STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

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# ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

## Traffic Signs (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999

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The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 50(5) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995(**1**) and Articles 28(2) and (4) and 60(1) and (5) of the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997(**2**) 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) 1999 and shall come into operation on 10th January 2000.

### Amendments

**2.**—(1) The Traffic Signs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997(**3**) shall be amended as provided by paragraphs (2) to (16).

(2) In regulation 8 (application of Article 50 of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 to signs and disqualification for offences)—

(a) in paragraph (1) for the words "Order of 1995" there shall be substituted "Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995"; and

(b) in paragraph (2) for the words "Order of 1995" there shall be substituted "Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995 are".

(3) In regulation 10 (variations of dimensions) in paragraph (10) in item 2 of Table 2, opposite column (3), for the words "2%" there shall be substituted "20%".

(4) In regulation 14 (signs shown in diagrams 601.1, 602, 778, 778.1, 611.1 and 784 and their significance), in paragraph (1) after item 3 in the Table there shall be inserted the following item—

(**1**) S.I.1995/2994 (N.I. 18) Article 50 was substituted by Article 75(1) of and paragraph 19 of Schedule 8 to S.I. 1997/276 (N.I. 2)
(**2**) S.I. 1997/276 (N.I. 2); *see* Article 2(2) for the definition of "the Department"
(**3**) S.R. 1997 No. 386

| "Item<br>(1) | Diagram number<br>(2) | Requirements<br>(3) |
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| 3A. | 611.1 | (a) A vehicle entering the junction shall give priority to vehicles coming from the right at the transverse road marking shown in diagram 1003.3 associated with the sign or, if the marking is not for the time being visible, at the road junction; and<br>(b) A vehicle proceeding through the junction shall keep to the left of the white circle at the centre of the marking shown in diagram 1003.4, unless the size of the vehicle makes it impractical to do so; and<br>(c) A vehicle shall not proceed past the marking shown in diagram 1003.4 in a manner or at a time likely—<br>(i) to endanger any person, or<br>(ii) to cause the driver of another vehicle to change its speed or course in order to avoid an accident." |

(5) In regulation 33 (significance of light signals) for sub-paragraph (*b*) of paragraph (1) there shall be substituted the following sub-paragraph—

"(b) when a vehicle is being used for fire brigade, ambulance or police purposes and the observance of the prohibition conveyed by the red, red-with-amber or amber signal in accordance with sub-paragraph (*a*), (*c*) or (*e*) would be likely to hinder the use of that vehicle for the purpose for which it is being used, then those sub-paragraphs shall not apply to the vehicle, and the red, red-with-amber or amber signal shall each convey the prohibition that that vehicle shall not proceed beyond the stop line in a manner or at a time likely to endanger any person or cause the driver of any vehicle proceeding in accordance with the indications of light signals operating in association with the signals displaying the red, red-with-amber or amber signal to change its speed or course in order to avoid an accident;".

(6) For regulation 40 (school crossing patrol signs and warning lights) there shall be substituted the following regulation—

"**School crossing patrol signs and warning lights**

**40.**—(1) A sign which is exhibited by a school crossing patrol for the purpose of stopping any vehicle in accordance with Article 60 of the 1997 Order (School crossings) shall be of the size, colour and type shown in diagram 605.2.

(2) A sign for conveying a warning to vehicular traffic, which is approaching a place in a road where children on their way to or from school or on their way from one part of a school to another cross or seek to cross that road ("a crossing place"), that a crossing place lies ahead and is being patrolled by a school crossing patrol or is otherwise in use by such children—

(a) shall be a light signal of the size, colour and type shown in diagram 4004, each lamp of which when operated shall show an intermittent amber light at a rate of flashing of not less than 60 nor more than 90 flashes per minute and in such a manner that one light is always shown when the other light is not shown; and

(b) may be erected on or near part of the road in advance of a crossing place in relation to oncoming traffic.".

(7) In regulation 43 (flashing beacons)—

(a) in paragraph (2)(*b*) for the figure "800" there shall be substituted "450"; and

(b) in paragraph (2)(*c*) the words "and the period between flashes shall not exceed ¼ of a second" shall be deleted.

(8) In Schedule 1 (warning signs) for the caption to diagram 543.2 there shall be substituted the following caption—

"Temporary traffic control ahead".

(9) In Schedule 2 (regulatory signs)—

(a) for the caption to diagram 605.2 there shall be substituted the following caption—

"Vehicular traffic shall comply with the requirements of Article 60 of the 1997 Order when the sign is exhibited by a school crossing patrol";

(b) in item 1 of the table below diagram 605.2 the words ", 40(2)" shall be deleted;

(c) in item 1 of the table below diagram 611.1 after the words "10(7)," there shall be inserted "14(1),";

(d) in item 3 of the table below diagram 618.1 after the words "9. "access to off-street premises" " there shall be inserted "10. "fire vehicles" "; and

(e) in the caption to diagram 648 the words "adjacent to a clearway" shall be deleted.

(10) In Schedule 3 (signs for railway and tramway level crossings) in item 3 of the table below diagram 773 for the words "Schedule 16, items 3, 11. The traffic signal symbol may be omited or replaced by the words "AUTOMATIC BARRIERS", "AUTOMATIC CONTROL (NO BARRIERS)" " there shall be substituted "None".

(11) In Schedule 4 (other informatory signs) in item 3 of the table below diagram 878 after the words "may be varied to" there shall be inserted " "Bus Lane",".

(12) In Schedule 5 (signs for bus, tram and pedal cycle facilities)—

(a) in item 3 of the table below diagram 958 after the word "symbol" there shall be inserted ". The cycle symbol may be omitted. The diagram may be varied to show the bus lane on the right-hand side";

(b) in item 3 of the table below diagram 959 after the words "bus symbol" there shall be inserted ". The cycle symbol may be omitted. The diagram may be varied to show the bus lane on the right-hand side"; and