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ROAD TRAFFIC

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**THE TRAFFIC SIGNS REGULATIONS
AND GENERAL DIRECTIONS 2002**

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*for use in markings with a height of 1.6 metres and
in the markings shown in diagrams 1058 and 1058.1*

for use in markings with a height of 2.8 metres

for use in the markings shown in diagrams 1027.1, 1028.2, 1028.3, 1028.4, 1029, 1032 and 1033

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Explanatory Note