STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

2003 No. 214

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

Traffic Signs (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003

Made - - - -	*3rd April 2003*
Coming into operation	*19th May 2003*

The Department for Regional Development(**1**), in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 28(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997(**2**) and now exercisable by it(**3**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Traffic Signs (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 and shall come into operation on 19th May 2003.

Amendments

2.—(1) The Traffic Signs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997(**4**) shall be amended as provided by paragraphs (2) to (12).

(2) In regulation 11 (proportions and form of letters, numerals, symbols and other characters) –

(a) for paragraph (1) there shall be substituted the following paragraph –

"(1) Subject to paragraphs (2), (3) and (5) –

(a) all letters, numerals and other characters incorporated in the signs or parts of the signs shown in the diagrams in Schedules 1 to 5, 7, 10 and 12 which have a red, blue, brown, black or green background (other than those incorporated in the bottom panels of diagrams 544.1A and 674, the top panels of diagrams 2919 and 2920, the petrol price display in diagram 2919, diagrams 5001.1, 5001.2, 5003, 5003.1, 5005 and 5005.1 and the top and bottom panels of diagram 7008) shall have the proportions and form shown in Part I of Schedule 13; and

(b) all letters, numerals and other characters incorporated in the signs or parts of the signs shown in the diagrams in Schedules 1 to 5, 7, 10 and 12 which

(**1**) S.I.1999/283 (N.I. 1) Article 3(1)
(**2**) S.I. 1997/276 (N.I. 2)
(**3**) S.R. 1999 No. 481 Article 6(d) and Schedule 4 Part IV
(**4**) S.R. 1997 No. 386; relevant amending rules are S.R. 1999 No. 484 and S.R. 2002 No. 143

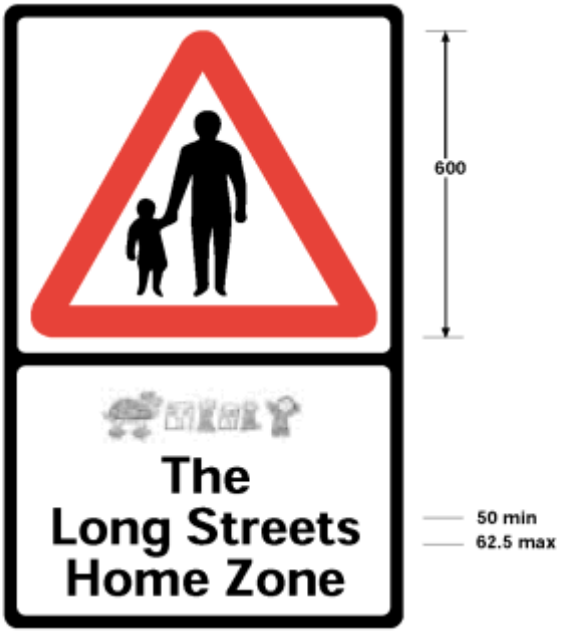
have a white, yellow or orange background (other than those incorporated in the bottom panels of diagrams 544.1A and 674, the top panels of diagrams 2919 and 2920 and the top and bottom panels of diagram 7008) shall have the proportions and form shown in Part II of Schedule 13.";

(b) for paragraph (4) there shall be substituted the following paragraph –

"(4) Any letters, numerals or other characters incorporated in the bottom panels of diagrams 544.1A and 674, the top panels of diagrams 2919 and 2920, the petrol price display in diagram 2919 and the top and bottom panels of diagram 7008, may have proportions and form other than the proportions and form shown in Schedule 13.".

(3) In regulation 21 (buses, bus lanes and bus symbols) in paragraph (2)(b) after the first occurrence of the word "cycles" there shall be inserted ", motorcycles".

(4) In Schedule 1 (warning signs) after diagram 544.1 there shall be inserted the following diagram and the words specified in and under it –

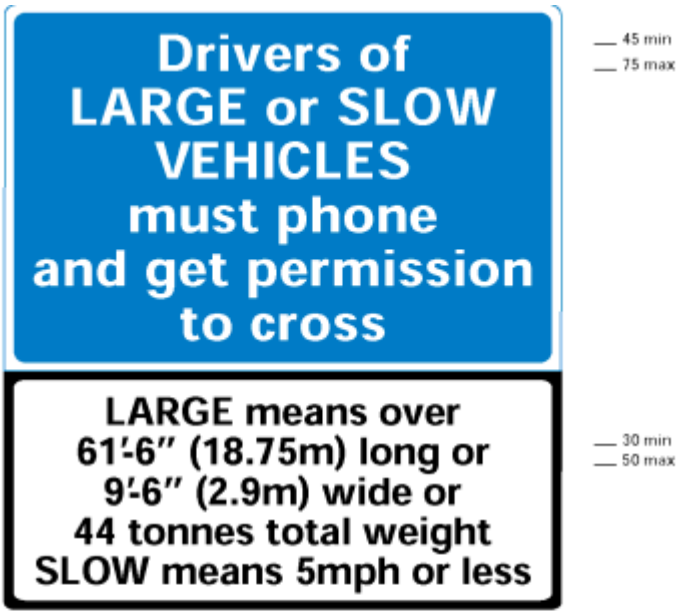


544.1A
Traffic calmed area

Item	
1	Regulations: 11(1), 11(4)
2	Diagrams: None
3	Permitted variants: Schedule 16, item 18 The pictogram in the lower portion of the sign may be varied or omitted. The place name may be varied or omitted. A road safety slogan may be added below the place name. The place name and road safety slogan may be in any style of lettering. Any contrasting colours except red may be used for the place name or road safety slogan and the background of that part of the sign. Advertising material or political slogans shall not be included on the sign
4	Illumination requirements: Schedule 17, item 1

(5) In Schedule 2 (regulatory signs) diagram 674.1 shall be deleted;

(6) In Schedule 3 (signs for railway and tramway level crossings) for diagram 784 and the words specified in and under it there shall be inserted the following –



784

Drivers of large or slow vehicles must stop and telephone before using an automatic railway or tramway level crossing

Item	
1	Regulations: 8, 14(1)
2	Diagrams: None
3	Permitted variants: The expression "61'-6" (18.75m)" may be replaced by "55' ", in which case the expression "(2.9m)" shall be deleted and the figure "44" replaced by "38"
4	Illumination requirements: Schedule 17, item 1

(7) In Schedule 4 (other informatory signs) after diagram 879 there shall be inserted the following diagram and the words specified in and under it –

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881

Name of a waterway (and bridge if appropriate)

Item	
1	Regulations: 11(1)
2	Diagrams: None
3	Permitted variants: The waterway name may be varied. The bridge name may be varied or omitted. The background colour of the sign may be varied to blue, brown or green, in which case the colour of the lettering and borders shall be white
4	Illumination requirements: Schedule 17, item 2

(8) In Schedule 5 (signs for bus, tram and pedal cycle facilities) –

(a) for diagram 958 and the words specified in and under it there shall be substituted the following –