

2011 No. 408

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M56 Motorway (Junctions 14-12 Eastbound Carriageway
and Eastbound and Westbound Slip Roads) (Temporary
Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2011**

Made - - - - *14th February 2011*

Coming into force - - *6th March 2011*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M56 Motorway and its slip roads, is satisfied that traffic on sections of that motorway and on five of those slip roads in Cheshire West and Chester 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 M56 Motorway (Junctions 14-12 Eastbound Carriageway and Eastbound and Westbound Slip Roads) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2011 and shall come into force on 6th March 2011.

2. In this Order:

“the motorway” means the M56 Motorway between Junctions 14 and 12;

“the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road” means the last point where the slip road leaves the carriageway of the motorway;

“the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road” means the first point where the slip road joins the carriageway of the motorway;

“the first length of carriageway” means the eastbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 1600 metres east of the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road at Junction 14 to a point 120 metres east of the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 12;

“the second length of carriageway” means the eastbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 200 metres east of the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road at Junction 14 to a point 120 metres east of the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 12;

“the first slip road” means the exit slip road leading from the eastbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 14;

(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 second slip road” means the entry slip road leading to the eastbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 14;

“the third slip road” means the exit slip road leading from the westbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 14;

“the fourth slip road” means the entry slip road leading to the westbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 14;

“the fifth slip road” means the exit slip road leading from the eastbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 12;

“hardshoulder” has the meaning given in regulation 3(1)(e) of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(a);

“the length of hardshoulder” means the hardshoulder adjacent to the first length of carriageway;

“the works period” means periods overnight between 2200 hours and 0500 hours during a period starting on Monday 7 March 2011 and ending on Thursday 21 April 2011. However, works may start and continue between the same times on subsequent nights or continue overnight until completed, for such period not exceeding 18 months as shall be required to complete the work;

“works” means resurfacing, road marking and loop cutting works on the motorway;

3. Subject as mentioned in article 6 of this Order, during the works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle to enter or proceed in the first length of carriageway or the first, second, third, fourth or fifth slip roads.

4. Subject as mentioned in article 6 of this Order, during the works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle to be driven in the second length of carriageway or the length of hardshoulder at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour.

5. The provisions of regulations 5 and (in so far as it relates to a vehicle being driven) 9 of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982 (a) are suspended in relation to the length of hardshoulder defined in article 2 of this Order at such times and to such extent as may be indicated by traffic signs; and in this article, “hardshoulder” has the meaning given in regulation 3(1)(e) of those Regulations.

6. The provisions of articles 3 and 4 of this Order 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 vehicle being used for emergency purposes by the police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance services or anything done at the direction, or with the permission, of a constable, or a traffic officer in uniform.

And nothing in article 3 of this Order shall apply to any vehicle being used in connection with the said works or by traffic officers.

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