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ROAD TRAFFIC

The M4 Motorway (Junctions 10 - 11) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic)(No.2) Order 2012

Made	-	-	-	-	17th December 2012
Coming a	into fo	orce	-	-	26th 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 $1984(\mathbf{a})$, hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M4 Motorway (Junctions 10 - 11) (Temporary Restriction and prohibition of Traffic) (No.2) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 26th January 2013.

2. In this Order:

"the motorway" means the M4 Motorway in the Borough of Wokingham and the District of West Berkshire;

"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 400 metres east of River Loddon underbridge west of Junction 10 at Winnersh Interchange (A329(M)) and 200 metres west of Junction 11 western overbridge (A33/B3031/B3270);

"the second length of motorway" means both carriageways of the motorway between points 500 metres west of River Loddon underbridge west of Junction 10 at Winnersh Interchange (A329(M)) and 550 metres east of Junction 11 eastern overbridge (A33/B3031/B3270);

"the third length of motorway" means both carriageways of the motorway between Junction 10 at Winnersh Interchange (A329(M)) and Junction 11 (A33/B3031/B3270);

"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);

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

⁽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.

"overall width" has the meaning given in regulation 3(2) of the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulation 1986(**a**);

"a first slip road" means –

- (i) the road leading to the eastbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 11 (A33/B3031/B3270), or
- (ii) the road leading from the westbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 11 (A33/B3031/B3270);

"a second slip/link road" means -

- (i) any road leading from the northbound carriageway or the southbound carriageway of the A329(M) to the westbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 10 at Winnersh Interchange, or
- (ii) the road leading to the eastbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 11 (A33/B3031/B3270);

"works" mean the construction of central reserve concrete barrier, carriageway repairs and all associated work on the motorway;

"a first works period" means a period of 24 hours starting at 0001 hours on Saturday 2nd February 2013 or on any subsequent day until 25th July 2014;

a second works period" means a period of 8 hours starting at 2200 hours on Saturday 2nd February 2013 or on any subsequent day until 25th 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/link 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; or
 - (e) any vehicle being used for incident management purposes.
 - (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 $2011(\mathbf{a})$ 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

17th December 2012

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⁽a) S.I. 2011/935.