STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2012 No. 1998

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M5 Motorway (Junction 4a) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012

Made---9th July 2012Coming into force--16th July 2012

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 lengths of that motorway and three of those connecting roads near Catshill in the County of Worcestershire, 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), and of all other powers enabling her in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order: -

1. This Order may be cited as the M5 Motorway (Junction 4a) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 16th July 2012.

2. In this Order:

"the first length of motorway" means –

i) the northbound carriageway of the M5 from a point 400 metres south of its junction with the link road leading to the northbound carriageway of the M42, to a point 100 metres north of the centreline of Rocky Lane overbridge; and

the southbound carriageway of the M5 from the centreline of the B4091 Stourbridge Road overbridge to the centreline of Fockbury Mill Lane overbridge;

"the second length of motorway" means -

 the northbound carriageway of the M5 from a point 1100 metres north of its junction with the link road leading to the northbound carriageway of the M42, to a point 100 metres north of the centreline of Rocky Lane overbridge; and

⁽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

"a link road"	 the southbound carriageway of the M5 from a point 1500 metres south of the centreline of the B4091 Stourbridge Road overbridge to the centreline of Fockbury Mill Lane overbridge; means the link road leading;
	 i) from the southbound carriageway of the M5 to the northbound carriageway of the M42 at Junction 4a; ii) from the southbound carriageway of the M42 to the southbound carriageway of the M5 at Junction 4a; and iii) from the northbound carriageway of the M5 to the northbound carriageway of the M42 at Junction 4a;
"the Regulations"	means the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(a);
"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 motorway;
"the works period"	means the period starting at 21.30 hours on Thursday 19th July 2012 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 5 and 6, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to be driven at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the first length of motorway.

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

5. The provisions of article 3 and 4 shall apply only during such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

6. The provisions of –

- (a) article 3 shall not apply to any vehicle being used for special forces purposes;
- (b) articles 3 and 4 shall not apply to any vehicle
 - (i) being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes; or
 - (ii) proceeding at the direction of, or with the permission of, a police constable or traffic officer in uniform, and
- (c) article 4 shall not apply to any vehicle being used in connection with the said works or by a traffic officer.

7. During the works period, regulations 5 and (in so far 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 may from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

9th July 2012

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