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PART I

THE TRAFFIC SIGNS REGULATIONS 2002

SECTION 3

WARNING, REGULATORY AND INFORMATORY TRAFFIC SIGNS

Sign shown in diagram 610 and its significance

15.—(1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) and (3), the requirement conveyed by the sign shown in diagram 610 shall be that vehicular traffic passing the sign must keep to the left of the sign where the arrow is pointed downwards to the left, or to the right of the sign where the arrow is pointed downwards to the right.

(2) On an occasion where a vehicle is being used for fire brigade, ambulance, bomb or explosive disposal, national blood service or police purposes and the observance of the requirement specified in paragraph (1) would be likely to hinder the use of that vehicle for one of those purposes then, instead of that requirement, the requirement conveyed by the sign in question shall be that the vehicle shall not proceed beyond that sign in such a manner or at such a time as to be likely to endanger any person.

(3) The requirement specified in paragraph (1) does not apply to a tramcar or trolley vehicle.

Signs shown in diagrams 601.1, 602, 611.1, 778, 778.1 and 784.1 and their significance

16.—(1) The requirements conveyed to vehicular traffic on roads by the sign shown in a diagram the number of which is specified in column (2) of an item in the Table are those specified in column (3) of that item.

Table

<i>(1)</i> <i>Item</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Diagram</i>	<i>(3)</i> <i>Requirements</i>
1.	601.1	(a) (a) Every vehicle shall stop before crossing the transverse line shown in diagram 1002.1 or, if that line is not clearly visible, before entering the major road in respect of which the sign shown

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<i>(1)</i> <i>Item</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Diagram</i>	<i>(3)</i> <i>Requirements</i>
		<p>in diagram 601.1 has been provided; and</p> <p>(b) no vehicle shall cross the transverse line shown in diagram 1002.1 or, if that line is not clearly visible, enter the major road in respect of which the sign shown in diagram 601.1 has been provided, so as to be likely to endanger the driver of or any passenger in any other vehicle or to cause that driver to change the speed or course of his vehicle in order to avoid an accident.</p>
2.	601.1 when used at a level crossing	<p>(a) (a) Every vehicle shall stop before crossing the transverse line shown in diagram 1002.1 or, if that line is not clearly visible, before entering the level crossing; and</p> <p>(b) no vehicle shall cross the transverse line shown in diagram 1002.1 or, if that line is not clearly visible, enter the level crossing, so as to be likely to endanger the driver of or any passenger in any railway vehicle or tramcar or to cause that driver to change the speed of his vehicle in order to avoid an accident.</p>
3.	602	No vehicle shall cross the transverse line shown in diagram 1003 nearer to the

<i>(1)</i> <i>Item</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Diagram</i>	<i>(3)</i> <i>Requirements</i>
4.	602 when placed in combination with 778 or 778.1	<p>major road at the side of which that line is placed, or if that line is not clearly visible, enter that major road, so as to be likely to endanger the driver of or any passenger in any other vehicle or to cause that driver to change the speed or course of his vehicle in order to avoid an accident.</p> <p>No vehicle shall cross the transverse line shown in diagram 1003 nearer to the level crossing at the side of which that line is placed, or if that line is not clearly visible, enter that level crossing, so as to be likely to endanger the driver of or any passenger in any railway vehicle or tramcar or to cause that driver to change the speed of his vehicle in order to avoid an accident.</p>
5.	611.1	<p>(a) (a) A vehicle entering the junction must give priority to vehicles coming from the right at the transverse road marking shown in diagram 1003.3 associated with the sign or, if the marking is not for the time being visible, at the junction; and</p> <p>(b) a vehicle proceeding through the junction must keep to the left of the white circle at the centre of the marking shown in diagram 1003.4, unless the size of the vehicle or the layout of the junction makes it impracticable to do so; and</p>

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<i>(1)</i> <i>Item</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Diagram</i>	<i>(3)</i> <i>Requirements</i>
		<p>(c) no vehicle shall proceed past the marking shown in diagram 1003.4 in a manner or at a time likely—</p> <p>(i) to endanger any person, or</p> <p>(ii) to cause the driver of another vehicle to change its speed or course in order to avoid an accident.</p>
6.	784.1	<p>No abnormal transport unit shall proceed onto or over a level crossing unless—</p> <p>(a) the driver of the unit has used a telephone provided at or near the crossing for the purpose of obtaining from a person, authorised in that behalf by the railway or tramway authority, permission for the unit to proceed;</p> <p>(b) that permission has been obtained before the unit proceeds; and</p> <p>(c) the unit proceeds in accordance with any terms attached to that permission.</p>
		<p>Sub-paragraphs (b) and (c) above shall not apply if—</p> <p>(i) the driver uses the telephone at the crossing and receives an indication for not less than two minutes that the telephone at the other end of the telephone line is being called, but no duly authorised person answers it, or he receives</p>

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		no indication at all due to a fault or malfunction of the telephone; and (ii) the driver then drives the unit on to the crossing with the reasonable expectation of crossing it within times specified in a railway or tramway notice at the telephone as being times between which the railway vehicles or tramcars do not normally travel over that crossing.

(2) In this regulation—

“abnormal transport unit” means—

- (a) a motor vehicle or a vehicle combination—
 - (i) the overall length of which, inclusive of the load (if any) on the vehicle or the combination, exceeds 61 feet 6 inches (18.75 metres); or
 - (ii) the overall width of which, inclusive of the load (if any) on the vehicle or the combination, exceeds 9 feet 6 inches (2.9 metres); or
 - (iii) the maximum gross weight of which exceeds 44 tonnes; or
- (b) a motor vehicle, or a vehicle combination, which in either case is incapable of proceeding, or is unlikely to proceed, over an automatic level crossing at a speed exceeding 5 mph;

“driver” in relation to an abnormal transport unit, means where that unit is a single motor vehicle the driver of that vehicle and, where that unit is a vehicle combination, the driver of the only or the foremost motor vehicle forming part of that combination; and

“vehicle combination” means a combination of vehicles made up of one or more motor vehicles and one or more trailers all of which are linked together when travelling.

Permitted variants of upright signs

17.—(1) This regulation applies to a sign shown in a diagram in a Schedule other than Schedule 6 and such a sign is in this regulation called an “upright sign”.

(2) The form of an upright sign shall, if the circumstances in which it is placed so require, or may, if appropriate in those circumstances, be varied—

- (a) in the manner (if any) allowed or required in item 4 of the untitled table below or beside the diagram; or
- (b) in the manner allowed or required in column (3) of an item in Schedule 16, if the diagram is one whose number is given in column (2) of that item.

(3) A symbol in the form of a prescribed sign to which direction 7 of the Traffic Signs General Directions 2002 applies shall not be incorporated in a sign in accordance with item 31 of Schedule 16, except in circumstances where it could be placed as a sign in accordance with that direction.

(4) A symbol incorporated as mentioned in paragraph (3) shall or may be varied in the same manner as the sign which the symbol represents or from which it is derived.

(5) In each of the signs shown in diagrams 780A, 780.1A and 780.2A the safe height shown on the sign shall be varied where necessary so that it is between 1 foot 3 inches and 2 feet (380 to 600 millimetres) less than the height of the lowest part of the overhead wire, of which the sign gives warning, over the highest part of the surface of the carriageway beneath that wire.

(6) Where a sign shown in a diagram in Schedule 7 indicates a road or a route, and that road or route is temporarily closed, there may be affixed to the sign or to that part of the sign where that road or route is indicated, in order to cancel temporarily the indication, a board coloured red and displaying in white lettering the words “Road temporarily closed” or “Route temporarily closed”.

(7) In this paragraph and paragraphs (8) and (9)—

- (a) “combination sign” means a sign shown in diagram 7201, 7210, 7211.1, 7212, 7213, 7214, 7215, 7216, 7217, 7218, 7220, 7221, 7230, 7231, 7232, 7233, 7234, 7235, 7236, 7237, 7238, 7239 or 7240;
- (b) “panel” means a sign shown in diagram 7260, 7261, 7262, 7263, 7264, 7270, 7271, 7272, 7274 or 7275 when used as part of a combination sign and references to a panel whose number is shown in a table of combinations are to a sign shown in a diagram having a number so shown;
- (c) “permitted combination” means one of the combinations specified in paragraph (9);
- (d) “the table” in relation to a combination sign means the table of combinations appearing below or beside the diagram in which that sign is shown;
- (e) “top panel” means a panel shown at the top of a combination sign and “bottom panel” means a panel shown at the bottom of such a sign.

(8) If and only if the top and bottom panels of the sign as varied together constitute a permitted combination, a combination sign may be varied in the following ways—

- (a) by substituting for the top panel or, where a top panel is not shown, by adding as a top panel, a panel whose number is shown in item (1) of the table;
- (b) by substituting for the bottom panel or, where a bottom panel is not shown, by adding as a bottom panel, a panel whose number is shown in item (2) of the table;
- (c) if the word “none” appears in item (1) of the table, by omitting the top panel;
- (d) if the word “none” appears in item (2) of the table, by omitting the bottom panel.

(9) Each of the following is a permitted combination—

- (a) a top panel whose number appears in item (1) of a column in the table and a bottom panel whose number appears in item (2) of the same column;
- (b) a top panel whose number appears in item (1) of a column in the table and, if the word “none” appears in item (2) of the same column, no bottom panel;
- (c) a bottom panel whose number appears in item (2) of a column in the table and, if the word “none” appears in item (1) of the same column, no top panel;
- (d) if the word “none” appears in both items of the same column of the table, no top panel and no bottom panel.

(10) Where an upright sign indicates a weight in tonnes using the symbol “T”, that symbol may be varied to “t”.

(11) Where the form of an upright sign is varied in accordance with these Regulations, the information, warning, requirement, restriction, prohibition or speed limit conveyed to traffic by the sign is varied to accord with the form of the sign as varied.

Illumination of signs

18.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), every sign shown in a diagram whose number is indicated in column (2) of an item in Schedule 17 shall be illuminated in the manner and at the times specified in column (3) of that item.

(2) Where a sign shown in a diagram whose number is indicated in column (2) of an item in Schedule 17 is placed for the purpose of conveying to vehicular traffic a warning, information, prohibition, restriction or requirement which applies only at certain times, the sign need only be illuminated, and in the case of the sign shown in diagram 776 shall only be illuminated, in accordance with that Schedule at those times.

(3) Where a sign shown in a diagram whose number is indicated in column (2) of an item in Schedule 17 is illuminated by a means of external lighting, then that means of lighting—

- (a) shall be fitted to the sign or the structure on which the sign is mounted or which is otherwise specially provided; or
- (b) if the sign is mounted on a bridge, tunnel or similar structure over a road or is provided temporarily at road works, the means of lighting may be mounted in any other manner such as to illuminate the face of the sign effectively.

Illumination of signs—further provisions

19.—(1) Nothing in this regulation shall apply to the signs shown in diagrams 560, 561, 776 and 781.

(2) Subject to the provisions of regulation 18 and paragraph (1), any sign shown in a diagram in Schedules 1 to 5 and 7, Part II of Schedule 10 and Schedule 12—

- (a) when placed in consequence of the execution of road works must, and
- (b) in other situations may,

be reflectorised in accordance with the following provisions of this regulation.

(3) Subject to paragraph (4), where retroreflecting material is used on any part of a sign shown in a diagram, all other parts of that sign shall also be reflectorised.

(4) No retroreflecting material shall be applied to—

- (a) any part of a sign coloured black;
- (b) that part of the sign shown in diagram 7031 which is coloured fluorescent yellow, unless the retroreflecting material is applied to that part in horizontal strips with a gap between each strip, or unless the retroreflecting material is itself also fluorescent;
- (c) those parts of the signs shown in diagrams 2505, 2505.1, 2506, 2507, 2508, 2509.1, 2510, 2511, 2512, and 2513 which give information about the availability of parking places when that information is conveyed by means of a legend which is internally illuminated or formed of light-emitting characters,

and in this paragraph the word “part”, in relation to a sign, means any part of that sign which is uniformly coloured and bounded by parts of a different colour.

Illumination of plates

20.—(1) Where a plate is placed in combination with a sign shown in a diagram in Schedules 1 to 5 or 12, and that sign is illuminated in accordance with regulation 18, the plate shall, subject to paragraph (2), be illuminated by the same means as the sign.

(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply where the means of lighting provided for the illumination of the sign adequately illuminates the plate.

Illumination of signs shown in diagrams 560 and 561

21.—(1) The signs shown in diagrams 560 and 561 shall not be illuminated by the fitting of a means of internal or external lighting.

(2) A sign shown in a diagram whose number appears in column (2) of an item in the Table and having the dimension specified in column (3) of that item shall be illuminated by either of the methods prescribed by paragraph (3) which are shown in column (4) of the item, and by no other method.

Table

<i>(1)</i> <i>Item</i>	<i>(2)</i> <i>Diagram</i>	<i>(3)</i> <i>Dimension</i>	<i>(4)</i> <i>Method of illumination</i>
1.	560	150 millimetres diameter	Paragraph 3(a) or (b)
2.	560	75 millimetres or more but less than 150 millimetres diameter	Paragraph 3(c) or (d)
3.	561	180 square centimetres area	Paragraph 3(b) or (e)
4.	561	not less than 45 square centimetres but not more than 180 square centimetres area	Paragraph 3(d) or (e)

(3) The prescribed methods of illumination are—

- (a) the use of 14 circular reflectors of the corner cube type, each reflector having a diameter of 22 millimetres;
- (b) the use of retroreflecting material extending over the whole surface of the sign;
- (c) the use of a single circular reflector of the corner cube type extending over the whole surface of the sign;
- (d) the use of reflectors consisting of bi-convex lenses extending over the whole surface of the sign; and
- (e) the use of a single rectangular reflector of the corner cube type extending over the whole surface of the sign.

Buses

22.—(1) In the signs shown in—

- (a) the permitted variants of diagrams 618.1, 618.2, 618.3, 618.3A, 620 and 820;
- (b) diagrams 877, 953.3, 954, 954.2, 954.3, 954.5, 954.6, 954.7, 970, 973.2, 973.3, 974, 975, 1025.1, 1025.3 and 1025.4;
- (c) the permitted variants of diagram 1028.3; and
- (d) diagrams 1048, 1048.1, 1048.2, 1048.3 and 1048.4,

the expressions “bus” and “buses” have the meanings given in paragraph (2).

(2) “Buses” in the signs referred to in paragraph (1) means—

- (a) motor vehicles constructed or adapted to carry more than 8 passengers (exclusive of the driver); and
 - (b) local buses not so constructed or adapted;
- and “bus” shall be construed accordingly.

Bus lanes

23.—(1) In the signs shown in the permitted variants of diagrams 877 and 878 in which the expression “bus lane” appears and in diagrams 962, 962.2, 963, 963.2, 964, 1048 and 1048.1, “bus lane” has the meaning given in paragraph (2).

- (2) “Bus lane” in the signs referred to in paragraph (1) means a traffic lane reserved for—
 - (a) motor vehicles constructed or adapted to carry more than 8 passengers (exclusive of the driver);
 - (b) local buses not so constructed or adapted; and
 - (c) pedal cycles and taxis where indicated on the sign shown in diagram 958 or 959 and pedal cycles where indicated on the sign shown in diagram 960, 962.2, 963.2 or 1048.1.

Bus symbols

- 24.**—(1) A bus symbol when incorporated into any sign refers to—
- (a) motor vehicles constructed or adapted to carry more than 8 passengers (exclusive of the driver); or
 - (b) local buses not so constructed or adapted.
- (2) In the signs shown in diagrams 958 and 959 and in the permitted variants of diagrams 953, 953.1 and 960, the word “local” on a bus symbol indicates that the road or the traffic lane on or near which the sign has been placed shall be used only by local buses.
- (3) In this regulation “bus symbol” means a symbol depicting a bus in the form shown in diagram 952, 953 or 962.2.