## 2011 No. 1489

## ROAD TRAFFIC

## The M2 Motorway (Junctions 7 – 4, Londonbound) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2011

 Made
 13th June 2011

 Coming into force
 2nd July 2011

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M2 Motorway and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic should be restricted on lengths of that motorway and prohibited on some of those connecting roads because works are proposed to be executed thereon:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 14(1)(a) and (7) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a), hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M2 Motorway (Junctions 7 - 4, Londonbound) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2011 and shall come into force on 2nd July 2011.

## 2. In this Order:

"the motorway" means the M2 Motorway between Faversham and Gillingham in the County of Kent;

"the Regulations" means the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(b);

"the first length of Londonbound carriageway" means the Londonbound carriageway of the motorway between the A2 southern overbridge at Junction 7 (A299) and Forge Lane overbridge west of Junction 4 (A278 – Hoath Way);

"the second length of Londonbound carriageway" means the Londonbound carriageway of the motorway between Selling Road overbridge west of Junction 7 (A2/A299) and Forge Lane overbridge west of Junction 4 (A278 – Hoath Way);

"a hard shoulder" means the hard shoulder, within the meaning of regulation 3(1)(e) of the Regulations, which is adjacent to the second length of Londonbound carriageway;

"a slip road" means -

- (i) any road leading to or from the Londonbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 6 (A251), or
- (ii) any road leading to or from the Londonbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 5 (A249);

"works" mean road marking and road stud renewal work on the motorway; and

"a works period" means a period of 10 hours starting at 2000 hours on Monday 4th July 2011 or on any subsequent day until 1st January 2013.

<sup>(</sup>a) 1984 c.27; a new section 14 was substituted by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991 (c.26), section 1(1) and Schedule 1.

 $<sup>\</sup>textbf{(b)} \quad \text{S.I. } 1982/1163; \text{ amended by S.I. } 1983/374, 1984/1479, 1992/1364, 1995/158, 2004/3258.$ 

- **3.** Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6 below, no person shall, during a works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in a slip road.
- **4.** Subject as mentioned in articles 5, 6 and 7 below, no person shall, during a works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the first length of Londonbound carriageway or a hard shoulder.
- **5.** The provisions of articles 3 and 4 above shall apply only at such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.
  - **6.** (1) Nothing in article 3 above shall apply to
    - (a) a vehicle being used in connection with the said works;
    - (b) a vehicle being used for police, ambulance, fire and rescue authority or traffic officer purposes;
    - (c) anything done at the direction of, or with the permission of, a constable or traffic officer in uniform; or
    - (d) any vehicle being used for winter maintenance purposes.
- (2) Nothing in article 4 above shall apply to a vehicle being used for police, ambulance or fire and rescue authority purposes and to vehicles falling within regulation 3(4) of the Road Traffic Exemptions (Special Forces) (Variation and Amendment) Regulations 2011(a) when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations.
- **7.** During a works period, the provisions of regulations 5 and (insofar as it relates to a vehicle being driven) 9 of the Regulations are hereby suspended, in respect of a hard shoulder, at such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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