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ROAD TRAFFIC

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**THE TRAFFIC SIGNS REGULATIONS
AND GENERAL DIRECTIONS 1994**

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1. One of the following legends may be displayed on a...

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PART II — LEGENDS GIVING WARNINGS OF ADVERSE WEATHER OR
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2. A legend shown in an item in column (2) of...
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3. One of the legends shown in any item in column...
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4. The following legends may also be displayed on a variable...

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1. In these Regulations “unladen vehicle” means, subject to paragraph 3...
2. The conditions mentioned in paragraph 1 above are—
3. For the purposes of this Schedule— (a) in the case...

PART II — THE TRAFFIC SIGNS GENERAL DIRECTIONS 1994

1. Citation and commencement
2. Revocations
3. Interpretation
4. References in the Directions
5. Saving
6. Signs to be placed only at sites approved by the Secretary of State
7. Signs to be placed only to indicate the effect of a statutory prohibition
8. The placing of certain signs to indicate the beginning of a restriction, requirement, prohibition or speed limit
9. The placing of certain signs to indicate the end of a restriction, requirement, prohibition or speed limit
10. Repeater signs
11. Signs to be placed only on specified types of road
12. (1) The signs shown in diagrams 2101, 2101.1, 2101.2, 2102,...
13. (1) The signs shown in diagrams 832.3, 1012.2, 1042, 2901,...
14. (1) The signs shown in diagrams 823, 824, 825, 868,...
15. Signs to be placed only in conjunction with specified road markings (except signs for prohibitions and restrictions on waiting etc)
16. Road markings to be placed only in conjunction with other road markings or specified signs (except road markings for prohibitions and restrictions on waiting etc)
17. The placing of the signs shown in diagrams 615 and 811
18. Signs to be placed only in combination with specified plates or other signs
19. Plates to be placed only in combination with specified signs
20. Placing of road markings and signs to indicate prohibitions and restrictions on waiting, loading and unloading and parking
21. (1) The road marking shown in diagram 1020.1 may be...
22. (1) Except where it is placed to indicate the effect...
23. (1) Subject to paragraph (2) a road marking shown in...
24. A sign shown in diagram 663, 663.1, 664, 665...
25. Signs to be placed only at specified sites or for specified purposes
26. The sign shown in diagram 551.1 may be placed on...
27. The sign shown in diagram 574 may be placed only...
28. A sign shown in diagram 830, 830.1, 831 or 832,...
29. A sign shown in diagram 833, 834, 835 or 836...

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30. The sign shown in diagram 957 may be placed on...
 31. Restrictions on the placing of temporary signs
 32. A sign shown in diagram 790 or 7014 may be...
 33. (1) No sign of the kind referred to in regulation...
 34. (1) A sign shown in diagram 7023 or 7024 may...
 35. Placing of signs varied to show metric units
 36. Mounting and backing of signs
 37. (1) The back of any sign shown in a diagram...
 38. Mounting of the sign shown in diagram 781
 39. Mounting of the signs shown in diagrams 560 and 561
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 44. Placing of light signals prescribed in regulation 30(5) and in regulation 35 and signs and light signals shown in Schedule 11
 45. The light signals prescribed in regulation 30(5) shall not be...
 46. A sign shown in diagram 6021 or 6031.1 may be...
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 48. Placing of various light signals
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