ROADS Service

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)**;

"hours of darkness" and "retroreflecting material" have the meanings assigned to those terms by regulation 2 of the 1997 Regulations;

"sign" means a traffic sign shown in diagrams A, B and C in the Schedule.

Control of traffic by signs

2.—(1) The sign shown in diagram A is authorised for erection on the M1 citybound in the vicinity of Junction 3 (Black's Road) and on the A12 Westlink southbound for the purpose of indicating to vehicular traffic that the speed limit may be subject to variation ahead.

(2) The signs shown in diagrams B and C are authorised for erection on the M1 countrybound in the vicinity of Junction 3 (Black's Road) and on the A12 Westlink northbound for the purpose of indicating to vehicular traffic that the variable speed limit no longer applies.

(3) The information indicated and conveyed by each sign shall be that specified in or under the respective diagram.

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

3.—(1) Subject to the provisions of this authorisation, the signs 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.

Variations of dimensions

4. Any dimension specified in a diagram in the Schedule may be varied by up to 5% of that dimension.

Proportions and form of letters

5. All letters incorporated in any sign shown in a diagram in the Schedule shall have the proportions and form prescribed in Part I of Schedule 13 to the 1997 Regulations.

(**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

Illumination requirements

6.—(1) The sign may be illuminated by means of internal or external lighting but if not so illuminated throughout the hours of darkness, it shall 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.

(3) Where the sign is illuminated by means of external lighting, then that means of lighting shall be fitted to the structure on which the sign is mounted or which is otherwise specially provided, except that if the sign is mounted on a bridge, tunnel or similar structure over a road the means of lighting may alternatively be mounted separately in a manner such as to illuminate the sign effectively.

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SCHEDULE

Diagram A

Variable speed limit may
be in operation ahead

Diagram B

Variable speed limit ends

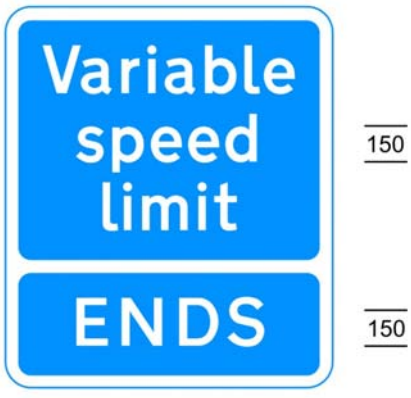

Diagram C

Variable speed limit ends