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ROAD TRAFFIC AND VEHICLES

Traffic Signs (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994

Made	*21st November 1994*
Coming into operation . .	*2nd January 1995*

The Department of the Environment, in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Article 27 of the Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1981(**a**) and of every other power enabling it in that behalf, makes the following regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Traffic Signs (Amendment No. 2) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1994 and shall come into operation on 2nd January 1995.

Amendments

2. The Traffic Signs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979(**b**) shall be amended as follows—

(*a*) in regulation 4(1) inserting—

(i) immediately after the definition of ''Department'' the following definition—

'' ''fire vehicle'' means a vehicle owned by the Fire Authority for Northern Ireland for the purpose of fire fighting or fire prevention;'';

(ii) immediately after the definition of ''major road'' the following definition—

'' ''Motorways Traffic Regulations'' means the Motorways Traffic Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984(**c**);'';

(*b*) in Part I (warning signs) of Schedule 1—

(i) inserting under diagrams 502, 503, 523.1, 524.1, 527, 534.1, 534.2, 535.1, 556.4 and 571 and immediately above the diagram numbers the words ''Permitted variant: The numerals may be changed to accord with the circumstances'';

(ii) inserting under diagram 530 and immediately above the diagram number the words ''Permitted variants: The numerals may be

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(a) S.I. 1981/154 (N.I. 1); *see* Article 2(2) for the definition of ''Department''

(b) S.R. 1979 No. 386; relevant amending rules are S.R. 1982 No. 389, S.R. 1984 No. 58 and S.R. 1994 No. 201

(c) S.R. 1984 No. 160

changed to accord with the circumstances and metric units may be substituted for imperial units'';

(iii) deleting the words under diagram 531 and the number ascribed to that diagram;

(iv) inserting in place of the words under diagram 532 the following words and the new number ascribed to that diagram;

''Limits within which headroom indicated is available at hazard
Permitted variants: Same as for 530

532.1 '';

(v) inserting in place of the words under diagram 570 the following words;

''Distance over which hazard or prohibition extends

Plate for use with signs in diagrams 513, 518, 519, 521, 523.1, 524.1, 548 to 551, 554 (when varied to ''Flood''), 556, 557 to 559, 564, 565.1, 614, 615, 632, 642, 811, 858, 858.1 and 858.2

Permitted variant: The numeral may be changed to accord with the circumstances'';

(vi) inserting in place of the words under diagram 572 the following words;

''Distance to hazard

Plate for use with signs in diagrams 504.1 to 509, 516 to 520, 523.1, 524.1, 529, 529.1, 530, 533, 537, 538, 543 to 545, 554, 555, 562, 564, 564.5, 858, 858.1 and 858.2

Permitted variant: The numerals may be changed to accord with the circumstances'';

(vii) inserting in place of the words under diagram 573 the following words;

''Distance and direction to hazard

Plate for use with signs in diagrams 516, 517, 529, 529.1, 530, 533, 537, 538, 543 to 545, 554, 555, 562, 564, 858, 858.1 and 858.2

Permitted variants: The numerals may be changed to accord with the circumstances or the distance may be omitted. The direction of the arrow may be varied'';

(*c*) in Part II (regulatory signs) of Schedule 1—

(i) inserting in the permitted variants specified under diagram 618.1 after the words '' ''buses coaches and for loading'' '' the words ''or ''fire vehicles'' '';

(ii) under diagram 619.3 inserting—

(*a*) in the words under the diagram after the words ''works buses'' the words ''or fire vehicles'';

(*b*) in the permitted variants before the word ''Up'' the words '' ''buses'' may be varied to read ''fire vehicles''.'' and in

place of the word ''tons'' wherever it appears the word ''tonnes'';

(iii) inserting under diagram 628.1 and immediately above the diagram number the words ''Permitted variant: The numeral may be changed to accord with the circumstances'';

(iv) inserting under diagrams 629, 629.1 and 629.2 and immediately above the diagram number the words ''Permitted variants: The numerals may be changed to accord with the circumstances and metric units may be substituted for imperial units'';

(v) inserting in place of the ''Permitted variant'' under diagram 638 the following words — ''Permitted variants: ''at bus stop'' may be inserted after ''No loading''. The words ''at any time'' may be substituted by a reference to a period of time'';

(vi) inserting under diagram 639 and immediately above the diagram number the words ''Permitted variants: The times and the direction of the arrow may be changed to accord with the circumstances'';

(vii) inserting in place of diagram 639.1 the following diagram and the words specified in or under it and the new number ascribed to that diagram;



Plate showing hours during which waiting by goods vehicles over 5 or 7.5 tonnes maximum gross weight is prohibited except for loading and unloading

Permitted variants: ''7.5'' may be substituted for ''5'' on the goods vehicle symbol. The days and times may be changed to accord with the circumstances

639.2

(viii) inserting in place of the ''Permitted variant'' under diagram 640 the following words — ''Permitted variants: (lower portion) ''at bus stop'' may be inserted after ''No loading''. The days and times may be changed to accord with the circumstances'';

(ix) inserting in place of diagram 640.2 the following diagram and the words specified in or under it and the new number ascribed to that diagram;

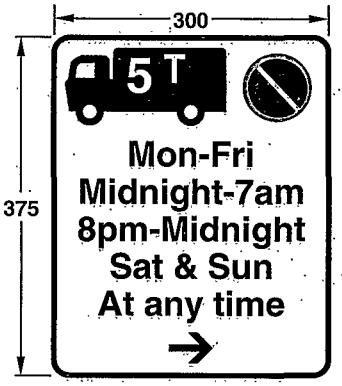
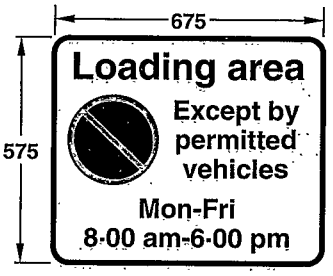


Plate showing hours during and direction in which waiting by goods vehicles over 5 or 7.5 tonnes maximum gross weight is prohibited except for loading and unloading

Permitted variants: "7.5" may be substituted for "5" on the goods vehicle symbol. The days and times and the direction of the arrow may be changed to accord with the circumstances

640.2A

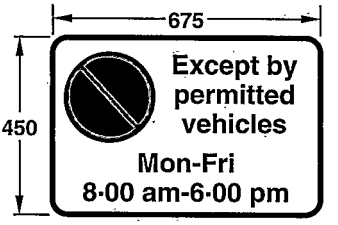
(x) inserting after diagram 640.2A the following diagrams and the words specified in or under them;



Entrance to a designated loading area in which waiting except by permitted vehicles is prohibited during the hours shown

Permitted variants: The days and times may be changed to accord with the circumstances

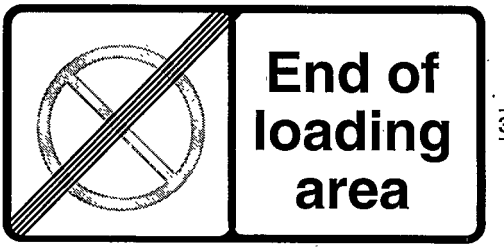
640.3



Sign showing hours during which waiting except by permitted vehicles is prohibited in a designated loading area

Permitted variants: The days and times may be changed to accord with the circumstances

640.4

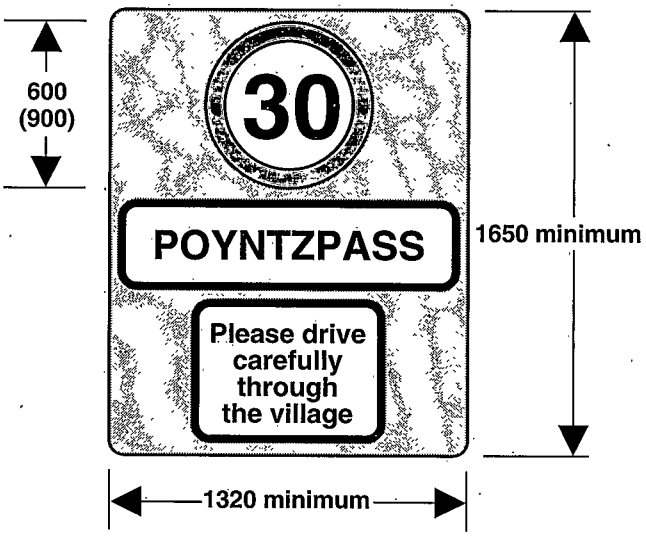


End of loading area in which waiting except by permitted vehicles is prohibited

640.5

(xi) inserting under diagrams 641 and 646 and immediately above the diagram number the words "Permitted variants: The days and times may be changed to accord with the circumstances";

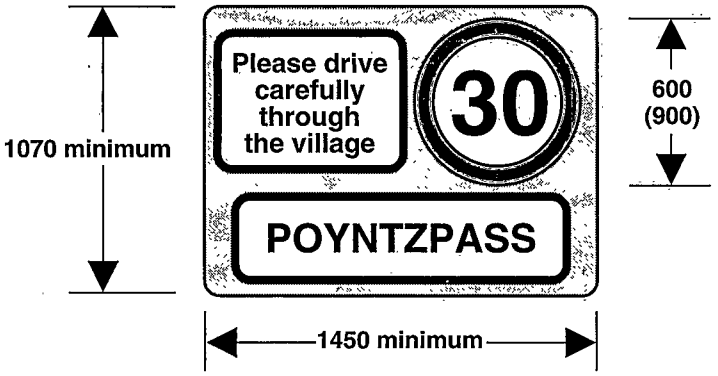
(xii) inserting after diagram 670 the following diagrams and the words specified in or under them;



Maximum speed limit on a road being the number of miles per hour shown by the numerals. For use on the approach to a village.

Permitted variants: The numerals may be changed to accord with the circumstances. "through the village" may be omitted. The village name may be changed.

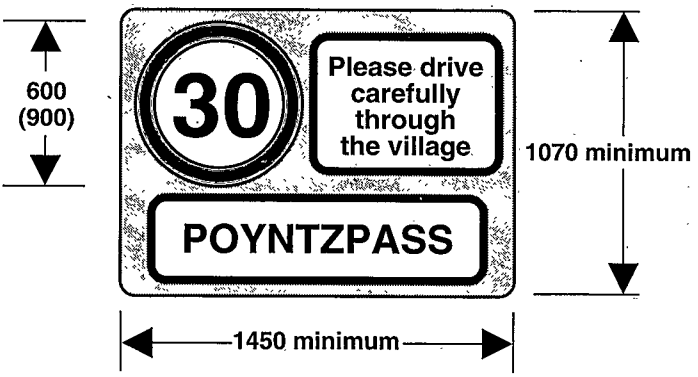
670.1



Same as 670.1

Permitted variants: Same as 670.1

670.2



Same as 670.1

Permitted variants: Same as 670.1

670.3

(xiii) inserting after diagram 671 the following diagram and the words specified in or under it;

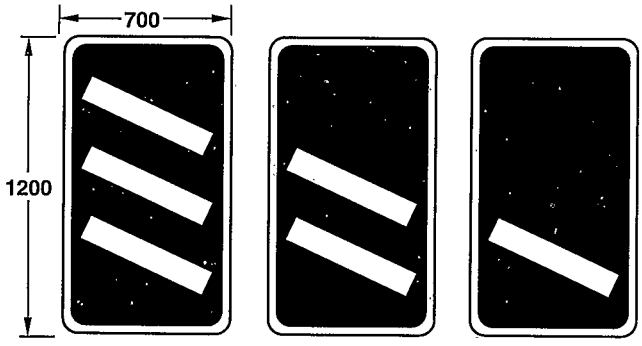


End of maximum speed limit indicated by diagram 670.1, 670.2 or 670.3

671.1

(*d*) in Part IIA (informatory signs) of Schedule 1—

(i) inserting after diagram 812.5 the following diagrams and the words specified in or under them;

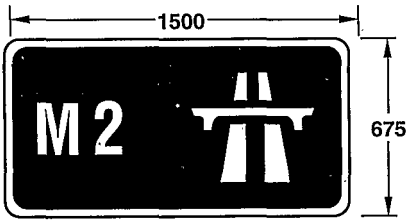


823 **824** **825**

Diagrams 823, 824 and 825: to indicate distance in hundreds of yards to the next point at which a driver may leave a motorway or other route or a roundabout

Permitted variants: The slope of the bars may be reversed when erected on the right-hand side of a carriageway. On primary routes the background shall be green. On non-primary routes the symbol and border shall be black and the background white.

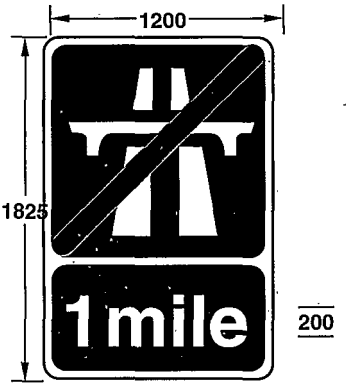
(ii) inserting after diagram 863 the following diagrams and the words specified in or under them;



The Motorways Traffic Regulations start to apply to the road at this point

Permitted variant: The numeral may be changed to accord with the circumstances

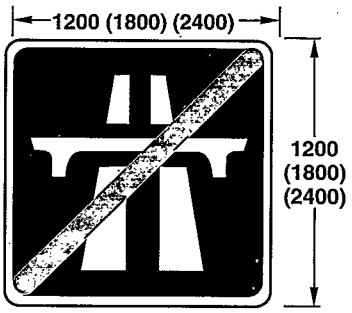
901.1



To indicate that the Motorways Traffic Regulations cease to apply one mile ahead

Permitted variant: "½" may be substituted for "1"

918.1



To indicate that the Motorways Traffic Regulations cease to apply at this point

919.1

(*e*) in Part III (markings on the road) of Schedule 1—

(i) deleting diagrams 1025.1 and 1025.3;

(ii) inserting in the words under diagrams 1048 and 1049 after the word "for" the words "fire vehicles or"; and

(iii) inserting under diagram 1048 and immediately above the diagram number the words "Permitted variant: "BUS" may be varied to read "FIRE" ".

Sealed with the Official Seal of the Department of the Environment on 21st November 1994.

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Assistant Secretary

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations.)

These regulations further amend the Traffic Signs Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1979 by—

(i) inserting definitions for fire vehicles and Motorways Traffic Regulations (regulation 2(*a*));

(ii) inserting permitted variants under diagrams 502, 503, 523.1, 524.1, 527, 530, 534.1, 534.2, 535.1, 556.4, 570, 571, 572, 573, 628.1, 629, 629.1, 629.2, 639, 641 and 646 (regulations 2(*b*)(i), (ii) and (v)–(vii) and 2(*c*)(iii), (iv), (vi) and (xi));

(iii) substituting for diagram numbers 531 and 532 a new diagram number to indicate limits within which headroom indicated is available at a hazard (regulation 2(*b*)(iii) and (iv));

(iv) prescribing additional signs for which the plates as shown in diagrams 570, 572 and 573 may be used (regulation 2(*b*)(v)–(vii));

(v) adding "fire vehicles" to the permitted variants for plates (diagrams 618.1 and 619.3) used with the signs indicating a prohibition on vehicles or a requirement to proceed or not to proceed in a specified direction (regulation 2(*c*)(i) and (ii));

(vi) substituting tonnes for tons in the permitted variants for the plate (diagram 619.3) used with the sign indicating all vehicles prohibited (regulation 2(*c*)(ii)(*b*));

(vii) providing for an additional permitted variant for diagrams 638 and 640 (regulation 2(*c*)(v) and (viii));

(viii) substituting new diagrams 639.2 and 640.2A (plates showing times during which waiting by goods vehicles is prohibited) (regulation 2(*c*)(vii) and (ix));

(ix) inserting 3 new signs as shown in diagrams 640.3, 640.4 and 640.5 for indicating waiting restrictions (regulation 2(x));

(x) inserting 4 new speed limit signs as shown in diagrams 670.1, 670.2, 670.3 and 671.1 for use on the approaches to villages (regulation 2(*c*)(xii) and (xiii));

(xi) inserting 3 new signs as shown in diagrams 823, 824 and 825 for indicating the distance in hundreds of yards to the next point at which a driver may leave a motorway or other route or a roundabout (regulation 2(*d*)(i));

(xii) inserting 3 new signs as shown in diagrams 901.1, 918.1 and 919.1 for indicating when the Motorways Traffic Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1984 apply or cease to apply to a road (regulation 2(*d*)(ii));

(xiii) deleting the signs as shown in diagrams 1025.1 and 1025.3 for indicating the limits of a bus stop subject to restrictions on stopping by vehicles other than stage carriages between 7.00 am and 7.00 pm (regulation 2(*e*)(i));

(xiv) inserting the permitted variant under diagram 1048 (road marking to indicate a bus lane) to indicate a lane reserved for fire vehicles (regulation 2(*e*)(ii)); and

(xv) prescribing that the road marking to indicate the boundary of a bus lane may also be used to indicate the boundary of a lane reserved for fire vehicles (regulation 2(*e*)(iii)).