STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1995 No. 2994

The Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995

PART II

Principal Road Safety Provisions

Traffic directions and traffic signs

[[F1]Contravention of directions

49.—(1) If a person, without reasonable excuse, contravenes a direction given by a constable in uniform carrying out functions under the Road Traffic Orders, he is guilty of an offence.

(2) A constable in uniform giving a direction for the purposes of a traffic survey of any description which is carried out on or in the vicinity of a road shall be deemed for the purposes of paragraph (1) to be carrying out functions under the Orders referred to in paragraph (1).

(3) The power to give a direction for the purposes of a traffic survey shall be so exercised as not to cause any unreasonable delay to a person who indicates that he is unwilling to furnish any information for the purposes of the survey.

(4) In paragraphs (2) and (3) "direction" means a direction—

(a) to stop a vehicle;

(b) to make it proceed in, or keep to, a particular line of traffic; or

(c) to make it proceed to a particular point on or near the road on which the vehicle is being driven or propelled,

but does not include a direction requiring any person to furnish any information for the purposes of a traffic survey.**]**

F1 1997 NI 2

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C1 Art. 49 modified by 2003 (c. 6), Sch. 2A para. 13(3) (as inserted (22.4.2007) by Policing (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/912 (N.I. 6)), arts. 1(3), 7(8), **Sch. 5**)

[[F2]Contravention of traffic signs

[F3]**50.**—(1) If a person, without reasonable excuse, contravenes an indication given by a traffic sign which is—

(a) of the prescribed size, colour and type, or

(b) of another character authorised by the Department under Article 28 of the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997,

and which has been lawfully placed on or near a road, except where that indication is at variance with an indication given by a constable in uniform, he is guilty of an offence.

(2) A traffic sign shall not be treated for the purposes of this Article as having been lawfully placed unless either—

(a) the indication given by the sign is an indication of a statutory prohibition, restriction or requirement, or

(b) it is expressly provided by or under any provision of the Road Traffic Orders that this Article shall apply to the sign or to signs of a type of which the sign is one;

and, where the indication mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) is of the general nature only of the prohibition, restriction or requirement to which the sign relates, a person shall not be convicted of failure to comply with the indication unless he has failed to comply with the prohibition, restriction or requirement to which the sign relates.

(3) For the purposes of this Article a traffic sign placed on or near a road shall be deemed—

(a) to be of the prescribed size, colour and type, or of another character authorised by the Department under Article 28 of the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997, and

(b) (subject to paragraph (2)) to have been lawfully so placed,

unless the contrary is proved.

(4) Where a traffic survey of any description is carried out on or in the vicinity of a road, this Article applies to a traffic sign by which a direction (as defined in Article 49(4)) is given for the purposes of the survey.

(5) The Department may make regulations specifying any traffic sign for the purposes of column (5) of the entry in Schedule 1 to the Offenders Order relating to offences under this Article (offences committed by contravention of certain traffic signs involve discretionary disqualification).**]**

F2 1997 NI 2

F3 functions transf. SR 2001/229

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

C2 Art. 50 applied by 2003 (c. 6), Sch. 2A para. 13(5) (as inserted (22.4.2007) by Policing (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 (S.I. 2007/912 (N.I. 6)), arts. 1(3), 7(8), **Sch. 5**)

Changes to legislation:
The Road Traffic (Northern Ireland) Order 1995, Cross Heading: Traffic directions and traffic signs is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 31 July 2024. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations.
View outstanding changes

Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Order associated Parts and Chapters:

- Act amended by 1996 c. 25 s.79Sch.4 para.26
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Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Order (including any effects on those provisions):

- art. 13A inserted by 2016 c. 11 (N.I.) s. 2(3)
- art. 17(8)(b)(v) and word added by 2008 c. 4 (N.I.) Sch. 2 para. 7(b)
- art. 17D(1B) inserted by 2016 c. 11 (N.I.) s. 5(2)(a)
- art. 17D(2)(aa) substituted for word by 2016 c. 11 (N.I.) s. 5(2)(b)
- art. 17D(2A)(a) substituted for words by 2016 c. 11 (N.I.) s. 5(2)(c)(i)
- art. 17D(2A)(b) inserted by 2016 c. 11 (N.I.) s. 5(2)(c)(ii)
- art. 55(2)(m) inserted by S.I. 2008/1216 (N.I.) art. 54(1)
- art. 110(3A) inserted by 2016 c. 11 (N.I.) s. 22(b)