

2011 No. 2497

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M5 Motorway (Junction 18) to M49 Motorway (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2011

Made - - - - *5th October 2011*

Coming into force - - *10th October 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 a length of that road and one of those connecting roads at M5 Junction 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 the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a), hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M5 Motorway (Junction 18) to M49 Motorway (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2011 and shall come into force on 10th October 2011.

2. In this Order –

“the link roads” mean (i) the northbound dedicated lane to the M49 from the tip of the nosing of the northbound exit slip road (the ‘U’ loop) at M5 Junction 18 to the tip of the nosing of the northbound exit slip road to the M49 at M5 Junction 18A; and (ii) the northbound exit slip road to the M49 at M5 Junction 18A from the tip of the nosing with the M5 northbound to the point where it merges with the M49 to continue as the M49 northbound carriageway;

“the tip of the nosing” means the last point where an exit slip road leaves 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 link roads;

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

“the works” mean the refurbishment of expansion joints;

“a works period” means a period of 10 hours starting at 20.00 hours on Wednesday 12th October 2011 or any subsequent day and ending when the said works have been completed;

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) 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;

- (a) cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the link roads;
- (b) drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the link roads.

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;
- (b) anything done at the direction of, or with the permission of, a constable;
- (c) a vehicle being used for or in connection with the said works.

5. The provisions of article 3(a) shall not apply to a vehicle being used in connection with the said works or for traffic officer purposes.

6. 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.

7. 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.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

5th October 2011

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