

**2012 No. 2288**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The M4 Motorway (Junction 12) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012**

*Made* - - - - 28th August 2012

*Coming into force* - - 15th September 2012

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M4 Motorway and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic should be restricted and prohibited on lengths of that motorway and on some of those connecting roads 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) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a), hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M4 Motorway (Junction 12) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 15th September 2012.

2. In this Order:

“the motorway” means the M4 Motorway in the District of West Berkshire;

“the Regulations” means the regulation 16(2) of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(b);

“a first length of carriageway” means –

- (i) the eastbound carriageway of the motorway between points 380 metres east of the A340 overbridge and 150 metres east of the tip of the nosing of the eastbound exit slip road at Junction 12 (A4 – Bath Road), or
- (ii) the westbound carriageway of the motorway between points 890 metres east of the tip of the nosing of the westbound entry slip road at Junction 12 (A4 – Bath Road) and 1280 metres east of the A340 overbridge;

“a second length of carriageway” means both carriageways of the motorway between the slip roads leading to the A4 (Bath Road) at Junction 12 and the slip roads leading from the A4 (Bath Road) at that junction;

“a hard shoulder” means the hard shoulder, within the meaning of regulation 3(1)(e) of the Regulations, which is adjacent to a first length of carriageway;

“the tip of the nosing” means –

- (i) the last point where the eastbound exit slip road leaves the eastbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 12 (A4 – Bath Road), or

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(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, 1992/1364, 1995/158, 1996/3053, 2004/3168, 2004/3258 and 2006/594.

- (ii) the first point where the westbound entry slip road joins the westbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 12 (A4 – Bath Road);

“a slip road” means –

- (i) the road leading from the eastbound carriageway of the motorway to the A4 (Bath Road) at Junction 12, or
- (ii) the road leading from the A4 (Bath Road) to the westbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 12;

“works” mean the installation of traffic monitoring equipment, carriageway repairs and all associated work on the motorway; and

“a works period” means a period of 8 hours starting at 2200 hours on Wednesday 19th September 2012 or on any subsequent day until 14th March 2014.

**3.** Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6 below, no person shall, during a works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in a second length of carriageway or a slip road.

**4.** Subject as mentioned in articles 5, 6 and 7 below, no person shall, during a works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on a first length of carriageway or a hard shoulder.

**5.** The provisions of articles 3 and 4 above shall apply only at such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

**6.** (1) Nothing in article 3 above shall apply to –

- (a) a vehicle being used in connection with the said works;
- (b) a vehicle being used for police, ambulance, fire and rescue authority or traffic officer purposes;
- (c) anything done at the direction of, or with the permission of, a constable or traffic officer in uniform; or
- (d) any vehicle being used for winter maintenance purposes.

(2) Nothing in article 4 above shall apply to a vehicle being used for police, ambulance or fire and rescue authority purposes and to vehicles falling within regulation 3(4) of the Road Traffic Exemptions (Special Forces) (Variation and Amendment) Regulations 2011<sup>(a)</sup> when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations.

**7.** During a works period, the provisions of regulations 5 and (insofar 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 shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

28th August 2012

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.