1995 No. 147

ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

Experimental Speed Limit (Motorway M3 — Continuation) Order (Northern Ireland) 1995

Made . . . . . *4th April 1995*

Coming into operation . . *22nd May 1995*

To be laid before Parliament under paragraph 3(3) of Schedule 1 to the Northern Ireland Act 1974

WHEREAS the Department of the Environment is satisfied that it is desirable in the interests of safety to continue to restrict the speed of motor vehicles on the Motorway M3;

AND WHEREAS the Department has published notice of its intention in compliance with Article 51(1) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**a**);

NOW THEREFORE the Department, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 51(5) of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981 and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Experimental Speed Limit (Motorway M3 — Continuation) Order (Northern Ireland) 1995 and shall come into operation on 22nd May 1995.

Continuation of speed limit

2. The provisions of the Experimental Speed Limit (Motorway M3) Order (Northern Ireland) 1994(**b**) are hereby continued indefinitely.

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on 4th April 1995.

(L.S.) *E. J. Galway*
Assistant Secretary

(**a**) S.I. 1981/1984 (N.I. 1); *see* Article 2(2) for the definition of "Department"
(**b**) S.R. 1994 No. 487

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order.)

This Order continues in force indefinitely the provisions of the Experimental Speed Limit (Motorway M3) Order (Northern Ireland) 1994 which prohibits in the interests of safety the driving of motor vehicles—

(*a*) at more than 30 miles per hour on the westbound carriageway of the Motorway M3, from a point approximately 65 metres east of its junction with Nelson Street, Belfast, to that junction;

(*b*) at more than 40 miles per hour on the eastbound carriageway of the Motorway M3, from a point approximately 150 metres west of its junction with Middlepath Street, Belfast, to that junction; and

(*c*) at more than 50 miles per hour on the eastbound carriageway of the Motorway M3, from its junction with the Motorway M2, to a point approximately 150 metres west of its junction with Middlepath Street, Belfast, and on the westbound carriageway of the Motorway M3, from its junction with Middlepath Street, Belfast, to its junction with the Motorway M2 (excluding part of the off-slip road from its junction with Nelson Street, to a point approximately 65 metres east of that junction).

This Order does not operate to increase any maximum speed limit imposed under any other enactment with respect to roads, motor vehicles or the drivers of motor vehicles.

Any person who acts in contravention of the Order shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 3 on the standard scale (£1,000).

Traffic signs indicating the effect of the Order have been erected on the road.