

**2010 No. 2399**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The M5 Motorway (Junction 26) (Temporary Restriction of Traffic) Order 2010**

*Made - - - - - 21 September 2010*

*Coming into force - - - - 25 September 2010*

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 a length of that road and two of those connecting roads at Junction 26 in the County of Somerset should be 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 M5 Motorway (Junction 26) (Temporary Restriction of Traffic) Order 2010 and shall come into force on 25 September 2010.

2. In this Order –

“the M5” means the northbound carriageway of the M5 near Junction 26 from a point at the centre of Wrangcombe Road Overbridge to a point at the centre of Silver Street Overbridge;

“the slip roads” mean the northbound exit and entry slip roads at M5 Junction 26;

“the hard shoulder” means the hard shoulder within the meaning of regulation 3(1)(e) of the Regulations which is adjacent to the M5;

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

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

“the works” mean drainage, carriageway re-profiling and barrier works;

“the works period” means the period starting at 00.01 hours on Monday 27 September 2010 or any subsequent day and ending when the said works have been completed;

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

3. Subject as mentioned in article 6, no person shall, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the M5, the slip roads and the hard shoulder.

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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 and 1992 / 1364;  
 (c) S.I. 1986 / 1078, to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order;

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 6 and 7, no person shall, during the works period, 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.

5. Subject as mentioned in articles 6 and 7, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle with an overall width exceeding 2.5 metres to enter or proceed in any lane other than the left hand lane or middle lane of the M5.

6. The provisions of articles 3, 4 and 5 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;

(b) anything done at the direction of, or with the permission of, a constable.

7. The provisions of articles 4 and 5 shall not apply to a vehicle being used in connection with the said works, for traffic officer purposes or for winter maintenance purposes.

8. 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.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

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