

Amendments to the Convention on Road Signs and Signals

A. Amendments to the main text of the Convention

ARTICLE 1 (Definitions)

Insert a new subparagraph (e) bis to read:

“(e) bis. “Cycle lane” means a part of a carriageway designated for cycles. A cycle lane is distinguished from the rest of the carriageway by longitudinal road markings.”

Insert a new subparagraph (e) ter to read:

“(e) ter. “Cycle track” means an independent road or part of a road designated for cycles, signposted as such. A cycle track is separated from other roads or other parts of the same road by structural means.”

ARTICLE 7

Replace the existing Article 7 by the following:

- “1. It is recommended that domestic legislation provide that, in order to make them more visible and legible at night, road signs, in particular danger warning signs, regulatory signs and direction signs shall be lighted or retroreflective, provided that this does not result in road users being dazzled.
2. Contracting Parties may also allow the use of fluorescent materials; in this case they shall define which signs may make use of these materials.
3. Domestic legislation should draw up rules for the use of lighted, retroreflective and fluorescent signs. It should also specify the situations in which each class of retroreflective materials shall be used.
4. Dark or light graphic elements of different colours in the signs may be differentiated by means of contrasting light or dark narrow strips respectively.
5. Nothing in this Convention shall prohibit the use, for conveying information, warnings or rules applying only at certain times or on certain days, of signs which are visible only when the information they convey is relevant.”

ARTICLE 8

Paragraph 3

Amend to read:

“3. Nothing in this Convention shall prohibit the addition, mainly in order to facilitate the interpretation of signs, of an inscription in a rectangular panel below the sign or in a rectangular panel containing the sign; such an inscription may also be placed on the sign itself, if this does not make the sign more difficult to understand for drivers who cannot understand the inscription.”

ARTICLE 13 (Provisions applying generally to the signs described in Annex 1, Sections C and D to this Convention)

Paragraph 2

Amend to read:

“2. Regulatory signs placed level with or shortly after a sign indicating the beginning of a built-up area shall mean that the rule applies throughout the built-up area, unless a different rule is notified by other signs on certain sections of the road in the built-up area.”

ARTICLE 13 bis (Special regulation signs)

Insert a new paragraph 2 bis to read:

“2 bis. Sign E, 11^a shall be used for tunnels of 1,000 m or more and in cases provided for by domestic legislation. For tunnels of 1,000 m or more, the length shall be included either in the lower part of the sign, or on an additional panel H, 2, as described in Annex 1, section H. The name of the tunnel may be indicated according to Article 8, paragraph 3 of this Convention.”

ARTICLE 26 bis

Paragraph 1

Amend to read:

“1. The marking of lanes reserved for certain categories of vehicles, including cycle lanes, shall be by means of lines which should be clearly distinguished from other continuous or broken lines on the carriageway, notably by being wider and with less space between strokes.”

ARTICLE 29

Paragraph 2

Amend the first sentence to read:

“2. If road markings are painted, they shall be yellow or white; however, blue may be used for markings showing places where parking is permitted but subject to some conditions or restrictions (limit of duration, payment, category of user, etc.). ...”

Paragraph 4

Amend to read:

“4. Road markings intended for moving vehicles shall be easily recognized in good time by drivers. They must be visible during the day and at night. It is recommended that such markings, especially in areas where lighting is insufficient, be retroreflective.”

Insert a new article 29 bis to read:

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“1. When permanent road markings are to be modified for a specific period, in particular because of road works or diversions, temporary markings shall be applied in colours different from the colours used for permanent markings.

2. Temporary markings shall take precedence over permanent markings and road users are required to conform to them. When the simultaneous presence of permanent and temporary road markings could be a source of confusion, the permanent markings shall be covered over or removed.

3. Temporary markings shall preferably be retroreflective and may be supplemented by beacons, cats eyes or reflectors with a view to improving traffic guidance.”

B. Amendments to the Annexes to the Convention

Annex 1, section C, sub-section II (Descriptions)

Paragraph 9. (Prohibition or restriction of standing and parking)

Delete subparagraph (c) (vii)

Annex 1, section D, sub-section II (Descriptions)Paragraph 3. (Compulsory roundabout)

Amend to read:

“3. Sign D, 3 ‘COMPULSORY ROUNDABOUT’, shall notify drivers that they must follow the direction at the roundabout indicated by the arrows. If the roundabout is indicated by the sign D, 3 together with the sign B, 1 or B, 2, the driver in the roundabout has priority.”

Annex 1, section E, sub-section II (Descriptions)Paragraph 9. (Signs notifying the entry or exit from a tunnel where special rules apply)

Replace the existing subparagraphs by the following:

“(a) Sign E, 11^a ‘TUNNEL’ indicates a section of road passing through a tunnel and on which special traffic rules apply. It is placed at the point from which these rules apply.

(b) In order to warn road users in advance, sign E, 11^a may be placed in addition at a suitable distance before the point where the special rules apply; such sign shall show, either in its lower part, or on an additional panel H, 1, as described in section H of this Annex, the distance between the point at which it is set up and the point from which these special rules apply.

(c) Sign E, 11^b ‘END OF TUNNEL’ may be placed at the point from which the special rules no longer apply.”

Insert a new paragraph 14 to read:

“14. Signs indicating a stopping place in case of emergency or danger

Sign E, 18 “EMERGENCY STOPPING PLACE” indicates a place which shall only be used by drivers for stopping or parking in case of emergency or danger. If this stopping place is equipped with an emergency telephone and/or an extinguisher, the sign shall bear the symbols F, 17 and/or F, 18 either in its lower part or on a rectangular panel placed below the sign. This sign has two models, E, 18^a and E, 18^b.”

Annex 1, section F, sub-section I (General characteristics and symbols)

Subparagraph 2

Amend the last sentence to read:

“2. ... The symbol shall be black or dark blue, except symbols F, 1^a, F, 1^b, F, 1^c and F, 18, which shall be red. The symbol F, 17 may be red.”

Annex 1, section F, sub-section II (Descriptions)Paragraph 2. (Miscellaneous symbols)

Add the new symbols F, 17 and F, 18 below:

“F, 17 ‘EMERGENCY TELEPHONE’”

“F, 18 ‘EXTINGUISHER’”

Annex 1, section G, sub-section V (Indication signs)

Insert a new paragraph 11 to read:

“11. Signs indicating emergency exits

(a) The signs G, 23^a and G, 23^b indicate the location of emergency exits.

(b) The signs G, 24^a, G, 24^b and G, 24^c are examples of signs to indicate the direction and distance of the nearest emergency exits. In tunnels, they shall be placed at a maximum distance of 50 m apart and at a height of 1 to 1.5 m on the sidewalls.

(c) The signs G, 23 and G, 24 have a green ground and the symbols, arrows and distance indications are white or of a light colour.”

Annex 3 (REPRODUCTION IN COLOUR OF SIGNS, SYMBOLS AND PANELS REFERRED TO IN ANNEX 1)

Reproduction below of the new signs and symbols introduced in the above proposed amendments:



E, 17^a



E, 17^b



F, 17



F, 18



G, 23^a



G, 23^b



G, 24^a



G, 24^b



G, 24^c