

2011 No. 346

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M49 Motorway and M4 Motorway (Junction 22)
(Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2011**

Made - - - - *7th February 2011*

Coming into force - - *9th February 2011*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M49 Motorway (“the M49”) and the M4 Motorway (“the M4”), is satisfied that traffic on lengths of those roads near M4 Junction 22 in South Gloucestershire 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) and (7) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a), hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M49 Motorway and M4 Motorway (Junction 22) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2011 and shall come into force on 9th February 2011.

2. In this Order –

“the M49” means the southbound carriageway of the M49 from the southern edge of the M4 Junction 22 interchange roundabout to a point at the centre of the A403 Severn Road Overbridge;

“the M4” means (i) the westbound carriageway of the M4 between 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 the same junction; and (ii) the eastbound carriageway of the M4 between the tip of the nosing of the eastbound exit slip road at Junction 22 to the tip of the nosing of the eastbound entry slip road at the same junction;

“the 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 hard shoulder” means the hard shoulder within the meaning of regulation 3(1)(e) of the Regulations which is adjacent to the M49;

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

“the works” mean the replacement of failed expansion joints on a bridge;

“a works period” means a period of 8 hours starting at 21.00 hours on Friday 11 February 2011 or any subsequent day and ending when the said works have been completed;

(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.

(b) S.I. 1982 / 1163, amended by S.I. 1983 / 374, 1984 / 1479 and 1992 / 1364;

and a reference to an article followed by a number is a reference to the article in this Order which bears that number.

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6, no person shall, during a works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the M4.

4. Subject as mentioned in article 5, no person shall, during a works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour in the M49 and the hard shoulder.

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 3 shall not apply to a vehicle being used in connection with the said works, for traffic officer purposes or for winter maintenance purposes.

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

7th February 2011

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