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HIGHWAYS, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Highways (Road Humps) Regulations 1983

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	18th July 1983
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		3rd August 1983
<i>Coming into Operation</i>		25th August 1983

The Secretary of State for Transport as respects England and the Secretary of State for Wales as respects Wales, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 90C(1) and 90D(1) and (2) of the Highways Act 1980(a), and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with sections 90C(6) and 90D(3) of that Act, hereby make the following Regulations:—

Citation and Commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Highways (Road Humps) Regulations 1983 and shall come into operation on 25th August 1983.

Interpretation

2.— (1) In these Regulations—

“the Act” means the Highways Act 1980;

“hours of darkness” means the time between half-an-hour after sunset and half-an-hour before sunrise;

“local bus route” means the route of local service within the meaning of section 2(2) of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981(b) not being an excursion or tour within the meaning of that Act;

“principal road” means a highway which is a road for the time being classified as a principal road by virtue of section 12 of the Act (whether as falling within subsection (1), or as being so classified under subsection (3), of that section);

“road” has the same meaning as in the Road Traffic Act 1972(c);

“traffic sign” has the same meaning as it has in section 54 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1967(d).

(a) 1980 c. 66; sections 62 and 329 were amended by, and sections 90A to 90F were inserted by section 32 of, and Part I of Schedule 10 to, the Transport Act 1981 (c. 56).

(b) 1981 c. 14.

(c) 1972 c. 20.

(d) 1967 c. 76.

(2) For the purpose of these Regulations road humps in a highway shall be deemed to form part of a series where they are spaced not less than 50 metres nor more than 150 metres apart.

(3) For the purposes of these Regulations measurements to or from any point to or from a road hump shall be taken to or from that edge of the hump, as shown in the Schedule, which is nearest to the point and for the purposes of Regulations 4 and 5 and this paragraph—

- (a) measurements to or from a horizontal bend shall be taken to or from that part of the bend which is nearest to the hump;
- (b) measurements to or from a road junction shall be taken to or from the point nearest the hump on an imaginary line drawn across the mouth of the junction; and
- (c) a horizontal bend begins and ends where a vehicle would start and finish the change of direction specified in those Regulations.

(4) A reference in these Regulations to a numbered Regulation is a reference to the Regulation bearing that number in these Regulations and a reference to the Schedule is a reference to the Schedule to these Regulations, except where the context otherwise requires.

(5) In these Regulations references to any enactment shall be construed as references to that enactment as amended by or under any subsequent enactment.

Consultation about road hump proposals

3. Where the Secretary of State or a local highway authority proposes to construct a road hump under section 90A or 90B of the Act, he or they shall, as well as consulting the chief officer of police as required by section 90C(1) of the Act, also consult the following persons or bodies:—

- (a) where the proposal relates to a highway outside Greater London, the District Council in whose district the highway is situated;
- (b) where the proposal relates to a highway on which there is a local bus route, the operator or operators of the service or services on that route;
- (c) in all cases, one or more organisations representing persons who use the highway to which the proposal relates, or representing persons who are otherwise likely to be affected by the road hump unless it appears to the authority or the Secretary of State that there are no such organisations.

Highways and circumstances in which road humps may be constructed

4. A road hump shall be constructed only—

- (a) in a highway which is not a special road, a trunk road or a principal road, and
- (b) in any part of such highway—
 - (i) where to afford illumination throughout the hours of darkness there is a system of street lighting furnished by at least three lamps

- lit by electricity and placed not more than 38 metres apart or external lighting specially provided for the hump or a street lamp within 5 metres of the hump, and
- (ii) where on each road affording access for vehicular traffic to the road hump or, in the case of a series of road humps, the first in the series to be met by such traffic, there is a feature of one or more of the following descriptions—
- (a) a horizontal bend or a road junction at which such traffic would change its direction by not less than 70 degrees within an inner kerb radius of not more than 25 metres, or
 - (b) a traffic sign facing away from the road hump conveying to vehicular traffic the prohibition specified in diagram 616, 617 or 619 in Part II of Schedule 1 to the Traffic Signs Regulations 1981(a), or
 - (c) the end of a carriageway at the closed end of a cul-de-sac, or
 - (d) a traffic sign conveying to vehicular traffic the prohibition specified in diagram 1002.1 in the said part of the said Schedule to those Regulations,
- any such feature being, in the case of (a), (b) or (c) within 30 metres and, in the case of (d) within 60 metres of the hump.

Nature, dimensions, location and spacing of road humps

5.— (1) A road hump constructed or maintained in a highway shall be so constructed and maintained that—

- (a) it extends across the whole width of the carriageway of the highway and its cross-section conforms to the pattern and measurements shown in the Schedule, a measurement being deemed to conform if it is, in the case of a vertical measurement, no more than 10 per cent greater or no more than 15 per cent less, and, in the case of a horizontal measurement, no more than 5 per cent, greater or less, than the corresponding measurement so shown;
 - (b) no part of it is within 15 metres of a road junction, or a horizontal bend with an inner kerb radius of less than 50 metres at which vehicular traffic would change its direction by more than 45 degrees;
 - (c) it is at right angles to an imaginary line along the centre of the carriageway of the highway in which it is constructed;
 - (d) it is not within 500 metres of another road hump in that highway unless it forms part of a series with that other road hump; and
 - (e) where it is constructed or maintained in a carriageway with a gradient of more than 10 per cent, it is not within 20 metres of the top of that part of the carriageway which has that gradient and the distance between road humps on the gradient is not greater than 70 metres.
- (2) A road hump shall not be constructed or maintained in a highway—
- (a) within the limits of a pedestrian crossing provided under section 23 of

(a) S.I. 1981/859; there is no relevant amending instrument.

the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1967 or within 50 metres of the limits of any such crossing;

- (b) on a railway level crossing or within 20 metres of the nearest rail forming part of the railway track at any such crossing;
- (c) within 20 metres of any point on an imaginary line running at right angles across the carriageway from a bus stop sign, or within 10 metres of a bus stop road marking;
- (d) under or within 25 metres of a structure over the carriageway of the highway any part of which is 6.5 metres or less above the surface of the carriageway;
- (e) where it would form part of a series extending over more than a kilometre.

(3) In this Regulation “bus stop sign” means a traffic sign indicating a stopping place for stage or scheduled express carriages prescribed, or treated as if prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations 1981 and “bus stop road marking” means a traffic sign indicating to vehicular traffic the limits of such a stopping place so prescribed or treated as if prescribed.

(4) In the foregoing paragraph “scheduled express carriage” has the same meaning as in the Traffic Signs Regulations 1981.

Placing of traffic signs

6. Where a road hump or a series of road humps is constructed in a highway the highway authority for the highway shall forthwith cause or permit to be placed in accordance with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 1981(a)—

- (a) the traffic sign shown in diagram 557.1, in combination with the traffic sign shown in diagram 557.2, 557.3 or 557.4 in Schedule 1 to those Regulations in such positions as the authority may consider requisite for the purpose of securing that adequate warning of the presence of a road hump or a series of road humps is given to persons using the highway; and
- (b) on the road hump or, in the case of a series of road humps, on each hump in the series, the traffic sign shown in diagram 1060 in Schedule 2 to those Regulations.

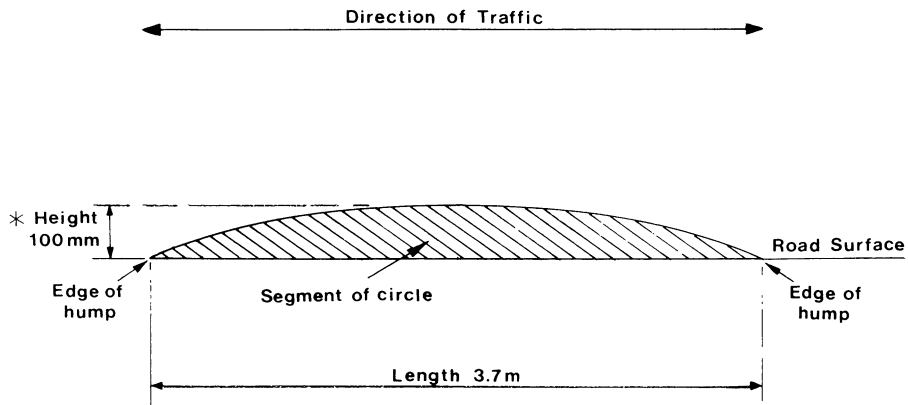
15th July 1983.

Tom King,
Secretary of State for Transport.

18 July 1983.

Nicholas Edwards,
Secretary of State for Wales.

(a) S.I. 1981/859; the relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1982/1879, 1880, 1983/1086, 1088.

SCHEDULECROSS SECTION AND HUMP DIMENSIONS

* Where the point on a highway at which the road hump is constructed or maintained is on a local bus route at the time its construction is completed, substitute 75mm for 100mm.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations prescribe requirements for—

- (a) consultation about proposals for the construction of road humps by the Secretary of State or a local highway authority (Regulation 3); and
- (b) the construction and maintenance of road humps including—
 - (i) the highways and circumstances in which they may be constructed (Regulation 4),
 - (ii) the nature, dimensions, location, and spacing of the humps (Regulation 5), and
 - (iii) the placing of traffic signs (Regulation 6).

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