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'SAFETY AT STREET WORKS AND ROAD WORKS - A CODE OF PRACTICE'

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Message

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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, QUALITY AND
POLICY UNIT

3. Originating Department

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT

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5. Title

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6. Products Concerned

THE CODE OF PRACTICE SPECIFIES THE APPEARANCE OF SIGNS,
APPARATUS AND CLOTHING FOR USE AT ROAD WORKS.

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7. Notification Under Another Act

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8. Main Content

THE CODE OF PRACTICE WILL GIVE STRAIGHTFORWARD GUIDANCE FOR
WORKERS, SUPERVISORS AND MANAGERS ENGAGED IN CARRYING OUT
WORKS ON THE HIGHWAY. 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 (EG. ELECTRICITY, GAS OR TELECOMMUNICATION COMPANIES) WHO INSTALL AND MAINTAIN APPARATUS IN THE HIGHWAY. ITS USE WILL BE RECOMMENDED FOR WORK CARRIED OUT BY, OR ON BEHALF OF, THE HIGHWAY AUTHORITY.

THE CODE WILL PROVIDE FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF PRODUCTS COMPLYING WITH EQUIVALENT SPECIFICATIONS RECOGNISED IN OTHER MEMBER STATES AND WITH TRADITIONAL OR EQUIVALENT 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. IT IS NECESSARY FOR SAFETY REASONS TO PRESENT CONSISTENT VISUAL INFORMATION TO USERS OF HIGHWAYS THROUGHOUT THE UK.

9. Brief Statement of Grounds

SECTION 65 AND (FOR SCOTLAND) 124 OF THE NEW ROADS AND STREET WORKS ACT 1991 REQUIRE UNDERTAKERS CARRYING OUT WORK ON THE HIGHWAY TO ENSURE ADEQUATE LIGHTING AND GUARDING OF THE WORKS, AND ALSO THE PROVISION OF TRAFFIC SIGNS FOR THE PURPOSE. THE ACT EMPOWERS MINISTERS TO ISSUE CODES OF PRACTICE GIVING PRACTICAL GUIDANCE AS TO HOW THESE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS ARE TO BE CARRIED OUT. IT IS PROVIDED THAT COMPLIANCE WITH THESE CODES IS TAKEN AS COMPLIANCE WITH THE LEGAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE ACT IN THIS RESPECT.

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AT THE TIME OF THIS NOTIFICATION IT IS INTENDED THAT 'SAFETY AT STREET WORKS AND ROAD WORKS' SHALL BE THE SOLE CODE OF PRACTICE ISSUED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

10. Reference Documents - Basic Texts

DRAFT DOCUMENTS :

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11. Invocation of the Emergency Procedure

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12. Grounds for the Emergency

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