

**2012 No. 32**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The M1 Motorway (South of Junction 15 to Junction 13)  
Southbound (Temporary 50 Miles Per Hour Speed Restriction)  
Order 2012**

*Made* - - - - *3rd January 2012*

*Coming into force* - - *10th January 2012*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M1 Motorway (“the M1”) is satisfied that traffic on lengths of that motorway in Northamptonshire, Milton Keynes and Central Bedfordshire 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 M1 Motorway (South of Junction 15 to Junction 13) Southbound (Temporary 50 Miles Per Hour Speed Restriction) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 10th January 2012.

2. In this Order –

“tip of the nosing” means, as indicated by the markings on the carriageway, the first point where an entry slip road joins, or the last point where an exit slip road leaves, the carriageway of the motorway;

“the first length of motorway” means the southbound carriageway of the M1 from a point 5500 metres south of the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road at Junction 15 to a point 2200 metres south of the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road at Junction 14;

“the second length of motorway” means the southbound carriageway of the M1 from a point 2200 metres south of the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road at Junction 14 to the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 13;

“works” mean replacement of road markings, road studs, barrier and drainage maintenance and grass cutting;

“a first works period” means a period of 6 hours starting at 23.00 hours on Monday 16th January 2012 or on any subsequent day until the works to the first length of motorway have been completed;

“a second works period” means a period of 6 hours starting at 23.00 hours on Monday 20th February 2012 or on any subsequent day until the works to the second length of motorway have been completed;

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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.

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 4, 6 and 7 no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to be driven at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on –

- (a) the first length of motorway, during a first works period, or
- (b) the second length of motorway, during a second works period.

**4.** Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6 no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in –

- (a) the first length of motorway, during a first works period, or
- (b) the second length of motorway, during a second works period.

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

**6.** Nothing in article 4 shall apply to a vehicle –

- (a) being used in connection with the works or for winter service maintenance or traffic officer purposes,
- (b) being used for police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance purposes, or
- (c) proceeding at the direction, or with the permission, of a constable, or a traffic officer in uniform,

and nothing in article 3 shall apply to a vehicle being used for a purpose specified in paragraph (b) of this article or to a vehicle 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.

**7.** The provisions of Regulations 5 and (in so far as it relates to a vehicle being driven) 9 of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulation 1982(b) are hereby suspended in relation to the hard shoulder adjacent to the first length of motorway or the second length of motorway at such times and to such extent as may be indicated by traffic signs; and in this article “hard shoulder” has the meaning given in regulation 3(1)(e) of those Regulations.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Woodlands, Manton Lane, Bedford  
3rd January 2012

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.

(b) S.I. 1982/1163, amended by S.I. 1983/374, 1984/1479, 1992/1364, 1995/158 and 2004/3258.