



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 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”):
 - a) PHONE ALERT TEST – 7 SEP
 - b) MOBILE PHONE ALERT TEST 7 SEPT
 - c) PHONE ALERT TEST – 3PM
 - d) MOBILE PHONE ALERT TEST 3PM
2. directs that the authorised legends shall be individually displayed 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
3. directs that the authorised legends may be displayed either in capitals as shown or in sentence case; and
4. directs that the date in the authorised legends may be varied; and
5. directs that the time in the authorised legends may be varied; and



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6. 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 *27 August 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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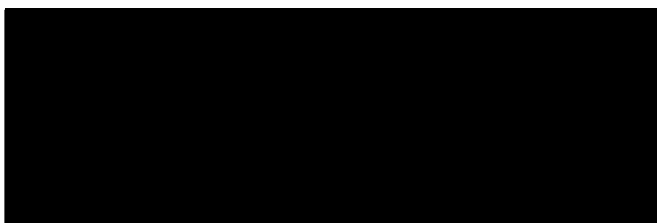
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Pre-signage



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