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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 (DfT)

4. Notification Number

2004/0021/UK – T40T

5. Title

The Traffic Signs (Amendment) General Directions 2004

6. Products Concerned



Reflective and/or fluorescent yellow backing boards for traffic signs

7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

The amendment specifies that yellow backing boards used for mounting traffic signs may be reflectorised or fluorescent, or both. This allows greater flexibility over the illumination of backing boards, thus removing a barrier to trade. The amendment also permits the use of non-rectangular yellow backing boards when a speed limit sign is combined with a village boundary sign.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

Both amendments are intended to clarify the legal position over the enforcement of speed limit signs when mounted on yellow backing boards. Legal advice is that the wording of Direction 42 of The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002, as previously notified, did not achieve the intended effect as described in the accompanying Guidance Circular. The revised wording rectifies this.

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 (Direction 42) as previously notified to the Commission as 2001/0373/UK.

11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

No.

12. Grounds for the Emergency

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13 No.

14. Fiscal measures

No.

15. Impact assessment

No Impact Assessment has been completed as this amendment is intended to ensure that the wording of the legislation has the effect it was intended to have when the TSRGD 2002 were notified and to remove uncertainty as to whether existing practice in the manufacture and use of yellow backing boards is covered by the statutory specification.

16. TBT and SPS aspects

TBT Aspect: We are currently considering the need to notify under the WTO/TBT agreement.

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



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