2012 No. 173

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M4 Motorway (Junctions 16-17) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012

Made	-	-	-	-	18th January 2012
Coming in	ıto fe	orce	-	-	24th January 2012

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M4 Motorway ("the M4") and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic on lengths of that road and one of those connecting roads between Junctions 16 and 17 in Wiltshire should be restricted and prohibited 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 M4 Motorway (Junctions 16-17) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 24th January 2012.

2. In this Order –

"the first length of the M4" means the westbound carriageway of the M4 from a point at the centre of the Swindon Road Overbridge to a point 1750 metres west of the centre of the Callow Hill Overbridge;

"the second length of the M4" means the eastbound carriageway of the M4 from the tip of the nosing of the eastbound exit slip road at Junction 17 to the tip of the nosing of the eastbound entry slip road at Junction 16;

"the slip road" means the eastbound entry slip road at M4 Junction 17;

"tip of the nosing" means the first point where an entry slip road joins the carriageway of a motorway or 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 first length of the M4;

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

"the works" mean resurfacing, joint sealing, loop cutting and other routine maintenance;

"a first works period" means a period of 8 hours starting at 20.00 hours on Thursday 26th January 2012 or on any subsequent day and ending when the said works have been completed;

"a second works period" means a period of 10 hours starting at 20.00 hours on Thursday 26th 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;

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

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 7, no person shall, during a first works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the first length of the M4.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6, no person shall, during a second works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the second length of the M4 and 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; or

(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, for winter maintenance purposes or for traffic officer purposes.

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.

8. 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.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

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18th January 2012