

2014 No. 3547

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M2 Motorway (Junctions 4 - 6) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2014

Made - - - - - *29th December 2014*

Coming into force - - - - - *17th January 2015*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M2 Motorway and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic should be restricted and prohibited on lengths of that road and on some of those connecting roads 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 M2 Motorway (Junctions 4 - 6) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2014 and shall come into force on 17th January 2015.

2. In this Order:

“the Motorway” means the M2 Motorway in the County of Kent;

“the first length of carriageway” means the eastbound carriageway of the motorway between Forge Lane overbridge and the tip of the nosing of the ‘on’ slip road at Junction 5 (A249);

“the second length of carriageway” means both carriageways of the motorway between Primrose Lane overbridge and 1004 metres east of Sawpit Road overbridge;

“the third length of carriageway” means the eastbound carriageway of the motorway between the tip of the nosing of the ‘off’ slip road at Junction 6 (A251) and Selling Road overbridge;

“the fourth length of carriageway” means the westbound carriageway of the motorway between Selling Road overbridge and the tip of the nosing of the ‘on’ slip road at Junction 6 (A251);

“the fifth length of carriageway” means the westbound carriageway of the motorway between Vinsons Farm underbridge and Bull Lane;

“the sixth length of carriageway” means the eastbound carriageway of the motorway between the tip of the nosing of the ‘off’ slip road at Junction 4 (A278) and the tip of the nosing of the ‘on’ slip road at Junction 6 (A251);

“the seventh length of carriageway” means the westbound carriageway of the motorway between the tip of the nosing of the ‘off’ slip road at Junction 6 (A251) and the tip of the nosing of the ‘on’ slip road at Junction 4 (A278);

(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 eighth length of carriageway” means both carriageways of the motorway between points 500 metres east and 500 west of Bottom Pond underbridge;

“the Regulations” means the regulation 16(2) of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(a);

“a hard shoulder” means the hard shoulder, within the meaning of regulation 3(1)(e) of the Regulations, which is adjacent to the eighth length of carriageway;

“a slip road” means any roads leading to and from the sixth length of carriageway and the seventh length of carriageway;

“works” mean resurfacing, structure works, reinstallation of studs and loops and all associated carriageway work; and

“a works period” means a period of 10 hours starting at 2000 hours on Monday 19th January 2015 or on any subsequent day until 16th July 2016.

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6 below, no person shall during a works period cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in a slip road, the sixth length of carriageway and the seventh length of carriageway.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5, 6 and 7 below, no person shall, during a works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the first length of carriageway, the second length of carriageway, the third length of carriageway, the fourth length of carriageway and the fifth length of carriageway.

5. The provisions of articles 3 and 4 above shall apply only at such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

6. (1) Nothing in article 3 above shall apply to -

- (a) a vehicle being used in connection with the said works;
- (b) a vehicle being used for police, ambulance, fire and rescue authority or traffic officer purposes;
- (c) anything done at the direction of, or with the permission of, a constable or traffic officer in uniform; or
- (d) any vehicle being used for winter maintenance purposes.

(2) Nothing in article 4 above shall apply to a vehicle being used for police, ambulance or fire and rescue authority purposes and to vehicles falling within regulation 3(4) of the Road Traffic Exemptions (Special Forces) (Variation and Amendment) Regulations 2011(b) when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations.

7. During a works period, the provisions of regulations 5 and (insofar as it relates to a vehicle being driven) 9 of the Regulations are hereby suspended, in respect of a 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 for Transport

29th December 2014

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(a) S.I 1982/1163; amended by S.I. 1983/374, 1984/1479, 1992/1364, 1995/158, 1996/3053, 2004/3168, 2004/3258 and 2006/594.
(b) S.I2011/935