

2010 No. 3046

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M4 Motorway (East of Junction 15) (Temporary Restriction of Traffic) Order 2010

Made - - - - *13th December 2010*

Coming into force - - *8th January 2011*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M4 Motorway, is satisfied that traffic should be restricted on a length of that motorway 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 M4 Motorway (East of Junction 15) (Temporary Restriction of Traffic) Order 2010 and shall come into force on 8th January 2011.

2. In this Order:

“the motorway” means the M4 Motorway in the Borough of Swindon;

“the length of motorway” means both carriageways of the motorway from a point 720 metres west of Ermine Way underbridge (at marker post 118/6) to the B4192 overbridge (at marker post 121/2) east of Junction 15 (A419/A346);

“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);

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

“recovery vehicle” has the meaning given in paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994(d);

“works” means emergency crossing point construction work on the motorway; and

“the works period” means the period starting on Monday 10th January 2011 and ending on 7th July 2012.

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 5, 6 and 7 below, no person shall, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the length of motorway or a hard shoulder.

(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; and paragraph 27(1) of Schedule 9 was amended by section 1(4) of that Act.
(b) S.I. 1982/1163; amended by S.I. 1983/374, 1984/1479, 1992/1364, 1995/158, 2004/3258.
(c) S.I. 1986/1078; to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.
(d) 1994 c.22.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5, 6 and 7 below, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle with an overall width exceeding 6 feet 6 inches to enter or proceed in—

- (a) any lane other than the nearside lane in a carriageway or length of carriageway, where one or more lanes in that carriageway or length and the hard shoulder adjacent to that carriageway or length are open for use by traffic; or
- (b) any lane other than the nearside lane or middle lane of two or more lanes in a carriageway or length of carriageway, where only those lanes are open for use by traffic;

and in this article a reference to a carriageway is a reference to a carriageway in the length of motorway.

5. The provisions of article 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 4 above shall apply to -

- (a) a recovery vehicle or 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 3 above shall apply to a vehicle being used for police, ambulance or fire and rescue authority purposes.

7. During the 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

13th December 2010

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