2011 No. 3089

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M5 Motorway (Junction 24) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2011

Made	-	-	-	-	21st December 2011
Coming in	ito fa	orce	-	-	30th December 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 Junction 24 in the County of Somerset 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 24) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2011 and shall come into force on 30th December 2011.

2. In this Order –

"the M5" means (i) the northbound carriageway of the M5 from a point at the centre of the Moon Lane Overbridge to the tip of the nosing of the northbound exit slip road at Junction 24; and (ii) the southbound carriageway of the M5 near Junction 24 from a point at the centre of the River Lane Overbridge to a point at the centre of the Newton Road Overbridge;

"the slip road" means the southbound entry slip road at M5 Junction 24;

"the tip of the nosing" means the last point where an exit slip road leaves the carriageway of a motorway;

"the works" mean central reserve barrier works;

"the hard shoulder" means the hard shoulder within the meaning of regulation 3(1)(e) of the Regulations which is adjacent to the M5;

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

"overall width" has the meaning given in regulation 3(2) of the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations $1986(\mathbf{c})$;

"the works period" means the period starting at 00.01 hours on Tuesday 3rd January 2012 and ending when the said works have been completed;

"a works period" means a period of 10 hours starting at 20.00 hours on Tuesday 3rd January 2012 or on 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;

⁽c) S.I. 1986 / 1078, to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order;

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 5 and 7, no person shall, during the works period:

- (a) drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the M5 and the hard shoulder;
- (b) cause or permit any vehicle with an overall width exceeding 3 metres to enter or proceed in any lane other than the nearside or left hand lane of the M5.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6, no person shall, during a works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the slip road.

5. The provisions of articles 3 and 4 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.

6. The provisions of article 4 shall not apply to a vehicle being used in connection with the said works or for traffic officer purposes.

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. 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

21st December 2011

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