

2014 No. 2285

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M56 Motorway (Junctions 10-12 Westbound and Eastbound
Carriageways and Slip Roads) (Temporary Prohibition and
Restriction of Traffic) Order 2014**

Made - - - - *13th August 2014*

Coming into force - - *31st August 2014*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M56 Motorway and its slip roads, is satisfied that traffic on sections of that motorway and on four of those slip roads in the Districts of Halton, Warrington and Cheshire West and Chester should be prohibited and 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 M56 Motorway (Junctions 10-12 Westbound and Eastbound Carriageways and Slip Roads) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2014 and shall come into force on 31st August 2014.

2. In this Order:

“the motorway” means the M56 Motorway between Junctions 10 and 12;

“the first length of carriageway” means the eastbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 700 metres east of the centreline of Expressway overbridge to the centreline of Newton Lane overbridge;

“the second length of carriageway” means the westbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 700 metres west of the centreline of Pilmoss Lane overbridge to a point 900 metres west of the centreline of Preston Brook West overbridge;

“the third length of carriageway” means the westbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 200 metres west of the centreline of Newton Lane overbridge to a point 300 metres west of the centreline of Preston Brook West overbridge;

“the first slip road” means the exit slip road leading from the eastbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 11;

“the second slip road” means the entry slip road leading to the eastbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 11;

(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.

“the third slip road” means the exit slip road leading from the westbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 11;

“the fourth slip road” means the entry slip road leading to the westbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 11;

“hardshoulder” has the meaning given in regulation 3(1)(e) of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(a);

“the length of hardshoulder” means the hardshoulder adjacent to the second slip road;

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

“the first works period” means periods overnight between 2000 hours and 0500 hours (continuing to 0700 hours on Saturday and Sunday mornings) during a period starting on Monday 1 September 2014 and ending on Saturday 20 December 2014. However, works may start and continue between the same times on subsequent nights or continue overnight until completed, for such period not exceeding 18 months as shall be required to complete the work;

“the second works period” means periods overnight between 2000 hours and 0500 hours (continuing to 0600 hours on Saturday and 0700 hours on Sunday mornings) during a period starting on Monday 1 September 2014 and ending on Saturday 20 December 2014. However, works may start and continue between the same times on subsequent nights or continue overnight until completed, for such period not exceeding 18 months as shall be required to complete the work;

“the third works period” means a period starting at 2000 hours on Monday 1 September 2014 and ending at 0500 hours on Saturday 20 December 2014. However work may start and continue beyond these dates for such period not exceeding 18 months as shall be required to complete the work;

“works” means M56 Junction 11 Pinch Point Scheme and routine maintenance works.

3. 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) Regulations 1982 (a) are suspended in relation to the length of hardshoulder defined in article 2 of this Order at such times and to such extent as may be indicated by traffic signs; and in this article, “hardshoulder” has the meaning given in regulation 3(1)(e) of those Regulations.

4. Subject as mentioned in article 8 of this Order, during the first and second works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle to enter or proceed in the first, second, third and fourth slip roads.

5. Subject as mentioned in articles 8 and 9 of this Order, during the third works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle to be driven in the first and second lengths of carriageway, the first, second, third and fourth slip roads or the length of hardshoulder defined in article 2 of this Order at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour.

6. Subject as mentioned in article 8 of this Order, during the third works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle to enter or proceed in the second slip road.

7. Subject as mentioned in article 8 of this Order, during the third works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle with an overall width exceeding 1.95 metres (6 feet 6 inches) to enter or proceed in a lane of the third length of carriageway, as indicated by traffic signs.

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

(b) S.I. 1986/1078 to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.

8. The provisions of articles 4, 5, 6 and 7 of this Order 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 vehicle being used for emergency purposes by the police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance services or anything done at the direction, or with the permission, of a constable, or a traffic officer in uniform.

And nothing in articles 4, 6 and 7 of this Order shall apply to any vehicle being used in connection with the said works, for winter maintenance purposes, or by traffic officers.

9. 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(a) when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.