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Note by the Secretariat

At the tenth session, the Group of Experts agreed that the words “band” and “parallel lines forming a band” are used to indicate that specific regulations end. They further agreed that the word “band” should not be otherwise used in the Convention. They also recommended that two models should be contained in the Convention for the F-section sign (see ECE/TRANS/WP.1/GE.2/20 page 54). Accordingly, it is necessary to amend paragraphs 1 and 2 of Section F, INFORMATION, FACILITIES OR SERVICE SIGNS, I. General characteristics and symbols.

For consistency with reports from previous sessions, the secretariat recommends that, in paragraphs 4 and 5 of Section G, DIRECTION, POSITION OR INDICATION SIGNS, V. Indication signs:

- (a) the word “border” be replaced with “ground”;
- (b) the words “square” and “panel” be replaced with “rectangle”; and
- (c) the words “an oblique red line across it” be replaced with “a diagonal red band or preferably, of red parallel lines forming such a band running from the upper right edge to the lower left edge”.

Proposed deletions are identified by ~~strikethrough~~ while additions are shown in **bold**.

1968 Convention on Road Signs and Signals

Annex 1,

Section F, II. General characteristics and symbols

1. “F” signs ~~with inscriptions shall have a blue or green ground; they shall bear a white or yellow rectangle~~ **be a blue or green rectangle with a white or yellow square placed in the centre** on which the symbol shall be displayed.

Ibis. “F” signs without inscriptions shall have a blue or green square with a white or yellow square placed in the centre. The area of the white square inside should not be greater than two-thirds of the area of the blue square.

2. On the blue or green ~~band~~ **ground** at the bottom of the “F” sign **with inscription**, the distance to the facility indicated, or to the entry to the road leading to it, may be inscribed in white; on the sign bearing symbol F, 5 the word “HOTEL” or “MOTEL” may be inscribed in the same way. The signs may also be set up at the entry to the road leading to the facility and may then bear a white directional arrow on the blue or green part at the bottom.

The symbol shall be black or dark blue, except symbols F, 1 a, F, 1 b, F, 1 c and F, 18⁵⁹, which shall be red. The symbol F, 17⁶⁰ may be red.

Section G, V. Indication signs

4. “GENERAL SPEED LIMITS” sign

Sign G, 14, “GENERAL SPEED LIMITS”, shall be used, especially near national frontiers, to notify the general speed limits in force in a country or in a subdivision of that country. The name or distinguishing sign of the country, possibly accompanied by the national emblem, shall be placed at the top of the sign. On the sign the general speed limits in force in a country will be shown in the following order: (1) in built-up areas; (2) outside built-up areas; (3) on motorways. If appropriate, the symbol of sign E, 6a, “Road for motor vehicles”, may be used to indicate the general speed limit on roads for motor vehicles.

The ~~border~~ **ground** of the sign and its upper part shall be in blue; the country name and the ground of the three ~~squares~~ **rectangles (within the sign)** shall be in white. The symbols used in the upper and central ~~squares~~ **rectangles** shall be in black and the symbol in the central ~~square~~ **rectangle** shall have ~~an oblique red line across it~~ **a diagonal band or preferably, of red parallel lines forming such a band running from the upper right edge to the lower left edge.**

5. “ROAD OPEN OR CLOSED” sign

(a) Sign G, 15, “ROAD OPEN OR CLOSED”, shall be used to show whether a mountain road, particularly a section leading over a pass, is open or closed; the sign shall be placed at the entry to the road or roads leading to the section in question.

The name of the section of road (or pass) shall be inscribed in white. On the sign shown, the name “Furka” is given as an example.

~~Panels~~ **Rectangles** 1, 2 and 3 shall be removable.

(b) If the section of the road is closed, panel 1 shall be red and shall bear the inscription "CLOSED"; if the section is open, panel 1 shall be green and shall bear the inscription "OPEN". The inscriptions shall be in white and preferably in several languages.

(c) ~~Panels~~ **Rectangles** 2 and 3 shall have a white ground with inscriptions and symbols in black.

If the section of road is open, ~~panel~~ **rectangle** 3 shall remain blank and ~~panel~~ **rectangle** 2, according to the state of the road, shall either be blank, or display sign D, 9, "SNOW CHAINS COMPULSORY", or display symbol G, 16, "CHAINS OR SNOW TYRES RECOMMENDED". This symbol shall be black.

If the section of road is closed, ~~panel~~ **rectangle** 3 shall show the name of the place up to which the road is open and ~~panel~~ **rectangle** 2 shall display, according to the state of the road, either the inscription "OPEN AS FAR AS" or symbol G, 16, or sign D, 9.
