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The Traffic Signs (Amendment) Regulations and General Directions 2005

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1. Structured Information Line

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2. Member State

United Kingdom

3. Department Responsible

Department of Trade and Industry: Standards and Technical Regulations Directorate

3. Originating Department

Department for Transport

4. Notification Number

2005/0072/UK – T40T

5. Title



The Traffic Signs (Amendment) Regulations and General Directions 2005

6. Products Concerned

Variable traffic signs and road markings

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The draft Statutory Instrument amends the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions (TSRGD) 2002 so as to enable certain traffic signs to be used to convey information, requirements, prohibitions or restrictions applying to an actively managed hard shoulder of a motorway. It also permits the use of variable speed limit signs having a diameter of 1300mm.

The UK will fulfil its obligation under Article 12 of Directive 98/34/EC when these regulations are officially published.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Separate regulations are being made to amend the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982 in respect of the M42 Motorway, Junctions 3A to 7 and the adjoining slip roads. These separate regulations provide for the implementation of variable speed limits on a specific length of the M42 Motorway, and the use of the hard shoulder as a carriageway where a speed limit is displayed. Amendments are required to the TSRGD 2002 to specify the legal significance of signals displayed over the hard shoulder, and it is also proposed to permit the use of variable speed limit signs of a different size from those currently specified in the existing Regulations. The amendment regulations also specify the significance of edge of carriageway and edge of hard shoulder markings depending on whether the hard shoulder is being used as a running lane or not.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

a) The basic texts necessary to assess the draft are contained in The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002 as previously notified to the Commission.

b) 2001/0373/UK - The Traffic Signs and General Regulations.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No



14. Fiscal measures

No

15. Impact assessment

The impact assessment is attached (Annex C).

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT Aspect

No

The draft does not have a significant effect on international trade.

SPS Aspect

No

The draft is not a sanitary or phytosanitary measure in the sense of Annex A of the SPS Agreement.

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