LEGISLATION AND STANDARDS

Local High Visibility Regulations

In addition to EN471, there are a number of other local regulations that are applicable to certain situations and which may be of relevance to you when writing a specification.

New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 Safety at Street Works - a code of practice

The New Roads and Street Works Act 1991, relates to those working on local authority roads. The acts’ code of practice, formerly called the "Blue Book" now called the "Pink Book" came into effect Feb. 2002. It requires that:

clause 4.2.3 (b):
2 band and braces

"High visibility clothing conforming to BS EN 471, Table 1, Class 2 or 3, which must be worn at all times. It will comply with the requirements of clause 4.2.3 (b) in all cases."

clause 4.2.4:
Full length sleeves

"Jackets with sleeves in accordance with clause 4.2.4 and to Class 3 must be worn on dual carriageway roads with a speed limit of 50mph or above."

"The colour of the background material should normally be fluorescent yellow from Table 2 of BS EN 471 and the retroreflective material should comply with Table 5."

Chapter 8 Traffic Signs Manual

This document is a condition of contract for all maintenance schemes carried out for the Department for Transport. It also acts as a code of practice for those working on any roads other than those managed by the Highways Agency. Currently it calls up the old British Standard 6629, which has been superseded by BS EN 471.

"For their own safety it is important that all personnel working on or near the carriageway are readily visible to all drivers. To this end high visibility garments must be worn. These should comply with BS 6629. It is recommended that Class A with sleeves to Appendix G is used on motorways and other high speed roads."

To meet the equivalent safety standards, it is advised that garments should comply with clause 4.2.3 (b) of EN 471 (two 50mm bands and braces).
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"All those working on or near the roads should wear high visibility warning clothing (Class 2 or 3) complying with BS EN 471 paragraph **4.2.3.(b)**. In addition on motorways or other high speed roads full length sleeved garments should also comply with paragraph **4.2.4**.

"The retroreflective material used shall be Class 2".

"The colour of the clothing shall normally be fluorescent yellow or orange".

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