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To each City and County Chief Executive

29th May 2015

Circular RW 10/2015

Guidelines for Setting and Managing of Speed Limits in Ireland (2015). Incorporating Guidelines for the application of Special Speed Limits.

Direction given to road authorities by the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport:

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This letter, together with a copy of the **Guidelines for Setting and Managing of Speed Limits in Ireland (2015)** that incorporates the Guidelines for the application of Special Speed Limits, constitute a direction given by the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport. The 2015 Guidelines follow on from the publication of a Speed Limit Review Report in November 2013 by the Minister for Transport Tourism and Sport.

National Speed Limits Seminar

Attached is a Notice/Flyer incorporating the Programme for the **National Speed Limits Seminar** which will be held in the Osprey Hotel, Naas, Co. Kildare on **Wednesday 17**th **June 2015**. There will be no fees to delegates to attend this Seminar.

Many thanks to those Local Authorities that have already responded with nominees for seminars/workshops relating to the implementation of the *Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland – March 2015 Edition*. For clarity and to facilitate planning for the Seminar, these local authorities are now asked to confirm attendance by their nominees at the **National Speed Limits Seminar**. This should be done as soon as possible to speedlimits@dttas.ie. A spreadsheet with the nominees received to date is attached for ease of reference.

The following Local Authorities, who have yet to indicate their nominees for seminars/workshops relating to the implementation of the Speed Limit Guidelines, are asked to do so as soon as possible to speedlimits@dttas.ie and to confirm the names of attendees for the National Speed Limits Seminar to facilitate planning for the event.:-

Cork County Council
Donegal County Council
Kilkenny County Council
Sligo County Council (10 attendees indicated but names awaited)
Westmeath County Council
Galway City Council.

Training and Competence

The following extract from circular RSD 1 of 2015 should be noted in relation to the seminar/workshops

"Note: - In accordance with the Guidelines (Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland – March 2015 Edition) all staff involved in the setting and managing of speed limits shall be trained and competent in the use of the Guidelines. Pending the introduction of a formal training course a record of attendance at these workshops will suffice in satisfying this requirement.

In order to progress the organisation of the workshops and to manage numbers road authorities/local authorities shall submit to the Department a list of names of staff that are proposed to attend the workshops to <u>speedlimits@dttas.ie</u> by 8th May 2015."

Please note the requirements of the Guidelines regarding training and competence for <u>all</u> those involved in the setting and managing of speed limits. This includes all consultants and contractors involved. The following should be specifically noted:

Records of attendance will kept and maintained for all those who attend the Seminar. Similarly, Local Authorities will need to maintain records of all staff or consultants involved in the setting and managing of speed limits. These records should be available for inspection, if required.

Yours sincerely

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