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**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTIONS 64 AND 65
AUTHORISATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNS AND SPECIAL DIRECTIONS**

The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of her powers under Sections 64 and 65 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other powers enabling her in that behalf, for the purpose of indicating to vehicular traffic, on motorway and all purpose dual carriageway roads (including their one-way slip roads) in England, that it should pass to the right or left of a block vehicle during Mobile Lane Closure (MLC) operations carried out in accordance with Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual, and of indicating the safe route round the said closures, hereby:-

1. authorises the placing and use on MLC block vehicles of a variable message sign (hereinafter referred to as "the authorised sign") conforming as to size, colour and character with that shown at A in the attached schedule of drawings numbered GT46/43/167(Pt2)-3 and which shall display the 3 faces shown at R, L and H (hereinafter referred to as "the authorised faces R, L and H") in the said schedule of drawings; and
2. directs that the authorised sign may only be used in combination with the sign shown in diagram 610 in Schedule 2 to the Traffic Signs Regulations 2002 (Part I of SI 3113/2002, "the 2002 Regulations"), as shown schematically at B in the said schedule of drawings; and
3. directs that the authorised sign shall only be used on MLC block vehicles which are being used to close traffic lanes or hard shoulders, in accordance with mobile lane closure procedures identified in Chapter 8; and
4. directs that the authorised face R shall be displayed with the arrow in the sign to diagram 610 in Schedule 2 to the 2002 Regulations, pointing to the right, for the purpose of indicating to vehicles that they should pass to the right of a MLC block vehicle situated in the carriageway; and



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5. directs that the authorised face L shall be displayed with the arrow in the sign to diagram 610 in Schedule 2 to the 2002 Regulations, pointing to the left, for the purpose of indicating to vehicles that they should pass to the left of a MLC block vehicle; and
6. directs that the authorised face H shall be displayed with the arrow in the sign to diagram 610 in Schedule 2 to the 2002 Regulations, pointing to the right, for the purpose of indicating to vehicles that they should pass to the right of a mobile lane closure vehicle situated on the hard shoulder; and
7. directs that the light emitting arrow on the authorised faces R and L shall be pulsed at a rate of 30 to 50 flashes per minute and that the on-period shall be twice the length of the off-period; and
8. directs that the two xenon lamps must be used in conjunction with any of the three authorised faces R, L and H and that where so used, shall flash simultaneously; and
9. directs that when the authorised faces R and L are displayed the two xenon lamps shall only flash during the off-period of the Light Emitting Diode lamps; and
10. directs that the authorised sign may be used in place of signs conforming to diagram 7403 in Schedule 12 Part V to the 2002 Regulations where the use of such signs is specified in Highways Agency instructions or advice; and
11. directs that the authorised sign may only be used if the apparatus (including the content of all instructions stored in or executable by it) used in connection with it is of a type which has been agreed by the Secretary of State as appropriate to the site and application; and



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12. directs, without prejudice to any statutory provision to the like effect, that it is a condition of this authorisation that the use of the authorised sign shall continue to have effect only until such day as may be appointed by one month's notice given by the Secretary of State in writing to the traffic authority for the removal or alteration of the authorised sign and on that day the said authorisation shall, without prejudice to the giving of any further authorisation or direction, cease to have effect; and
13. directs that the authorised faces shall only be displayed on MLC block vehicles operated by personnel formally trained, assessed and registered in accordance with the Sector Scheme Document for the MLC Traffic Management on Motorway and other Dual Carriageways.

The provision of Regulations 12, 18 and 19 of the 2002 Regulations shall apply to the lower panel of the authorised sign in the same manner as they apply to the sign shown in diagram 7403 in Schedule 12 Part V to those Regulations.

Dated.....15 August.....2007

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

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