## 2012 No. 2259

## ROAD TRAFFIC

The M56 Motorway (Junctions 9-11 Westbound and Eastbound) and the M6 (Junction 20A Southbound Link Road to the M56 Eastbound) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic)

Order 2012

*Made - - - - 29th August 2012* 

Coming into force - - 16th September 2012

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M56 and M6 Motorways and their slip roads and link roads, is satisfied that traffic on sections of the M56 Motorway, on three of those slip roads and on two of those link roads in Cheshire East and the Districts of Warrington and Halton 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) 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 M56 Motorway (Junctions 9-11 Westbound and Eastbound) and the M6 (Junction 20A Southbound Link Road to the M56 Eastbound) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 16th September 2012.

## 2. In this Order:

"the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road" means the first point where the slip road joins the carriageway of the motorway;

"the motorway" means the M56 Motorway;

"the first length of carriageway" means the westbound carriageway of the motorway from the centrepoint of Newton lane overbridge to a point 304 metres west of the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road at Junction 11;

"the second length of carriageway" means the westbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 1800 metres east of the centrepoint of Newton Lane overbridge to a point 786 metres west of the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road at Junction 11;

"the first link road" means the link road leading from the southbound carriageway of the M6 Motorway at Junction 20A to the eastbound carriageway of the motorway;

<sup>(</sup>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

<sup>(</sup>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.

"the second link road" means the link road leading from the eastbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 9 to the M6 southbound and northbound carriageways;

"the first slip road" means the exit slip road leading from the eastbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 10;

"the second slip road" means the entry slip road leading to the westbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 10;

"the third 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 first length of carriageway;

"the works period" means six nights between 2200 hours and 0500 hours (continuing to 0700 hours on Saturday and Sunday mornings) during a period starting on Monday 17 September 2012 and ending on Friday 19 October 2012. 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;

"works" means resurfacing and associated works on the M56 Motorway;

- **3.** Subject as mentioned in article 6 of this Order, during the works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle to enter or proceed in the first length of carriageway, the first and second link roads and the first, second and third slip roads.
- **4.** Subject as mentioned in articles 6 and 7 of this Order, during the works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle to be driven in the second length of carriageway or the length of hardshoulder at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour.
- **5.** 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.
- **6.** The provisions of articles 3 and 4 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 article 3 of this Order shall apply to any vehicle being used in connection with the said works or by traffic officers.

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

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