STATUTORY RULES OF NORTHERN IRELAND

# 1995 No. 302

## ROADS

## The Traffic Calming Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995

*Made* . . . . . *31st July 1995*

*Coming into operation* . . *11th September 1995*

The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 65(4) of the Roads (Northern Ireland) Order 1993(a) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, and it appearing to it that they are necessary or expedient in the interests of safety and the free movement of traffic, makes the following regulations:

*Citation and commencement*

**1.** These regulations may be cited as the Traffic Calming Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1995 and shall come into operation on 11th September 1995.

*Interpretation*

**2.** In these regulations—

"build-out" means a work for narrowing a carriageway constructed on one side of that carriageway as an extension of or adjacent to the verge, footway or cycle track;

"chicane" means a series of two or more build-outs constructed on alternate sides of the carriageway and not opposite one another;

"cycle track" means any part of a road which is not a carriageway, over which the public have a right of way for the passage of pedal cycles;

"gateway" means an object or structure constructed on the verge, footway or cycle track of a road for the purpose of indicating the presence in a length of carriageway of traffic calming works of a description prescribed by these regulations or of road humps;

"island" means a work without facilities for pedestrians constructed in a carriageway to reduce carriageway width or to deflect the flow of vehicular traffic;

"overrun area" means an area of a carriageway so constructed of different textured or coloured material so as to appear to narrow that carriageway;

"pinch-point" means build-outs constructed on both sides of a carriageway opposite one another;

(a) S.I. 1993/3160 (N.I. 15); *see* Article 2(2) for the definition of "the Department"

"rumble device" means a part of the carriageway constructed of materials intended to generate noise or vibration in a vehicle passing over it;

"traffic sign" has the meaning assigned to it by Article 2(2) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(a);

"verge" means any part of a road which is not a carriageway, footway or cycle track.

*Works which are traffic calming works*

**3.** For the purposes of these regulations build-outs, chicanes, gateways, islands, overrun areas, pinch-points or rumble devices or any combination of such works shall be traffic calming works.

***Restriction on the construction of overrun areas***

**4.** Where an overrun area is constructed or maintained in a road—

(*a*) no vertical face of any material forming that area shall exceed 10 millimetres measured vertically from top to bottom of that face;

(*b*) the slope of that area shall not exceed 15 degrees measured between an imaginary line extending the general line of the slope of that area and the surface of the carriageway where it is intersected by the imaginary line;

(*c*) that area shall not be so constructed or maintained that an imaginary vertical line measured from the base of any upstanding face intersects an imaginary line extending the general line of the slope of the area more than 15 millimetres above the base of that upstanding face.

*Restriction on the construction of rumble devices*

**5.** Where a rumble device is constructed or maintained in a road—

(*a*) no vertical face of any material forming that device shall exceed 6 millimetres measured vertically from top to bottom of that face;

(*b*) no part of the device shall be more than 15 millimetres above the surface of the carriageway.

*Features which may be included in traffic calming works*

**6.**—(1) A traffic calming work may include for a purpose referred to in paragraph (2) provision on it or on any part of it or on the adjacent road of—

(*a*) lighting;

(*b*) paving, grass or other covering;

(*c*) pillars, bollards, planters, walls, rails or fences;

(*d*) objects or structures spanning the carriageway; or

(*e*) trees, shrubs or other plants.

(2) The purposes referred to in paragraph (1) are—

(*a*) making the traffic calming work conspicuous;

(a) S.I. 1981/154 (N.I. 1)