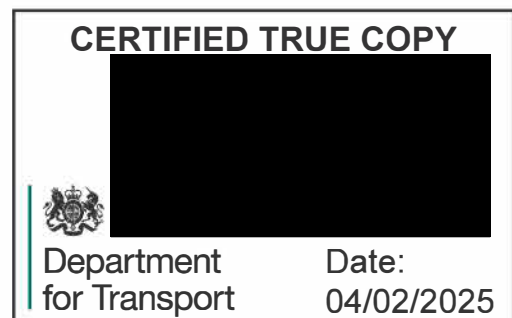
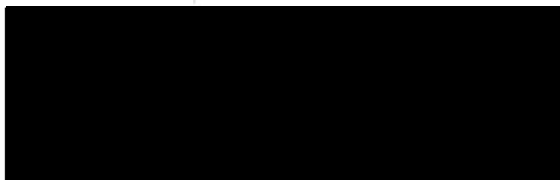


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