STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1966 No. 489

ROAD TRAFFIC

The Traffic Signs General Directions 1966

Made - - - *25th April* 1966

Coming into Operation *16th May* 1966

The Secretary of State and the Minister of Transport, acting jointly in exercise of their powers under section 52 of the Road Traffic Act 1960(a), as amended by section 51 of and Schedule 4 to the Road Traffic Act 1962(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 16th May 1966 and may be cited as the Traffic Signs General Directions 1966.

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

2. The Traffic Signs General Directions 1964(d) shall have effect as though—

(1) in paragraph 5, after the number " 543 " there were inserted the words " (except when used in connection with the execution of road works) ";

(2) after paragraph 5 there were inserted the following paragraph—
" 5A. After 16th May 1966 road markings shown in diagram 1013 which are not fitted with studs incorporating reflectors in accordance with the Regulations may be placed for the first time at a site only if the site is approved in writing by or on behalf of the Minister or the Secretary of State, as the case may be.";

(3) for paragraph 6 there were substituted the following paragraph—
" 6. Signs shown in diagrams 606 (except when erected on the central island of a roundabout or when used in combination with a plate of the type shown in diagram 608), 607, 609 (except when used in combination with a plate of the type shown in diagram 608), 612 to 614, 616 (except when placed at a site which has been approved in writing by or on behalf of the Minister or the Secretary of State, as the case may be), 617 to 632, 636 to 645, 712, 806 to 810, 819, 1015 to 1021, 1028 (when varied to read " Solo motor cycles only ", " Solo motor cycles ", " Motor cycles " or " Solo m/c's "), 1029, 1032 to 1034, 1036 and 1037 may be placed on or near a road only to indicate the effect of an Order, Regulation, Bye-law or Notice which prohibits or restricts the use of the road by vehicular traffic.";

(4) in paragraph 7, after the words " last three cases when " there were inserted the words " the colour of the background is ";

(5) in paragraph 10, for the words " removal of that marking " there were substituted the words " removal of that marking, and shall not apply if the said signs are erected only temporarily in connection with the execution of works on a road.";

(6) in paragraph 26—

(a) in sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) for the words " (but excluding waiting for the purpose of loading or unloading a vehicle) " there were substituted the words " (but not for indicating

(a) 8 & 9 Eliz. 2. c. 16.
(b) 10 & 11 Eliz. 2. c. 59.
(c) 52 & 53 Vict. c. 63.
(d) S.I. 1964/1857 (1964 III, p. 4053 at p. 4157).

a statutory prohibition or restriction on waiting for the purpose of loading or unloading a vehicle or a statutory prohibition or restriction which expressly limits the duration of waiting by vehicles within a particular period) "; and

(b) for sub-paragraph (3) there were substituted the following sub-paragraph—

" (3) The road markings shown in diagrams 1015 and 1016 may be placed on a side of a road only for the purpose of indicating a statutory prohibition or restriction on the waiting of vehicles (but not for indicating a statutory prohibition or restriction on waiting for the purpose of loading or unloading a vehicle) which does not fall to be indicated by the road markings mentioned in sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) of this paragraph."

(7) in paragraph 27, in each of the sub-paragraphs (1), (2) and (3) after the words " or unloaded " there were inserted the words " (but not for indicating a statutory prohibition or restriction which expressly limits the duration of waiting by vehicles within a particular period for the purpose of their being loaded or unloaded) ".

(8) in paragraph 34(3), for the words " the 31st December 1966 " there were substituted the words " the 31st December 1967 ".

Dated the 20th April 1966.

William Ross,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Dated the 25th April 1966.

Cledwyn Hughes,
One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State.

Given under the Official Seal of the Minister of Transport the 25th April 1966.

(L.S.)

Barbara Castle,
Minister of Transport.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Directions.)

These Directions amend the Traffic Signs General Directions 1964. The principal changes are:—

1. The direction that certain signs can be placed only at sites approved by the Minister or the Secretary of State is amended so that it applies to double white line road markings where these markings are not fitted with studs incorporating reflectors (Paragraph 2(2)).

2. The direction that certain signs may be erected only to indicate the effect of an Order, Regulation, Bye-law or Notice is amended so that it does not apply to the " No Entry " regulatory sign when used at sites approved by the Minister or the Secretary of State (Paragraph 2(3)).

3. The directions as to the use of yellow waiting restriction road markings are clarified (Paragraph 2(6) and (7)).