

2012 No. 240

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M4 Motorway (Junctions 15-16) (Temporary Restriction of Traffic) Order 2012

Made - - - - - *25th January 2012*

Coming into force - - - - - *1st February 2012*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M4 Motorway (“the M4”), is satisfied that traffic on lengths of that road between Junctions 15 and 16 in the Borough of Swindon and in Wiltshire should be 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 M4 Motorway (Junctions 15-16) (Temporary Restriction of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 1st February 2012.

2. In this Order –

“the first length of the M4” means (i) the eastbound carriageway of the M4 from a point 700 metres west of the western edge of Mill Lane Overbridge to a point 900 metres east of the eastern edge of the A4361 Croft Road Overbridge; and (ii) the eastbound carriageway of the M4 from a point at the centre of the A4361 Croft Road Overbridge to a point at the centre of Junction 15;

“the second length of the M4” means the westbound carriageway of the M4 from the tip of the nosing of the westbound exit slip road at Junction 15 to a point 1000 metres west of the western edge of Mill Lane Overbridge;

“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 first length of the M4 and the second length of the M4;

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

“the works” mean resurfacing;

“a first works period” means a period of 10 hours starting at 20.00 hours on Friday 3rd February 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.

“a second works period” means a period of 8 hours starting at 21.00 hours on Friday 3rd February 2012 or on 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 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 7, no person shall, during a second works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the second length of the M4.

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. 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.

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.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

25th January 2012

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