

2011 No. 1389

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M4 Motorway (Second Severn Crossing) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2011

Made - - - - *1st June 2011*
Coming into force - - *4th June 2011*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M4 Motorway (“the M4”), is satisfied that traffic on lengths of that road at the Second Severn Crossing in South Gloucestershire and the County of Monmouthshire 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), hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M4 Motorway (Second Severn Crossing) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2011 and shall come into force on 4th June 2011.

2. In this Order –

“the first length of the M4” means (a) the eastbound carriageway of the M4 from a point 520 metres west of the west (Gwent) abutment of the Second Severn Crossing to a point 320 metres east of the tip of the nosing of the eastbound exit slip road at Junction 22; and (b) the westbound carriageway of the M4 from a point 350 metres east of the tip of the nosing of the westbound entry slip road at M4 Junction 22 to a point 520 metres west of the west (Gwent) abutment of the Second Severn Crossing;

“the second length of the M4” means the westbound carriageway of the M4 from the tip of the nosing of the westbound exit slip road at Junction 22 to the tip of the nosing of the westbound entry slip road at Junction 22;

“tip of the nosing” means the first point where an entry slip road joins the carriageway of a motorway or the last point where an exit slip road leaves the carriageway of a motorway;

“the works” mean waterproofing and surfacing works;

“the works period” means the period starting at 00.01 hours on Monday 6th June 2011 and ending when the said works have been completed;

“a works period” means a period of 9 hours starting at 21.00 hours on Monday 6th June 2011 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.

(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.

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 4 and 7, no person shall, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the first length of the M4.

4. Subject as mentioned in article 5, no person shall, during a works period, cause or permit any motor vehicle to enter or proceed in the second length of the M4.

5. The provisions of articles 3 and 4 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.

6. The provisions of article 4 shall not apply to a vehicle being used in connection with the said works or for traffic officer purposes.

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

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

1st June 2011

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