TRAFFIC SIGNS

The Traffic Signs (General) Directions, 1950

1950 No. 954

Made - - - - 13*th June*, 1950
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The Minister of Transport (hereinafter referred to as "the Minister") in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 48 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930(**a**), and of all other powers him enabling, hereby directs as follows:—

1. These Directions shall come into operation on the fourteenth day of June, 1950, and may be cited as "The Traffic Signs (General) Directions, 1950".

2.—(1) All Directions whether of a general or special character heretofore given by the Minister in exercise of his powers under subsection (1) of the said section 48 with respect to any traffic sign included in the Traffic Signs (Size, Colour and Type) Regulations, 1950(**b**) (hereinafter referred to as "the Regulations") are hereby revoked in so far as they apply to any such sign; and all general Directions so given with respect to any other traffic sign are hereby revoked in so far as they apply to traffic signs other than signs erected under section 1 of the Road Traffic Act, 1934(**c**), or in connection with crossings for foot-passengers.

(2) Any reference in these Directions to a diagram number shall, except where otherwise expressly provided, be construed as a reference to that diagram number in the First Schedule to the Regulations and any reference to any sign shall be construed as including any variation thereof permitted by the Regulations.

(3) These Directions shall, except where otherwise expressly provided, apply in relation to traffic signs situate on or near any road immediately before the coming into operation of these Directions, as they apply in relation to traffic signs erected after the coming into operation of these Directions.

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

3.—(1) Signs of the types shown in the following diagrams:—

(*a*) Nos. 6, 19, 20, 30, 31, 35, 51, 57, 59, 60, 61, 63, 66 to 72 inclusive, 74, 76 and 77;
(*b*) Nos. 41, 42 and 43 if place names are added as provided for in Regulation 6 of the Regulations;
(*c*) No. 73 if the sign is of the larger dimensions shown therein; and
(*d*) Nos. 25 to 37 inclusive, 39, 42 and 43 where more than one remote route is shown under a chequer symbol

may be placed only at sites approved by or on behalf of the Minister in writing whether before or after the date of these Directions.

(2) Signs of the type shown in diagram 49 of the Second Schedule to the Regulations if erected on or after the 15th day of July, 1937, may only be used at sites approved by or on behalf of the Minister in writing whether before or after the date of these Directions.

(**a**) 20 & 21 Geo. 5. c. 43. (**b**) S.I. 1950 No. 953, p. 775 below.
(**c**) 24 & 25 Geo. 5. c. 50. (**d**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.

4. An advance low bridge sign of the type shown in diagram No. 14 (*b*) may be placed only at a minor road at the approach to a more important road.

5. Parking signs of the type shown in diagrams Nos. 21 and 22 may only be placed to indicate a parking place controlled by a local authority, and any conditions limiting the use of the parking place shall be displayed on a notice fixed below each sign of the type shown in diagram No. 21.

6. In a direction sign, a route panel surmounted by a chequer symbol, as shown in diagrams Nos. 27, 28, 30, 31, 39 and 42 may be used only to indicate that the route shown in that panel can be reached within one mile by following the direction indicated.

7. A direction sign of the type shown in diagram No. 29 may be used to indicate a staggered crossing only where the amount of stagger does not exceed 70 yards.

8. Direction signs of the type shown in diagram No. 37 may be used only where restriction of space prevents the erection of signs of the types shown in diagrams Nos. 25 to 28 inclusive.

9. Warning signs of the types shown in diagrams Nos. 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, 17 and 18 may be fixed on a common post surmounted by one warning triangle at those sites where the dangers to which the signs relate are in juxtaposition.

10. Direction signs of the types shown in the following diagrams may be combined in use:—38 with 39 and 41 with 42. In such cases the remote route sign shall be placed vertically below the sign bearing the route symbol of the road at which the signs are placed.

11. Signs shown in diagrams Nos. 59 and 60 shall only be used—

(*a*) in connection with a traffic census the taking of which has been approved by the appropriate highway authority, the Chief Officer of Police and in writing by or on behalf of the Minister, and

(*b*) in the vicinity of the traffic census points appointed by or on behalf of the Minister.

12. The sign shown in diagram No. 8 shall be used only for the purpose of giving advance warning of the presence of a level crossing not provided with gates and the sign shown in diagram No. 9 shall be used only at the site of such a level crossing.

13. Where any traffic sign shown in Part I, Part II or Part III of the First Schedule to the Regulations, not being a sign of the types shown in diagrams Nos. 64 and 71, is mounted or attached to a post specially provided for that purpose such post shall be painted in alternate black and white horizontal bands 12 inches in depth.

14.—(1) Every sign of the type shown in diagram No. 71 when erected after the coming into operation of these Directions shall be mounted or attached—

(*a*) to a post specially provided for that purpose and every such post shall be painted in alternate black and yellow horizontal bands 12 inches in depth; or

(*b*) to a lamp post or other standard which in either case may be painted in one or more yellow horizontal bands 12 inches in depth.

(2) Every such sign if it has been erected before the coming into operation of these Directions shall be mounted or attached in the manner provided in the preceding provisions of this paragraph before the expiration of one year from the coming into operation of these Directions.

15.—(1) The sign shown in diagram No. 64 shall be so placed that the top of the sign is at a height of 3 feet 6 inches above the carriageway level.

(2) Where a post is specially provided for mounting the sign such post shall be painted in alternate black and white horizontal bands 10 inches in depth.

16. Signs of the types shown in diagrams Nos. 66, 68, 69, 70, 71, 76 and 77 and markings on the carriageway in accordance with paragraph (2) of Regulation 16 of the Regulations shall only be placed on or near a road in which there is in force any Order, Regulation or Bye-law made under any enactment, which prohibits or restricts the user of that road by vehicular traffic.

Nothing in this paragraph shall be taken to dispense with the requirements of paragraph 3 of these Directions.

17. Light signals for the control of traffic other than such movable light signals as are referred to in paragraph (1) of Regulation 25 of the Regulations shall only be erected at places approved in writing by or on behalf of the Minister after consideration of such plans of the site, particulars of the apparatus to be used and information as to the volume and character of the traffic affected, as he may require.

18. No sign of a type referred to in paragraph (2) of Regulation 25 of the Regulations erected for any of the purposes mentioned in sub-paragraph (*c*) or sub-paragraph (*d*) of that paragraph may be used at any place after the expiration of six months from the date on which the sign was erected at that place, or such longer time as may be approved by or on behalf of the Minister or in any case after the termination of the need for the sign for that purpose.

19. Signs of the type shown in diagram No. 54 in Part IV of the Second Schedule to the Regulations shall only be used by a person duly authorised by a highway authority for the purposes of section 27 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930, and shall not be used during the hours of darkness as defined by the Road Transport Lighting Act, 1927(**a**).

20. Signs of the type shown in Diagram No. 55 in Part IV of the Second Schedule to the Regulations shall only be used—

(*a*) by a person duly authorised for the purpose by a highway authority, and

(*b*) between the hours of 8.30 a.m. and 5 p.m. or half an hour after sunset whichever is the later.

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

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport this 13th day of June, 1950.

(L.S.) *Alfred Barnes,*
The Minister of Transport.

(**a**) 17 & 18 Geo. 5. c. 37.

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 Minister of Transport subject to which, and to any special direction, a highway authority may place on or near any road within its area traffic signs of the size, colour and type prescribed by the Traffic Signs (Size, Colour and Type) Regulations, 1950. The main difference between the Directions now revoked and these Directions is that the latter provide that the special post, on which a sign prohibiting or restricting the waiting of vehicles in any road is mounted, shall be painted in alternate black and yellow bands as provided in paragraph 14 of these Directions instead of in alternate black and white bands.

The Traffic Signs (London) (Revocation) Authorisation and Directions, 1950

1950 No. 955

Made - - - - 13*th June*, 1950
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The Minister of Transport in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 48 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930(**a**), as amended by section 40 of and the Third Schedule to the Road Traffic Act, 1934(**b**), and of all other powers him enabling, hereby declares as follows:—

1. The Traffic Signs (London) Authorisation and Directions, 1948(**c**), and the Traffic Signs (London) (Amendment) Authorisation and Directions, 1948(**d**), are hereby revoked.

2. The Interpretation Act, 1889(**e**), shall apply to the interpretation of this Instrument as it applies to the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

3. This Instrument shall come into operation on the 14th day of June, 1950, and may be cited as "The Traffic Signs (London) (Revocation) Authorisation and Directions, 1950".

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport this 13th day of June, 1950.

(L.S.)

J. R. Willis,
An Under Secretary of the Ministry of Transport.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

The traffic signs which highway authorities were authorised to erect or retain by the Instruments revoked by the present Instrument are now included in the Traffic Signs (Size, Colour and Type) Regulations, 1950 (S.I. 1950 No. 953(**f**)).

(**a**) 20 & 21 Geo. 5. c. 43.
(**b**) 24 & 25 Geo. 5. c. 50.
(**c**) S.I. 1948 (No. 2445) I, p. 3762.
(**d**) S.I. 1948 (No. 2710) I, p. 3764.
(**e**) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(**f**) *See* p. 775 below.