

2012 No. 902

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M20 Motorway (Junctions 8 – 7, Londonbound)
(Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>19th March 2012</i>
<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>7th April 2012</i>

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M20 Motorway, is satisfied that traffic should be restricted and prohibited on a length of that motorway 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 M20 Motorway (Junctions 8 – 7, Londonbound) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 7th April 2012.

2. In this Order:

“the motorway” means the M20 Motorway near Maidstone in the County of Kent;

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

“the first length of Londonbound carriageway” means the Londonbound carriageway of the motorway from the exit slip road at Junction 8 (A20 – Ashford Road) to the exit slip road at Junction 7 (A249 – Sittingbourne Road);

“a 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 Londonbound carriageway;

“the second length of Londonbound carriageway” means the Londonbound carriageway of the motorway between the exit and entry slip roads at Junction 8 (A20 – Ashford Road);

“works” mean resurfacing and all associated work on the motorway; and

“a works period” means a period of –

- (i) 10½ hours starting at 1930 hours on Tuesday 10th April 2012 or on any subsequent day other than a Saturday, or
- (ii) 14½ hours starting at 1930 hours on Saturday 14th April 2012 or on any subsequent Saturday,

until 6th October 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 the second length of Londonbound carriageway.

(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.

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 the first length of Londonbound carriageway 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.

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

19th March 2012

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.