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Note by the Secretariat

1. The Group of Experts on Road Signs and Signals requested the secretariat at its 12th session to propose amendments to the signs H, 3, H, 4 and other H section signs. These amendments should be based on the outcomes of discussion following the review of Informal document No.1 of August 2017.

2. This document provides such an amendment proposal. The amendments are marked by strikethrough for text deletion and by bold for text addition.

3. The Group of Experts is expected to consider this amendment proposal.
Section H

ADDITIONAL PANELS

1. These panels shall have either a white or yellow ground and a black, dark blue or red rim, in which case the distance or length or symbol or distance or length or other appropriate inscription shall be inscribed in black or dark blue; or a black or dark blue ground and a white, yellow or red rim, in which case the distance or length or symbol or distance or length or other appropriate inscription shall be inscribed in white or yellow. Additional panels shall always be placed under danger warning, regulatory or information signs.

2. (a) Additional panels H, 1 show the distance from the sign to the beginning of the dangerous section of road or of the zone to which the regulation or information applies.

(b) Additional panels H, 2 show the length of the dangerous section of road or of the zone to which the regulation applies.

(c) Additional panels are placed under the signs. However, the distance information given on the additional panels H, 1 and H, 2 may be inscribed instead on the lower part of the sign in the case of danger warning signs of model Ab, selected prohibitory or restriction signs, selected special regulation signs and advance direction signs, the information to be given on the additional panels may be inscribed on the lower part of the sign.

3. The additional panels H, 3 and H, 4 concerning parking prohibitions or restrictions are of models H, 3a; H, 3b and H, 3c and H, 4a; H, 4b and H, 4c respectively. (See: section C, para 9 (c) of this annex). Their use is defined in Section C, para 9 (c) of this annex.

Page 43 of the Convention, section C, para 9 (c)

(c) (i) Except in special cases, the signs shall be so placed that they are perpendicular to the axis of the road, or at a slight angle to the plane perpendicular to that axis. In special cases, the signs are so placed that they are parallel to the axis of the road. When additional panels are used in those cases, they shall be of models H, 3.

(ii) All the prohibitions and restrictions of parking shall apply only on the side of the carriageway on which the signs are placed.

(iii) Except as may be otherwise indicated.

On an additional panel H, 2 of section H of this annex and showing the distance over which the prohibition applies; or In conformity with subparagraph (c) (v) of this paragraph, the prohibitions shall apply from a point level with the sign to the next point of entry of a road.
(iv) If the prohibition ceases to apply before the next point of entry of a road, the sign supplemented by an additional panel H, 3a or H, 4a depicted in section H of this annex may be placed below the sign at the point where the parking prohibition begins. An additional panel H, 3b or H, 4b depicted in section H of this annex may be used for repeating the prohibition provided that respectively additional panels H, 3a and H, 4a are used to indicated the beginning of the prohibition. A further prohibition sign supplemented by an additional panel H, 3c or H, 4c depicted in section H of this annex shall be used where the prohibition ceases to apply provided that respectively additional panels H, 3a and H, 4a are used to indicated the beginning of the prohibition. May be placed below signs repeating the prohibition. A further prohibition sign supplemented by an additional panel H, 3c or H, 4c depicted in section H of this annex shall be used where the prohibition ceases to apply. Panel H, 3 shall be placed parallel to the axis of the road, and panels H, 4 perpendicular to that axis. The distances, if any, shown by panels H, 3 or H, 4 shall be those over which the prohibition applies in the direction of the arrow.

(v) If the prohibition ceases to apply before the next point of entry of a road, the sign bearing the additional end-of-prohibition panel described in subparagraph (c) (iv) above shall be set up. However, where the prohibition applies only over a short distance, it shall be permissible to set up only one sign:

Showing in the red circle the distance on which it applies, or

Bearing an additional panel H, 2 showing the short distance.

(vi) Where parking-meters are installed, their presence shall signify that parking is subject to payment and is limited to the period for which the meter operates.

4. Additional panel H, 5 displays the symbol of particular road user category to whom regulatory signs may be restricted. To particular road users by displaying the symbol for their category. For example: H, 5a, and H, 5. All symbols from signs C, 3, E, 15 and E, 16 may be used on H, 5 panel.

Additional panel H, 6 shall be used in cases where the regulatory sign is to be regarded as not applying to a certain category of road users. This is indicated by the symbol for their category and by the term “except” in the language of the particular country. For example: H, 6. If necessary the symbol may be replaced by an inscription in that language. Panel H, 6 shall be similar to panel H, 5 but it shall show, in addition, the term “except” in the language of the particular country.

5. To indicate parking space reserved for handicapped persons with disabilities, panel H, 7a should be used with signs C, 18 or E, 14. To indicate that parking is not prohibited for persons with disabilities panel H, 7b should be used with signs C, 18. Panel H, 7b shall be similar to panel H, 7a but it shall show, in addition, the term “except” in the language of the particular country.

6. The additional panel H, 8 displays a diagram of the intersection in which broad strokes indicate priority roads and thin strokes indicate the roads on which signs B, 1 or B, 2 are set up.

7. To indicate that the section of road ahead is slippery because of ice or snow the additional panel H, 9 should be used.