

**2012 No. 596**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The M2 Motorway (Medway Services, Slip Roads) (Temporary  
Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012**

*Made* - - - - 27th February 2012

*Coming into force* - - 17th March 2012

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M2 Motorway and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic should be restricted and prohibited 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) and (7) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a), hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M2 Motorway (Medway Services, Slip Roads) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 17th March 2012.

2. In this Order:

“the motorway” means the M2 Motorway near Gillingham in the County of Kent;

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

“a slip road” means –

(i) any road leading to or from the Londonbound carriageway of the motorway at Medway Services (Farthing Corner), or

(ii) any road leading to or from the coastbound carriageway of the motorway at Medway Services (Farthing Corner);

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

“works” mean pavement investigation work on the motorway; and

“a works period” means a period of 7 hours starting at 2130 hours on Monday 19th March 2012 or on any subsequent day until 18th September 2013.

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 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 slip road 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.

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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, 2004/3258.

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, 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; 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(a) 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

27th February 2012

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.