

Annex A

Department for Transport Website

Revised Timetable for Implementation of the Traffic Management Act 2004 Regulations (Published 7 June 2007)

The Traffic Management Act 2004 gives local authorities additional tools to tackle congestion and reduce disruption on the road network for the benefit of the travelling public.

In recent months, the Department has made considerable progress on the delivery of these regulations. We have held public consultations on the Draft Guidance on Intervention Criteria, on regulations for Street works, on regulations for Permits and the Civil Enforcement of Parking. These regulations are all nearing implementation, or have been implemented having considered the responses raised in the consultations.

It is important to take the time to get the regulations and associated codes of practices right, as rushing the project risks creating regulations that are unworkable or will not stand the test of time.

The timetable has been updated to reflect:

- 1) An increased time period for industry and highway authorities to prepare for implementing the regulations.
- 2) Revised understanding of how long it will take to ensure that the regulations are consistent and robust.
- 3) The need to reassess external influences impacting on the development of the regulations.

Wave 1			
	Estimated date for full public consultation	Estimated date of laying / making regulations	Estimated date of regulations coming into force
Guidance on Intervention Criteria	July - September 2006 ✓	March 2007 ✓	March 2007 ✓
Notices, Directions and Restrictions	October - November 2006 ✓	Summer 2007	Early 2008
Fixed Penalty Notices	October - November 2006 ✓	Summer 2007	Early 2008
Section 74 Over Staying Charges	October - November 2006 ✓	Summer 2007	Early 2008
Permits	November 2006 - February 2007 ✓	Summer 2007 *	Early 2008 *
Civil Parking Enforcement	July - September 2006 ✓	Mid 2007 *	Early 2008 *
Civil Bus lane and moving traffic enforcement	TBC	TBC	TBC
Inspection of Blue Badges		Mid 2006 ✓	September 2006 ✓

✓ Indicates activity completed

* Affirmative procedure: dependent upon Parliamentary timing

The TMA regulations are intended to give local authorities the powers to keep traffic flowing efficiently and get the best out of their transport network, helping towns and cities to thrive. It is important that we get the regulations right which means consulting thoroughly with the many organisations and local authorities concerned. Due to the complexities involved, the timetable for implementation is indicative only and may be subject to change.

Wave 2 and Wave 3 timetables have not yet been agreed and will be added at the appropriate time.