

2014 No. 803

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M4 Motorway (Junctions 17-18) (Temporary Restriction
and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2014**

Made - - - - *11th March 2014*

Coming into force - - *14th March 2014*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M4 Motorway (“the M4”) and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic on lengths of that road and two of those connecting roads between Junctions 17 and 18 in Wiltshire and South Gloucestershire 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), hereby makes the following Order:

1. This Order may be cited as the M4 Motorway (Junctions 17-18) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2014 and shall come into force on 14th March 2014.

2. In this Order –

“the first length of the M4” means (i) the eastbound carriageway of the M4 from a point at the centre of the Marshfield Road Overbridge to a point 2300 metres west of the centre of the B4039 Overbridge; and (ii) the westbound carriageway of the M4 from a point 300 metres west of the centre of the B4039 Overbridge to a point 1300 metres east of the centre of the Marshfield Road Overbridge;

“the second length of the M4” means (i) the eastbound carriageway of the M4 from the tip of the nosing of the eastbound exit slip road at Junction 18 to the tip of the nosing of the eastbound entry slip road at Junction 17; and (ii) the westbound carriageway of the M4 from the tip of the nosing of the westbound exit slip road at Junction 17 to the tip of the nosing of the westbound entry slip road at Junction 18;

“the slip roads” mean (i) the westbound entry slip road at M4 Junction 17; and (ii) the eastbound entry slip road at M4 Junction 18;

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

“the works” mean the installation and use of barriers and a Sky Cradle system to pull a cable across the carriageway;

“a first works period” means a period of 3 hours starting at 06.00 hours on Sunday 16th March 2014 or on any subsequent day and ending when the said works have been completed;

“a second works period” means a period of 8 hours starting at 22.00 hours on Thursday 10th April 2014 or on any subsequent day and ending when the said works have been completed;

(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.

“a third works period” means a period of 64 hours starting at 06.00 hours on Friday 11th April 2014 or on any subsequent Friday 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 5 and 7, no person shall, during a third works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the first length of the M4.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6, no person shall, during a first works period or a second works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the second length of the M4 and the slip roads.

5. The provisions of articles 3 and 4 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.

6. The provisions of article 4 shall not apply to a vehicle being used in connection with the works, for traffic officer purposes or for winter maintenance purposes.

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

11th March 2014

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