

SCHEDULE 9

Regulatory signs at junctions and miscellaneous regulatory signs

PART 7

The significance of particular signs in Schedule 9

Box junctions

11.—(1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2), (3) and (4), the yellow criss-cross marking provided for at item 25 of the sign table in Part 6 conveys the prohibition that a person must not cause a vehicle to enter the box junction so that the vehicle has to stop within the box junction due to the presence of stationary vehicles.

(2) Subject to sub-paragraph (4) the marking when placed as a box junction within sub-paragraph (6)(c) of the definition of that expression conveys the prohibition that a person must not cause a vehicle to enter the box junction so that the vehicle has to stop within the box junction due to the presence of oncoming vehicles or other stationary vehicles beyond the box junction.

(3) The prohibition in sub-paragraph (1) does not, in respect of a box junction within sub-paragraph (6)(a) of the definition of that expression, apply to a person who—

- (a) causes a vehicle to enter the box junction for the purpose of turning right; and
- (b) stops the vehicle within the box junction for so long as the vehicle is prevented from completing the right turn by an oncoming vehicle or other vehicle which is stationary whilst waiting to complete a right turn.

(4) When a vehicle is being used for at least one of the purposes mentioned at sub-paragraph (5) and the observance of the prohibition in sub-paragraph (1) or (2) would be likely to hinder the use of that vehicle for that purpose, then that prohibition does not apply to the driver of the vehicle.

(5) The purposes are—

- (a) fire and rescue authority;
- (b) Scottish Fire and Rescue Service;
- (c) ambulance;
- (d) providing a response to an emergency at the request of an NHS ambulance service;
- (e) bomb or explosive disposal;
- (f) special forces;
- (g) police; and
- (h) National Crime Agency.

(6) For the purposes of this paragraph “box junction” means an area of the carriageway where the marking has been placed and which is—

- (a) at a junction between two or more roads;
- (b) at a gyratory system or roundabout;
- (c) along a length of a two-way road (other than at a junction), the carriageway of which is not greater than 4.5 metres wide at its narrowest point; or
- (d) on the length of road adjacent to the vehicular entrance to the premises of a fire, police or ambulance station; and

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(7) A reference in this paragraph (however expressed) to a vehicle which is stationary or stops within a box junction includes a vehicle which is stationary whilst part of it is within the box junction.