

53 Road Work Zones Tested



Croatia

One site was rated 'Acceptable' and one 'Poor'.

Inspectors found that

- Neither two-way traffic nor the work areas were adequately separated
- Frequently there were no acceleration and deceleration lanes at the points of entry and exit
- Information signs were infrequent and misleading
- Road surfaces were in poor condition
- Navigation through sites at night was difficult as lane markings were not always reflective and original lane markings had not always been removed
- Information on sites was frequently non-existent.

The operator provided no details of the information given to motorists about the site, or of emergency management and procedures.

Italy

One site was rated 'Good', two 'Acceptable' and two 'Poor'.

Inspectors found that

- Speed limits through the sites were reduced to 40 or 60 kilometres per hour, which hindered traffic flow
- Lane tapers were too short and too sharp, leading to abrupt reductions in speeds
- Neither two-way traffic nor work areas were adequately separated
- Points of entry and exit were frequently difficult to see and acceleration or deceleration lanes were missing; on some sites it was necessary to stop at entry points, which could result in problems for merging traffic
- Information about the works was inadequate
- Night-time clarity differed significantly between sites, with results ranging from 'Very good' to 'Very poor'
- Speed reductions were too abrupt and two-way traffic was sometimes separated only by traffic cones

However

- Sites scored well in the Traffic routing category
- Traffic lanes were clean and in good condition

The operator provided no details of the information given to motorists about the site, or of emergency management and procedures.

The Netherlands

One site was rated 'Very good', three 'Good' and one 'Poor'.

Inspectors found that

- Results in the Traffic routing category were mixed; marks were lost because most sites did not provide lay-bys
- Two-way traffic was not adequately separated
- Sites were inadequate signed and road markings were confusing

However

- Night-time clarity was generally good
- Information provided was generally satisfactory

According to the operators, daily newspapers and radio announcements inform motorists about the start dates of any major roadworks. During the construction phase, information is continuously provided on the Internet at www.vanAanarbeter.nl.

