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## Traffic signs manual chapter 7: the design of traffic signs

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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 policy unit



### 3. Originating Department

Department of transport

### 4. Notification Number

95/0140/UK

### 5. Title

Traffic signs manual chapter 7: the design of traffic signs

### 6. Products Concerned

Non-standard traffic signs

### 7. Notification Under Another Act

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### 8. Main Content

This chapter explains, with illustrated examples, the clearest and most efficient layouts for the legends and symbols on non-standard traffic signs, mainly direction signs and special signs for road works, in conformance with the notified document the traffic signs regulations and general directions 1994. It does not deal with standards or testing, so the question of recognition of equivalents does not arise.

### 9. Brief Statement of Grounds

The guidance is intended to ensure the following:-

- (i) maximum clarity of the intended message for drivers, with correct sizing and spacing of the individual elements
- (ii) most efficient use of expensive materials, by minimising wasted space and keeping the overall size of the sign as small as possible consistent with (i) above
- (iii) that all sign makers, including those based in other EC Member states, are competing on the same basis when bidding for UK sign contracts. When design rules are not transparent, different manufacturers will make different assumptions, leading to significant differences in sign area and hence cost, especially for larger signs.

This document should therefore facilitate a more open and efficient market in the manufacture of traffic signs to the existing uk regulations.

### 10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

- (i) Traffic signs manual chapter 7: the design of traffic signs
- (ii) The traffic signs regulations and general directions, not enclosed, were notified on 30 oct 1990, reference



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**11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure**

NO

**12. Grounds for the Emergency**

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