

2012 No. 3198

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M4 Motorway (Junctions 6 – 8/9) (Temporary Restriction
and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012**

Made - - - - *10th December 2012*

Coming into force - - *12th January 2013*

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 (Junctions 6 – 8/9) (Temporary Restriction and prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 12th January 2013.

2. In this Order:

“the motorway” means the M4 Motorway in the Borough of Slough, the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead and the County of Buckinghamshire;

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

“the first length of motorway” means both carriageways of the motorway between points 1800 metres west of the centre of Junction 7 (A4/Huntercombe Spur) overbridge and 400 metres east of the centre of Junction 6 (A355 – Tuns Lane);

“the second length of motorway” means both carriageways of the motorway between points 900 metres west of the centre of Junction 7 (A4/Huntercombe Spur) overbridge and 600 metres west of the centre of Junction 6 (A355 – Tuns Lane);

“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;

“recovery vehicle” has the meaning given in paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to the Vehicle Excise and Regulation Act 1994(c);

“overall width” has the meaning given in regulation 3(2) of the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulation 1986(d);

(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.

(c) 1994 c.22.

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

“the third length of motorway” means both carriageways of the motorway between Junction 6 (A355 – Tuns Lane) and Junction 8/9 (A404(M)/A308(M));

“abnormal load” means a vehicle having an overall width exceeding 9 feet 6 inches;

“a first slip road” means –

- (i) the road leading to the westbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 6 (A355 – Tuns Lane),
- (ii) the road leading to the westbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 7 (A4/Huntercombe Spur), or
- (iii) the road leading to the eastbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 7 (A4/Huntercombe Spur);

“a second slip road” means –

- (i) the road leading to the westbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 6 (A355 – Tuns Lane),
- (ii) the road leading to the westbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 7 (A4/Huntercombe Spur),
- (iii) the road leading to the eastbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 8/9 (A404(M)/A308(M)), or
- (iv) the road leading to the eastbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 7 (A4/Huntercombe Spur);

“works” mean central reserve barrier work on the motorway;

“a first works period” means a period of 24 hours starting at 0001 on Monday 14th January 2013 or on any subsequent day until 11th July 2014;

“a second works period” means a period of 9 hours starting at 2100 hours on Monday 14th January 2013 or on any subsequent day until 11th July 2014;

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 a second works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the third length of motorway or a second slip road.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5, 7 and 8, 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 motorway, a first slip road or a hard shoulder.

5. The provisions of articles 3, 4 and 6 shall apply only at such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

6. Subject as mentioned in articles 5, 7 and 8, no person shall, during a first works period, cause or permit any vehicle with an overall width exceeding 6 feet 6 inches to enter or proceed in -

- (a) any lane in a carriageway or length of carriageway, where one or more lanes in that carriageway or length and the hard shoulder adjacent to that carriageway or length are open for use by traffic; or
- (b) any lane other than the nearside lane of two or more lanes in a carriageway or length of carriageway, where only those lanes are open for use by traffic;

and in this article a reference to a carriageway is a reference to a carriageway in the second length of motorway.

7. (1) Nothing in articles 3 and 6 shall apply to -

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

- (d) any vehicle being used for winter maintenance purposes;
- (e) any vehicle being used for incident management purposes; or
- (2) Nothing in article 6 shall apply to an abnormal load.

(3) Nothing in article 4 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(a) when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations.

8. During a first 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

10th December 2012

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.