

2011 No. 1280

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M20 Motorway (Junctions 8 – 7, Londonbound)
(Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2011**

Made - - - - - *16th May 2011*

Coming into force - - - - - *4th June 2011*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M20 Motorway and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic should be restricted and prohibited on lengths of that motorway and on one 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) and (7) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a), hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M20 Motorway (Junction 8 – 7, Londonbound) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2011 and shall come into force on 4th June 2011.

2. In this Order:

“the motorway” means the M20 Motorway near Maidstone in the County of Kent;

“the first length of Londonbound carriageway” means the Londonbound carriageway of the motorway between Hospital Road underbridge southeast of Junction 8 (A20 - Ashford Road) and Water Lane underbridge northwest of Junction 8;

“the second length of Londonbound carriageway” means the Londonbound carriageway of the motorway between Junction 8 (A20 – Ashford Road) and Junction 7 (A249 – Sittingbourne Road);

“the slip road” means the road leading from the A20 (Ashford Road) to the Londonbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 8;

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

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

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

“abnormal load” means a vehicle having an overall width exceeding 3.0 metres;

(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) 1994 c.22.
(d) S.I. 1986/1078; to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.

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

“works” mean re-waterproofing, resurfacing and bridge deck concrete repair work on the motorway;

“a first works period” means a period of 24 hours starting at 0001 hours on Monday 6th June 2011 or on any subsequent day until 3rd December 2012; and

“a second works period” means a period of 56 hours starting at 2100 hours on Friday 10th June 2011 or on any subsequent Friday until Friday 30th November 2012.

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

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6 below, no person shall, during –

- (a) a first works period, cause or permit any vehicle with an overall width exceeding 6 feet 6 inches to enter or proceed in the first length of Londonbound carriageway;
- (b) a first works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the slip road; or
- (c) a second works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the second length of Londonbound 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 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.

(3) Nothing in article 4(a) above shall apply to an abnormal load.

7. During a first 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

16th May 2011

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