" thirty miles per hour speed limit " means a speed limit of thirty miles per hour imposed by or under section 1 of the Road Traffic Act, 1934.

(2) Any reference in these Directions to any enactment shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as amended by any subsequent enactment.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1889(a), shall apply to the interpretation of these Directions as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. Paragraph 7 of the Traffic Signs (30 m.p.h. Speed Limit) (England and Wales) Directions, 1957(b), shall not apply to any point on a road where a motor vehicle may duly pass from a length of road on which a thirty miles per hour speed limit is in force to a length of road on which a forty miles per hour speed limit is in force.

4. Paragraph 8 of the said Directions shall not apply to any length of road on which a forty miles per hour speed limit is in force.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation this twenty-first day of February, 1958.

(L.S.)

Harold Watkinson,
The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Directions, but is intended to indicate their general purport.)

These Directions amend the Traffic Signs (30 m.p.h. Speed Limit) (England and Wales) Directions, 1957, by providing that the requirements in the earlier Directions for the erection of signs indicating whether roads are subject to a 30 m.p.h. speed limit by virtue of section 1 of the Road Traffic Act, 1934, are not to apply in certain cases where a speed limit of 40 m.p.h. on the driving of mechanically-propelled vehicles is in force on roads in the London Traffic Area by virtue of regulations under section 10 of the London Traffic Act, 1924, as amended.

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The Traffic Signs (40 m.p.h. Speed Limit) Directions, 1958

Made - - - - 21*st February,* 1958
Coming into Operation 15*th March,* 1958

The Secretary of State and the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation (hereinafter referred to as " the Minister ") acting jointly in exercise of their powers under section 48 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930(c), as read with the Transfer of Functions (Roads, Bridges and Ferries) Order, 1955(d), and of all other powers them enabling in that behalf hereby give the following Directions:—

1. These Directions shall come into operation on the fifteenth day of March, 1958, and may be cited as the Traffic Signs (40 m.p.h. Speed Limit) Directions, 1958.

(a) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(b) S.I. 1957/275 (1957 II p. 2092).
(c) 20 & 21 Geo. 5. c. 43.
(d) S.I. 1955/1955 (1955 I, p. 1205).

2.—(1) In these Directions the following expressions have the meanings hereby respectively assigned to them :—

" central reservation " means works constructed in the carriageway along any length of road, for separating a part of the road which is to be used by traffic moving in one direction from a part of the road which is to be used by traffic moving in the other ;

" dual carriageway road " means a length of road along which are constructed one or more central reservations ;

" forty miles per hour speed limit " means a speed limit of forty miles per hour on the driving of mechanically propelled vehicles imposed under section 10 of the London Traffic Act, 1924(a) ;

" Schedule " means the Schedule to the Traffic Signs (40 m.p.h. Speed Limit) Regulations, 1958(b).

(2) Any reference in these Directions to any enactment shall be construed as a reference to that enactment as amended by any subsequent enactment.

(3) The Interpretation Act, 1889(c), shall apply to the interpretation of these Directions as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. Signs shown in diagram 1 in the Schedule may be used only—

(*a*) at or as near as practicable to the point on a road where a forty miles per hour speed limit on that road begins, and

(*b*) if two such signs are placed either one on each side of that road or in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 8 of these Directions.

4. Signs shown in diagram 2 in the Schedule may be used only—

(*a*) on a road not being a road on which a forty miles per hour speed limit is in force but having a junction with a side of a length of road on which a speed limit of forty miles per hour is in force,

(*b*) at or as near as practicable to that junction, and

(*c*) if two such signs are placed either one on each side of the first mentioned road or in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 8 of these Directions.

5. Signs shown in diagram 3 in the Schedule may be used only along a length of road on which a forty miles per hour speed limit is in force and only in accordance with the provisions of the next succeeding paragraph.

6. The signs mentioned in the last preceding paragraph shall be so placed along a length of road so mentioned that—

(*a*) they face towards and are clearly visible to drivers of approaching motor vehicles ;

(*b*) they are situated on each side of the road ;

(*c*) the distance between any one sign on one side of the road and any sign next following that sign on that side and facing in the same direction does not exceed three hundred and twenty-five yards ;

(*d*) the distance between any one sign on one side of the road and any sign next following that sign on the other side of the road and facing in the same direction does not exceed two hundred yards ; and

(a) 14 & 15 Geo. 5. c. 34. (b) S.I. 1958/302 (Pt. II,p. 2101, of this volume).
(c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

(*e*) one such sign is placed on the left or near side of the road not more than two hundred and twenty-five yards from each point at which the speed limit begins:

Provided that where the said length of road is a dual carriageway road the foregoing provisions of this paragraph shall apply in relation to each carriageway on that length of road as though references in sub-paragraphs (*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) to "road" were references to that carriageway.

7. Signs shown in diagram 4 in the Schedule may be used only—

(*a*) at or as near as practicable to the point where a motor vehicle may pass from a length of road on which a speed limit of forty miles per hour is in force to a length of road on which no speed limit on the driving of motor vehicles is in force, and

(*b*) if two such signs are placed either one on each side of the last mentioned length of road or in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 8 of these Directions.

8. Where in accordance with the provisions of sub-paragraph (*b*) of paragraph 3 or 7 of these Directions or sub-paragraph (*c*) of paragraph 4 thereof two signs mentioned in the relevant sub-paragraph would, but for this paragraph, be placed one on each side of the road specified in that sub-paragraph, the said signs shall, if that road is a dual carriageway road, be placed one on the left or near side of the road and one on the central reservation.

9. Where a sign shown in any of the diagrams in the Schedule is mounted on or attached to a post specially provided for that purpose, such post shall be painted in alternate black and white bands, each band being not less than eleven inches nor more than thirteen inches in width.

10. Nothing in these Directions shall be taken to limit the power of the Minister by any special Directions to dispense with, add to or modify any of the requirements of these Directions in their application to any particular case.

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State this twentieth day of February, 1958.

(L.S.)

John S. Maclay,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation this twenty-first day of February, 1958.

(L.S.)

Harold Watkinson,
The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the directions, but is intended to indicate their general purport.*)

These Directions are general directions by the Secretary of State and the Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation relating to the placing of traffic signs prescribed by the Traffic Signs (40 m.p.h. Speed Limit) Regulations, 1958, for the purpose of indicating where a speed limit of forty miles per hour on the driving of mechanically-propelled vehicles is in force on roads in the London Traffic Area.