

2012 No. 1137

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M4 Motorway (Junctions 1 - 3) (Temporary Restriction of Traffic) Order 2012

Made - - - - - *16th April 2012*
Coming into force - - - - - *19th April 2012*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M4 Motorway, and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic should be restricted on lengths of that motorway and on one of those connecting roads because of the likelihood of danger to the public and of serious damage to the road:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 14(1)(b) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a), hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M4 Motorway (Junctions 1 - 3) (Temporary Restriction of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 19th April 2012.

2. In this Order:

“the motorway” means the M4 Motorway in the London Boroughs of Hillingdon and Hounslow;

“the length of westbound carriageway” means the westbound carriageway of the motorway between Junction 1 (A4) and Junction 3 (A312);

“the length of eastbound carriageway” means the eastbound carriageway of the motorway between Junction 2 (A4) and Junction 3 (A312);

“the slip road” means the road leading to the eastbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 3 (A312);

"operating weight" shall be calculated as provided in section 138 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984;

“danger and damage” means a weak bridge on the motorway; and

“the danger and damage period” means the period starting on Thursday 19th April 2012 and ending on 18th October 2013.

3. Subject as mentioned in article 4 below, no person shall, during the danger and damage period, cause or permit any vehicle which has an operating weight exceeding 7.5 tonnes to enter or proceed in the length of westbound carriageway, the length of eastbound carriageway or the slip road.

(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.

4. The provisions of article 3 above shall apply only at 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 in connection with the said works;
- (b) a vehicle being used for police, ambulance, traffic officer or fire and rescue authority 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.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

16th April 2012

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