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ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

Traffic Signs (Temporary Obstructions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975

Made . . . . . *12th November* 1975

Coming into operation . . . *15th December* 1975

The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 108(1)(*a*) and (*b*) of the Road Traffic Act (Northern Ireland) 1970(**a**) and now vested in it(**b**) and every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following regulations:

1. These regulations may be cited as the Traffic Signs (Temporary Obstructions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1975 and shall come into operation on 15th December 1975.

2. The Traffic Signs (Temporary Obstructions) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1969(**c**) are hereby revoked.

3.—(1) A traffic sign of the size, colour and type hereinafter prescribed (hereinafter called "the triangle sign") shall convey to traffic the warning of a temporary obstruction on the carriageway of a road.

(2) The triangle sign shall—

(*a*) be of the size, colour and type shown either in the diagram in Part I of Schedule 1 or Part I of Schedule 2 subject, however, in each case, to the provisions of Part II of Schedule 1 or Schedule 2 as the case may be;

(*b*) in the case of the sign shown in the diagram in Part I of Schedule 1 be so constructed that it will stand firmly on the surface of a road with apex pointing upwards;

(*c*) be so constructed that it is unlikely to cause more than superficial damage to any vehicle which may pass over it when it is standing on the surface of a road; and

(*d*) be legibly and permanently marked—

(i) in the case of the sign shown in Part I of Schedule 1, with the specification number of the British Standard for an Advance Warning Triangle to indicate temporary obstructions, namely B.S.AU47: 1965, or

(ii) in the case of the sign shown in the diagram in Part I of Schedule 2, with the marking designated as an approval mark by regulation 2 of the Motor Vehicles (Designation of Approval Marks) Regulations 1974(**d**).

4.—(1) Any person not otherwise authorised to do so may place the triangle sign on a road for the purpose of warning traffic of a temporary obstruction on a carriageway.

(a) 1970 c. 2 (N.I.)
(b) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1972 No. 111 Article 2 (p. 414) and S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1973 No. 504 Article 4 (II, p. 2992)
(c) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1969 No. 37 (p. 183)
(d) S.I. 1974/764 (1974 I, p. 2928)

(2) Any triangle sign placed on a road by any such person shall be placed at least 50 yards away from the obstruction and in a position from which the sign will warn traffic approaching the obstruction on the same side of the carriageway as that on which the obstruction is situate, and shall be placed facing such traffic and with apex pointing upwards.

(3) A triangle sign shown in the diagram in Part I of Schedule 2 shall be supported in such a way as to maintain the sign firmly in an upright position with the apex pointing upwards and so that the distance between the lower side of the sign and the road surface shall not exceed 300 millimetres.

5. Nothing in the Motorways Traffic Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1963(e) shall preclude any person from placing the triangle sign on or removing it from a motorway.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment for Northern Ireland on 12th November 1975.

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(e) S.R. & O. (N.I.) 1963 No. 233 (p. 824)