EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations further amend the Traffic Signs Regulations, 1957. The main changes are:—

1. Section 49 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930 (which makes it an offence to fail to conform to the indications given by certain traffic signs lawfully placed on or near roads) is applied to the new carriageway marking (in this Note referred to as "the double white line marking") which is shown in Diagram RM21 in the Schedule to these Regulations (Regulation 2 (I)).

2. Section IV of the 1957 Regulations is replaced by a Section making amended provision as to the size, colour and type of carriageway markings which may be placed on roads. The chief amendments are:—

(*a*) the double white line marking is to convey the requirements that, subject to certain exceptions—

(i) vehicles must not stop on any length of road along which that marking has been placed; and

(ii) vehicles must travel so as to keep to the left of the continuous line where it is placed on the left of a dotted line or a continuous line; and

(*b*) the provisions of the Section shall cease to have effect in so far as they relate to the carriageway markings comprising a single continuous line except that in respect of existing markings of this kind they shall not cease to have effect until 12th May, 1962 (Regulation 2 (II)).

3. Certain new carriageway markings are prescribed, including a yellow line to indicate a side of a length of road on which the loading and unloading of vehicles is prohibited or restricted (Regulation 2 (III)).

1959 No. 760

The Traffic Signs General Directions, 1959

Made - - - -	21*st April*, 1959
Coming into Operation	12*th May*, 1959

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

1.—(1) These Directions shall come into operation on the twelfth day of May, 1959, and may be cited as "The Traffic Signs General Directions, 1959".

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

2. The Traffic Signs General Directions, 1957(d), as amended(e), shall have effect as though—

(*a*) in paragraph 4 for the words "shown in diagrams Nos. RM 14, RM 15 and RM 16" there were substituted the words "shown in diagrams RM 14, RM 15, RM 16, RM 27 and RM 28";

(a) 20 & 21 Geo. 5. c. 43. (b) S.I. 1955/1955 (1955 I, p. 1205). (c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(d) S.I. 1957/13 (1957 II, p. 2001). (e) S.I. 1957/ 2150 (1957 II, p. 2087).

(*b*) in paragraph 35 for the words "shown in diagram No. RM 2" there were substituted the words "shown in diagram No. RM 20 in the Second Schedule";

(*c*) in paragraph 39 for the words "shown in either of the diagrams Nos. RM 14 and RM 15" there were substituted the words "shown in diagrams Nos. RM 14, RM 15, RM 27 and RM 28"; and

(*d*) after paragraph 39 there were added the following paragraph:—

"39A. Carriageway markings as shown in diagram No. RM 24 in the Second Schedule may be placed on a road only to supplement the sign shown in diagram No. 318A or any other sign for conveying to vehicular traffic that the loading and unloading of vehicles is prohibited, or restricted, which may be authorised by the Minister or the Secretary of State, as the case may be."

Given under the Seal of the Secretary of State this twenty-first day of April, 1959.

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 April, 1959.

(L.S.)

Harold Watkinson,
The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation.

USE OF HIGHWAYS

1959 No. 1279

The Motor Vehicles (Speed Limit on Special Roads) Regulations, 1959

Made - - - -	*2nd July*, 1959
Coming into Operation	*1st August*, 1959

The Minister of Transport and Civil Aviation in exercise of his powers under subsection (4) of section 10 and section 30 of the Road Traffic Act, 1930(**a**), as extended by subsection (6) of section 12 of the Special Roads Act, 1949(**b**), and of all other powers him enabling in that behalf, hereby makes the following Regulations:—

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as The Motor Vehicles (Speed Limit on Special Roads) Regulations, 1959.

(2) These Regulations shall come into operation on the first day of August, 1959.

(a) 20 & 21 Geo. 5. c. 43. (b) 12, 13 & 14 Geo. 6. c. 32.