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CONTROL OF FUEL AND ELECTRICITY

**The Fuel Control (Modification of Enactments)
(Speed Limits) Order 1973**

<i>Made</i>	- - -	<i>7th December 1973</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>7th December 1973</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>		<i>7th December 1973</i>

At the Court at Buckingham Palace, the 7th day of December 1973

Present,

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council

Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred on Her by section 4(3) of the Fuel and Electricity (Control) Act 1973(a), is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Fuel Control (Modification of Enactments) (Speed Limits) Order 1973 and shall come into operation on 7th December 1973.

(2) In this Order, “the Act of 1967” means the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1967(b) and “fuel” means a substance to which the Fuel and Electricity (Control) Act 1973 applies.

(3) The Interpretation Act 1889(c) shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

2. The power of the Secretary of State under section 77 of the Act of 1967 to impose temporary speed limits on roads where it appears to him desirable to do so in the interest of safety or for the purpose of facilitating the movement of traffic shall be exercisable also where it appears to him desirable in the interests of regulating the use of fuel.

3. The requirement under section 77(1) of the Act of 1967 for the giving of public notice by the Secretary of State of his intention to impose a temporary speed limit under that section shall not apply in any case where he exercises the power under that section in the interests of regulating the use of fuel.

4. The following provisions of the Act of 1967, that is to say—

(a) section 107(2) (which requires the Secretary of State to consult with representative organisations before making regulations under that Act), and

(b) section 107(4) (which provides that regulations under the said section 78 of that Act shall not have effect unless approved by resolution of each House of Parliament),

(a) 1973 c. 67.
(c) 1889 c. 63.

(b) 1967 c. 76.

shall not apply in relation to the power of the Secretary of State to make regulations under—

(i) section 13 of the Act of 1967 (regulation of traffic on special roads)
or

(ii) section 78 of that Act (speed limits on vehicles of different classes),
in any case where he exercises any of those powers in the interests of regulating the use of fuel.

N. E. Leigh.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order extends the power of the Secretary of State under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1967 to impose temporary speed limits on roads so that the power is exercisable in the interests of regulating the use of motor fuel (Article 2). The Order also provides for the exclusion of certain procedural obligations and restrictions applicable to that power and to Regulations of the Secretary of State under the 1967 Act by which speed limits on motorways or on particular classes of vehicle may be imposed where the Regulations are made in the interests aforesaid. (Articles 3 and 4.)

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