



RE: - Temporary Traffic Measures and Signs for Roadworks

Date: 02nd September 2019

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I refer to Circular RST 02 of 2019 (issued 22nd August 2019) regarding updates to the Traffic Signs Manual (TSM) 2019. The Circular, which constitutes a Direction of the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport to Road Authorities under section 95 (16) of the Road Traffic Act 1961, relates to the provision of traffic signs and includes, amongst other things, a revision of Chapter 8 of the TSM.

Following on from Circular Letter RST 02/2019 and RST 03/2019, I wish to advise of a number of Guidance Documents that have also been produced in support of Chapter 8 of the TSM, relating to Temporary Traffic Measures and Signs for Roadworks. These are: -

- Temporary Traffic Management Design Guidance (2019)
- Temporary Traffic Management Operations Guidance (2019)

This full suite of Guidelines is available on www.trafficsigns.ie

Application of Chapter 8 of the TSM (2019) and Temporary Traffic Management Guidance Documents

The Directions in Chapter 8 (2019) outline temporary traffic measures to be used at roadworks sites to warn, inform and guide road users safely through or around the roadworks site, the circumstances in which roadworks traffic signs and other traffic signs may be used and guidance on the technical and other standards to be followed when they are being provided.

Traffic signs that are provided by Road Authorities at places where roadworks are being carried out on public roads must, under Section 95 (16) of the 1961 Act, be in conformity with the general and particular directions given by the Minister in Chapter 8 of the TSM (2019). A Roads

Authority, contractors, agents, or authorised persons must not use any other format of signs wherever roadworks are being carried out on public roads.

The updated Chapter 8 (2019) along with the Temporary Traffic Management Operations and Design Guidelines are applicable from the 22nd August 2019 and supersede the Directions contained in Chapter 8 of the TSM (2010) of the Traffic Signs Manual (issued under Circular Letter RST 1/2011). In addition the Guidelines for the Control and Management of Traffic at Roadworks (2010) is also withdrawn.

Transition Arrangements

The Minister of Transport, Tourism and Sport has, in relation to Chapter 8 of the TSM and the supporting Guidance Documents, given a direction under Section 95 (16), to provide for a transition period until the 1st of June 2020. The following sets out the transition arrangements: -

- The updated Chapter 8 (2019) applies from the 22nd August 2019. A transition period applies until the 1st of June 2020.
- Organisations using Temporary Traffic Measures and Signs for Roadworks may continue to use Chapter 8 (2010) or the provisions in Chapter 8 of the TSM (2019) on roadworks schemes, but may not combine the provisions of both, for the duration of the transition period.
- After the transition period, organisations using Temporary Traffic Measures and Signs for Roadworks are only permitted to continue to apply the Chapter 8 (2010) Temporary Traffic Measures and Signs for Roadworks standard for works that were tendered or underway prior to end of 2019, with the written permission of the Roads Authority and in addition, for National Roads, Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII).

Availability of TTM Guidelines Suite (Chapter 8 and Supporting Guidance Documents)

Electronic copies of the updated Chapter 8 of the TSM (2019), Temporary Traffic Management Design Guidance and Temporary Traffic Management Operations Guidance are published and available for download from the website www.trafficsigns.ie. Details of dimensioned working drawings for each roadworks sign in Chapter 8 (2019) are also published on this website.

TTM Documentation Suite Launch: Safety at Roadworks Seminar

The New Temporary Traffic Management document suite will be launched on the **3rd of October 2019** in the **Clayton Hotel Silver Springs Cork** as part of a Safety at Roadworks Seminar. This is intended for senior managers and will include presentations from key stakeholders in the industry including, Local Authorities, SOLAS, the Health and Safety Authority, the Road Safety Authority, the Construction Industry Federation, Transport Infrastructure Ireland and the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport.

Nominees (3 attendees listed in order of priority) with contact details should be sent to ttn@dtas.gov.ie by **20th September 2019**. Forms and details of the workshop are attached at appendix A.

Regional Information Workshops on Temporary Traffic Management (TTM) Suite of Documents

Detailed information workshops will be delivered by the Temporary Traffic Management project team to provide guidance on the Suite of TTM Documents. These workshops are aimed at Line Managers and Safety Personnel involved in the design and operations of TTM on Irish roads.

The workshops are for information purposes and are not intended as a substitute for training. They will be a half day duration and the proposed agenda is included in Appendix B. There is no fee for delegates to attend these seminars.

The schedule of venues dates and times for the regional information workshops are as follows: -

| Date & Time | Area | Location |
|---|---|--|
| Wednesday 16 th October 09:30 – 13:00 | Midlands, East | Ballycoolin Regional Training Centre, IDA Business Park, Ballycoolin, Dublin 15, D15 YW77. Phone: 01 8097173 |
| Thursday 17 th October 10:00 – 13:30 | Midlands, East | Engineers Ireland, 22 Clyde Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, Ireland, D04 R3N2. Phone: 01 6651300 |
| Tuesday 22 nd October 9:30 – 13:00 | South, South West | Ballincollig Regional Training Centre, Innishmore, Ballincollig, Co. Cork, P31 DX32. Phone: 021 4876253 |
| Wednesday 23 rd October 9:30 – 13:00 | Midwest, South Midlands, Southeast | Roscrea Regional Training Centre, Monastery Road, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary, E53 KP11. Phone: 0505 23425 |
| Tuesday 5 th November 9:30 – 13:00 | Northwest | Stranorlar Regional Training Centre, Railway Road, Stranorlar, Co. Donegal, F93 HY64 Phone: 074 9130208 |
| Wednesday 6 th November 9:30 – 13:00 | West | Castlebar Regional Training Centre, Mayo County Council, Aras an Chontae, The Mall, Castlebar, Co. Mayo, F23 WF90. Phone: 094 9064080 |

Nominees (listed in order of priority) with contact details should be sent to ttm@dtas.gov.ie by **9th October 2019**. Forms and details of the workshop are attached in Appendix B.

Whereas every effort will be made to accommodate all requests for attendance at these regional Information Workshops space is likely to be limited. Additional workshops may be considered at a future date if required.

Training

It is important to note that the new TTM guidance documents make recommendations regarding the appropriate training required to ensure an adequate level of competence is achieved for the various duty holders involved in the Temporary Traffic Management process. As part of the National Seminar and Regional Information Workshops further information will be provided on implications and requirements on TTM Training.

Yours sincerely,



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- 1 "Roadworks" is defined in Section 101D of the Road Traffic Act 1961 (as inserted by Section 9 of the Dublin Transport Authority (Dissolution) Act, 1987) (and amended by SI 139 of 2015) as meaning repairs, maintenance, alterations, improvements or installations or any other works to, above or under, a public road.

Appendix A

Safety at Roadworks (Temporary Traffic Management)

National Seminar

Agenda

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| 9:30 | Registration & Tea/Coffee |
| 10:00 | Temporary Traffic Management – Introduction / Overview |
| 10:15 | Stakeholder Presentations |
| 11:00 | Tea/Coffee |
| 11:15 | Traffic Signs Manual Chapter 8: - Temporary Traffic Measures and Signs for Roadworks |
| 11:40 | Temporary Traffic Management Design Guidance |
| 12:05 | Temporary Traffic Management Operations Guidance |
| 12:30 | Training Courses |
| 12:45 | Questions & Answers |
| 13:00 | Lunch |

Nominations Form

1. **Organisation Name:** _____
2. **Contact Person:** _____
Name: _____
Position / Grade: _____
Email: _____
Telephone No: _____

3. **Nominees to attend Seminar. Please list:**

| No | Name | Position | Email Address | Telephone |
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Appendix B
Safety at Roadworks (Temporary Traffic Management)
Regional Information Workshop

Agenda

- 9:30 Registration & Tea/Coffee**
- 10:00 Temporary Traffic Management – Introduction / Overview
- 10:15 Traffic Signs Manual Chapter 8: - Temporary Traffic Measures and
Signs for Roadworks
- 10:45 Tea/Coffee**
- 11:00 Temporary Traffic Management Design Guidance
- Changes to existing document
 - Content and use of the New Guidance Document.
- 11:40 Temporary Traffic Management Operations Guidance
- Purpose, Content and use of the Guidance Document
- 12:20 Temporary Traffic Management Training
- Implications for existing training courses
 - New training courses
 - Recommended training for duty holders
- 12:40 Questions & Answers

Nominations Form

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Regional Information Workshop

1. Organisation Name: _____

2. Contact Person:

Name: _____

Position / Grade: _____

Email: _____

Telephone No: _____

3. Location: _____

4. Nominees to attend Seminar. Please list:

| No | Name | Position | Email Address | Telephone |
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