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**The Traffic Signs (Speed Limits) (Amendment) Regulations
and General Directions 1977**

<i>Made - - - -</i>	<i>31st May 1977</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	<i>10th June 1977</i>
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	<i>1st July 1977</i>

The Secretary of State for Transport, the Secretary of State for Scotland and the Secretary of State for Wales, acting jointly in exercise of the powers conferred by section 54(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1967(a) and acting separately, as regards England, Scotland and Wales respectively, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 75(1) of the said Act, as those powers are now vested in them(b), and after consultation with representative organisations in accordance with section 107(2) of that Act, hereby make the following regulations and give the following directions:—

1. This Instrument may be cited as the Traffic Signs (Speed Limits) (Amendment) Regulations and General Directions 1977, and shall come into operation on 1st July 1977.

2. The Traffic Signs (Speed Limits) Regulations and General Directions 1969(c) shall be amended as follows:—

(1) in paragraph 3(1) (Savings) in Part I the words “until the 1st January 1978” shall be omitted;

(2) in paragraph 4(1) (Interpretation) in Part I, in the definition of “speed limit”, for the words after sub-paragraph (f) the following shall be substituted—

“but does not include—

(i) any maximum speed limit imposed by an order under section 77 of the 1967 Act—

(A) on all roads other than special roads,

(B) on all roads of a class specified in the order (not being special roads), or

(C) on all roads (not being special roads) other than roads of a class specified in the order, or

(ii) any other speed limit imposed by or under any of the enactments mentioned above in this definition, or (subject to sub-paragraph (4) of this paragraph) imposed by or under any other enactment.”.

(a) 1967 c. 76.

(b) As respects the Secretary of State for Transport, S.I. 1970/1681 (1970 III, p. 5551).

(c) S.I. 1969/1487 (1969 III, p. 4749).

26th May 1977.

William Rodgers,
Secretary of State for Transport.

31st May 1977.

Bruce Millan,
Secretary of State for Scotland.

27th May 1977.

John Morris,
Secretary of State for Wales.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Regulations.)

These Regulations make two amendments to the Traffic Signs (Speed Limits) Regulations and General Directions 1969 (S.I./1487).

The first amendment affects paragraph 3 of Part I of the 1969 Instrument. That paragraph preserved the authorisation of certain signs which had been erected before the 1969 Instrument came into operation and which conformed to the earlier provisions about speed limit traffic signs but not to the provisions of the 1969 Instrument. Sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 3 placed a limit on the time for which this transitional preservation continues. This limit ends on 1st January 1978. The amendment now made removes this limit.

The second amendment affects the definition of 'speed limit' in paragraph 4(1) in Part I of the 1969 Instrument. This definition is amended so as to bring it more patently into line with paragraph (a) of section 77(5) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1967, which specifies the classes of speed limit which do not require to be signed.

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