STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2013 No. 2208

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M5 Motorway (Junctions 21-22) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2013

Made - - - - 27th August 2013

Coming into force - - 31st August 2013

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M5 Motorway ("the M5") and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic on lengths of that road and those connecting roads between Junctions 21 and 22 in North Somerset and the County of Somerset should be restricted and prohibited 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) and regulation 16(2) of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(b), hereby makes the following Order:

1. This Order may be cited as the M5 Motorway (Junctions 21-22) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2013 and shall come into force on 31st August 2013.

2. In this Order –

"the first length of the M5" means both carriageways of the M5 from a point at the centre of the Pruetts Lane Farm Access Bridge (north of Junction 21) to a point at the centre of the New Road Overbridge (south of Junction 22);

"the second length of the M5" means: (i) the northbound carriageway of the M5 at Junction 21 between the tip of the nosing of the northbound exit slip road and the tip of the nosing of the northbound entry slip road; and (ii) the southbound carriageway of the M5 at Junction 21 between the tip of the nosing of the southbound exit slip road and the tip of the nosing of the southbound entry slip road;

"the first slip roads" mean (i) the northbound and southbound exit and entry slip roads at M5 Junction 21; (ii) the northbound and southbound exit and entry slip roads at M5 Junction 22; and (iii) the northbound and southbound exit and entry slip roads at the Sedgemoor motorway service area:

"the second slip roads" mean (i) the southbound entry and northbound exit slip roads at M5 Junction 21; (ii) the northbound and southbound exit and entry slip roads at M5 Junction 22; and the northbound and southbound exit and entry slip roads at the Sedgemoor motorway service area;

"the Regulations" means the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(c);

⁽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, as amended by S.I. 1983/374, 1984/1479, 1992/1364, 1995/158, 1996/3053, 2004/3168, 2004/3258 and 2006/594

⁽c) S.I. 1982/1163, amended by S.I. 1983/374, 1984/1479 and 1992/1364

"the 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 the M5;

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

"tip of the nosing" means the first point where an entry slip road joins the carriageway of a trunk road or the last point where an exit slip road leaves the carriageway of a trunk road;

"the works" mean the installation of new central reserve barriers and associated accommodation works:

"the works period" means the period starting at 00.01 hours on Monday 2nd September 2013 and ending when the said works have been completed;

and a reference to an article followed by a number is a reference to an article in this Order which bears that number.

- **3.** Subject as mentioned in articles 4, 5 and 7, no person shall, during the works period:
 - (a) drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the first length of the M5 and the first slip roads;
 - (b) cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the second length of the M5 and the second slip roads;
 - (c) cause or permit any vehicle with an overall width exceeding 2.75 metres to enter or proceed in any lane other than the left hand lane or middle lane of the M5;
 - (d) cause or permit any vehicle with an overall width exceeding 3 metres to enter or proceed in any lane other than the left hand lane of the M5.
- **4.** The provisions of article 3 shall apply only during such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs and shall not apply to:
 - (a) a vehicle being used for police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance purposes; or
 - (b) anything done at the direction of, or with the permission of, a constable.
- **5**. The provisions of article 3(b) shall not apply to a vehicle being used in connection with the works, for traffic officer purposes or for winter maintenance purposes.
- **6.** During the works period, regulation 5 and (insofar as it relates to a vehicle being driven) regulation 9 of the Regulations are hereby suspended, in respect of the hard shoulder, at such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.
- 7. No speed limit imposed by this order applies to vehicles falling within regulation 3(4) of the Road Traffic Exemptions (Special Forces) (Variation and Amendment) Regulations 2011 when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

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in the Highways Agency

27th August 2013