

Traffic Signs Authorisation

The Department for Regional Development(a), gives the following authorisation in exercise of the powers conferred by Article 28(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997(b) and now vested in it(c).

Interpretation

1. In this authorisation—
“the 1997 Regulations” means the Traffic Signs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1997(d);
“coach” means a motor vehicle with a maximum speed exceeding 60 miles per hour which is constructed or adapted to carry more than 16 seated persons in addition to the driver, and which is not used for the provision of a scheduled local service;
“retroreflecting material” has the meaning assigned to it by regulation 2 of the 1997 Regulations; and
“sign” means the traffic sign shown in the diagrams in the Schedule.

Control of traffic by signs

- 2.—(1) The sign is authorised for erection for the purpose of indicating to vehicular traffic restrictions on length of waiting time and return period for coaches.
- (2) The information indicated and conveyed by the sign shall be that specified in or under the diagrams in the Schedule.

Sign to be placed in conjunction with other signs

3. The sign shall be used in conjunction with the road marking shown in diagram number 1028.2 in Schedule 6 to the 1997 Regulations when that road marking is varied to show “COACHES”

Sign to be of the size, colour and type shown in the diagrams

- 4.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this authorisation, the sign shall be of the size, colour and type shown in the diagrams in the Schedule.
- (2) Dimensions indicated in the diagrams in the Schedule are expressed in millimetres.

Variation of dimensions

5. Any dimension specified in the diagrams in the Schedule may be varied by up to 7.5% of that dimension.

Proportions and form of letters

6. All letters incorporated in the sign shall have the proportions and form as prescribed in Part II of Schedule 13 to the 1997 Regulations.

Permitted variants

- 7.—(1) Where the circumstances in which the sign is to be placed so require or where appropriate in those circumstances, the form of the sign may be varied in the following manner—

(a) S.I. 1999/283 (N.I. 1) Article 3(1)
(b) S.I. 1997/276 (N.I. 2)
(c) S.R. 1999 No. 481 Article 6(d) and Schedule 4 Part IV
(d) S.R. 1997 No. 386

- (a) an arrow may be added to the sign, pointing to the left or right as appropriate. Where the arrow points to the right the coach symbol (with a window substituted for the door) shall face to the right.
- (b) reference to a time limit, the time of day, the day of the week, the month of the year or the year may be added, varied or omitted as appropriate. References to bank or public holidays may be included.
- (c) the words “No return within 1 hour” may be placed on 3 lines.

(2) Where the form of the sign is varied in accordance with this authorisation, the information conveyed to vehicular traffic by the sign is varied to accord with the form of the sign as varied.

Illumination requirements

8.—(1) The sign may be left unlit, or be illuminated by the use of retroreflecting material in accordance with paragraph (2).

(2) Where retroreflecting material is used on any part of the sign, all other parts of that sign shall also be illuminated by means of retroreflecting material.

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SCHEDULE



Restrictions on length of waiting
time and return period for coaches
(Alternative types)