2011 No. 1977

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M5 Motorway (Junctions 18 & 18A Slip Roads) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order (No 2) 2011

Made - - - - 8th August 2011

Coming into force - - 12th August 2011

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M5 Motorway ("the M5") and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic on some of those connecting roads at Junctions 18 and 18A in the City of Bristol should be prohibited and restricted 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, and paragraph 27(1) of Schedule 9 to, the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a), hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M5 Motorway (Junctions 18 & 18A Slip Roads) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order (No 2) 2011 and shall come into force on 12 August 2011 and apply for a period of twelve months.

2. In this Order –

"the slip roads" mean (i) the southbound entry slip road at M5 Junction 18 (the 'S' loop) from the point where it diverges from the M49 southbound slip road to Avonmouth to the tip of the nosing with the southbound carriageway of the M5; and (ii) the northbound entry slip road at M5 Junction 18A (the 'Z' loop) from the point where it diverges from the slip road to the M49 Motorway to the tip of the nosing with the northbound carriageway of the M5;

"the slip road" means the connecting road and southbound entry slip road at M5 Junction 18 (the 'X loop and Y' loop) from the eastern edge of the A4 St Brendan's roundabout, Avonmouth to the tip of the nosing with the southbound carriageway of the M5.

"tip of the nosing" means the first point where a slip road joins the carriageway of a motorway;

"the hard shoulder" means the hard shoulder within the meaning of regulation 3(1)(e) of the Regulations which is adjacent to the slip roads;

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

"the works" mean litter picking, gully cleaning, sweeping, grass cutting, studs, barrier retensioning, road markings and general maintenance;

"a works period" means a period of 8½ hours starting at 21.00 hours on Monday 15th August 2011 or any subsequent day and ending when the said works have been completed;

⁽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

⁽b) S.I. 1982 / 1163, amended by S.I. 1983 / 374, 1984 / 1479 and 1992 /1364

and a reference to an article followed by a number is a reference to the article in this Order which bears that number.

- **3.** Subject as mentioned in articles 4 and 5, no person shall, during a works period:
 - (a) drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the slip roads and the hard shoulder;
 - (b) cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed on the slip road.
- **4.** The provisions of article 3 shall apply only during such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs and shall not apply to;
 - (a) a vehicle being used for police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance purposes; and
 - (b) anything done at the direction of, or with the permission of, a constable.
- **5.** The provisions of article 3(b) shall not apply to a vehicle being used in connection with the said works or for traffic officer purposes.
- **6.** During a works period, regulation 5 and (insofar as it relates to a vehicle being driven) regulation 9 of the Regulations are hereby suspended, in respect of the hard shoulder, at such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.
- **7.** No speed limit imposed by this order applies to vehicles falling within regulation 3(4) of the Road Traffic Exemptions (Special Forces) (Variation and Amendment) Regulations 2011 when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations.
- **8.** The M5 Motorway (Junctions 18 & 18A Slip Roads) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2011 is revoked (a).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

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in the Highways Agency

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