STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1980 No. 1854

ROAD TRAFFIC

The Traffic Signs (Temporary Obstructions) Regulations 1980

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Coming into Operation	*5th January* 1981

The Minister of Transport, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State for Wales, acting jointly in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 54 and 59 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1967(a) and now vested in them (b), and of all other enabling powers, and after consulting representative organizations in accordance with the provisions of section 107(2) of that Act, hereby make the following Regulations:—

1. These Regulations shall come into operation on 5th January 1981 and may be cited as the Traffic Signs (Temporary Obstructions) Regulations 1980.

2. Any reference in these Regulations to a numbered Regulation or Schedule is a reference to the Regulation or Schedule bearing that number in these Regulations.

3. The Traffic Signs (Temporary Obstructions) Regulations 1966(c) and the Traffic Signs (Temporary Obstructions) (Amendment) Regulations 1975(d) are hereby revoked.

4. A traffic sign of the size, colour and type prescribed in Regulation 5 (hereinafter called "the triangle sign") shall convey to traffic the warning of a temporary obstruction on any part of a road.

5. The triangle sign shall—

(1) be of the size, colour and type specified either in Schedule 1 or in Schedule 2;

(2) in the case of the sign specified in Schedule 1, be so constructed that it will stand firmly on the surface of a road with its apex pointing upwards;

(3) in the case of the sign specified in Schedule 2, be supported so that it will stand firmly above the surface of a road with its apex pointing upwards and so that the distance between the lower side of the sign and the surface of the road shall not exceed 300 millimetres;

(a) 1967 c. 76.
(b) As respects the Minister of Transport, by S.I. 1970/1681 and 1979/571.
(c) S.I. 1966/1474. (d) S.I. 1975/49.

(4) be legibly and permanently marked—

(*a*) in the case of a sign specified in Schedule 1, with the specification number of the British Standard for an Advance Warning Triangle to indicate temporary obstructions, namely B.S. AU47:1965 as amended by Amendment Slip No. 1 of 6th May 1966;

(*b*) in the case of a sign specified in Schedule 2, with the marking designated as an approval mark by Regulation 4 of the Motor Vehicles (Designation of Approval Marks) Regulations 1979(**a**) and shown at item 27 in Schedule 2 to those Regulations.

6.—(1) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (2) below, any person not otherwise authorized to do so is hereby authorized to place the triangle sign on a road for the purpose of warning traffic of a temporary obstruction on any part of a road.

(2) A triangle sign placed on a road by virtue of paragraph (1) above shall be placed—

(*a*) at least 50 yards away from the obstruction;

(*b*) in a position from which the sign will warn traffic approaching the obstruction on the same side of the road as the obstruction; and

(*c*) so as to face such traffic and with its apex pointing upwards.

7.—(1) Nothing in these Regulations shall affect Regulation 27(1)(*c*) of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 1975(**b**) (which prescribes signs for conveying to vehicular traffic any prohibition, restriction or requirement of a description required for the purposes of a temporary statutory provision).

(2) Nothing in the Motorways Traffic Regulations 1959(**c**) or the Motorways Traffic (Scotland) Regulations 1964(**d**) shall preclude any person from placing the triangle sign on or removing it from a motorway.

Norman Fowler,
25th November 1980. Minister of Transport.

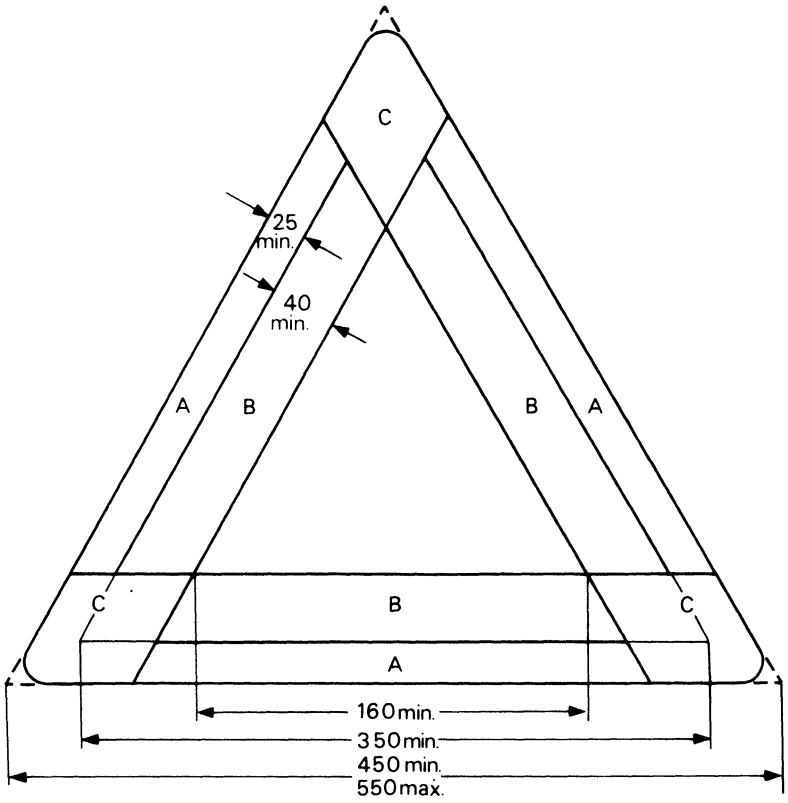
George Younger,
28th November 1980. Secretary of State for Scotland.

Nicholas Edwards,
2nd December 1980. Secretary of State for Wales.

(**a**) S.I. 1979/1088.
(**b**) S.I. 1975/1536.
(**c**) S.I. 1959/1147, as amended by S.I. 1966/530.
(**d**) S.I. 1964/1002, as amended by S.I. 1968/960.

SCHEDULE 1

THE TRIANGLE SIGN (See Regulation 5)



Notes

1. The areas marked A B and C on the diagram indicate areas of surface on the triangle as follows:—

   A. Red reflectorised surface. Not more than a total of 15 cm^2 may be obscured by constructional components.

   B. Red fluorescent surface.

   C. May have either red reflectorised surface or a combination of both red reflectorised and red fluorescent surfaces. Not more than 10 cm^2 in each corner may be obscured by constructional components.

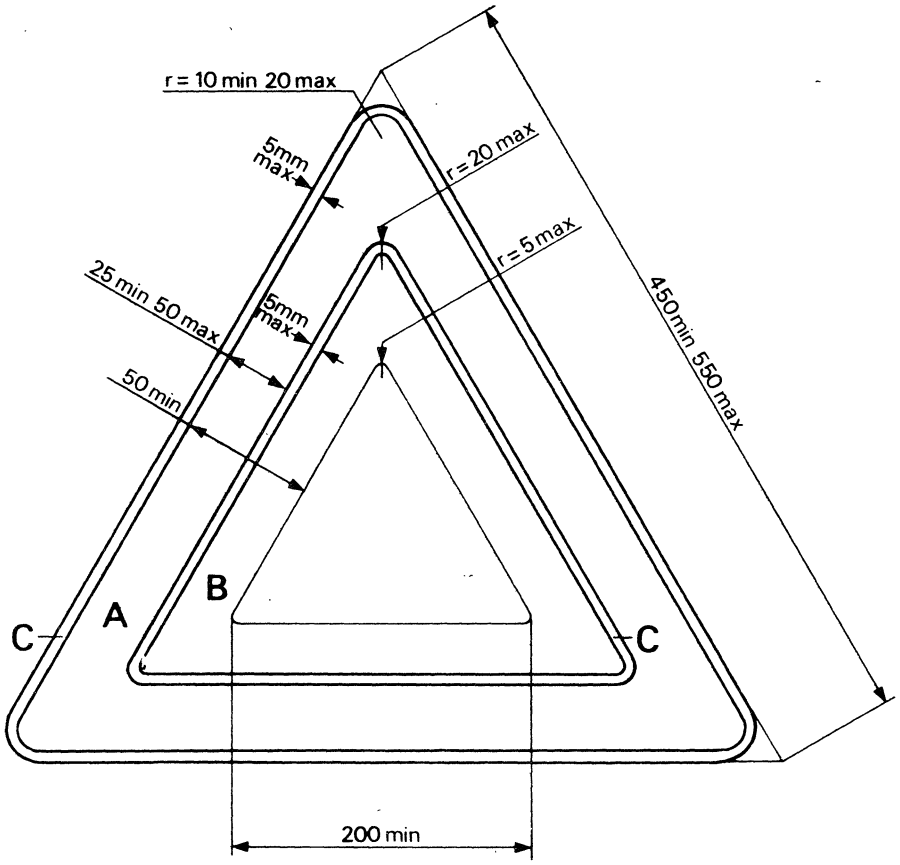
2. The corners shall be radiused.

3. All sides shall be the same length.

4. All dimensions on the diagram are in millimetres.

SCHEDULE 2

THE TRIANGLE SIGN (ALTERNATIVE) (See Regulation 5).



Notes:

1. The areas marked A, B and C on the diagram indicate areas of surface on the triangle as follows:—

   A. Red reflectorised surface.

   B. Red fluorescent surface (having an area of not less than 315 cm^2).

   C. Red edging, which may be omitted.

2. The corners of the triangle shall be radiused as shown on the diagram.
3. All sides shall be the same length.
4. All dimensions on the diagram are in millimetres.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

1. The Traffic Signs (Temporary Obstructions) Regulations 1966 as amended by the Traffic Signs (Temporary Obstructions) (Amendment) Regulations 1975 prescribed two triangle signs which any person may place on any part of a road to warn traffic of a temporary obstruction on the carriageway.

2. By these Regulations the 1966 and 1975 Regulations are revoked and their substance is re-enacted with amendments of drafting, and so as to provide that the temporary obstruction of which warning is given may be on a road (not, as previously, only on the carriageway of a road).

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