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Safety at Street Works and Road Works - A Code of Practice.

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2. Member State

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3. Department Responsible

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3. Originating Department

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4. Notification Number

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5. Title

Safety at Street Works and Road Works - A Code of Practice.

6. Products Concerned

The Code of Practice specifies the appearance of signs, apparatus and clothing for use at street works.

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The Code of Practice contains straightforward guidance for operatives and supervisors when undertaking street works. It gives information on the means of safe signing and lighting of the works and on the equipment to be used. The Code will have statutory backing for works carried out by undertakers (e.g gas, water, electricity and telecommunications companies) who install and maintain apparatus in the highway. Its use will be recommended for work carried out by, or on behalf of, highway authorities.

The Code will provide for the acceptance of products complying with equivalent specifications recognised in other member states and with other products having equivalent performance. Such products will, however, have to comply with UK legal requirements in respect of appearance and dimensions of apparatus for the regulation and information of traffic. For safety reasons consistent visual information must be presented to highway users throughout the UK.

The UK will fulfil its obligation under Article 12 of Directive 83/189/EEC (as amended) when this Code of Practice is officially published.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Sections 65 and (for Scotland) 124 of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 require undertakers carrying out street works to ensure adequate lighting, signing and guarding of the works. The Act provides for Codes of Practice to give practical guidance on how these safety requirements are to be

carried out. Safety at Street Works and Road Works is the sole Code of Practice issued for this purpose; the first edition of the Code was introduced in April 1993 and was



previously notified to the Commission under 92/0155/UK. The proposed new Code has been revised in the light of practical experience since then.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

i. Safety at Street Works and Road Works - A Code of Practice [consultation draft 1997].

ii. New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (submitted with 92/0155/UK);
Traffic Signs Manual Chapter 8 Volumes 1 and 2 (submitted under 89/0204/UK);

BS 873: Part 6: 1983 - Specification for retroreflective and non-retroreflective signs (submitted with 89/0204/UK);

The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 1994 (submitted under 90/0324/UK);

BS EN 471: 1994 - Specification for high visibility warning clothing (European standard).

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

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12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13. Confidentiality

No

14. Fiscal measures

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