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ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M25, the M3 and the M23 Motorways (M25 Junctions 7, 10
11 and 12) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic)
Order 2012**

Made - - - - *16th January 2012*

Coming into force - - *4th February 2012*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M25 Motorway, the M3 Motorway, the M23 Motorway and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic should be restricted and prohibited on lengths of the M25 Motorway, the M23 Motorway and on some 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 M25, the M3 and the M23 Motorways (M25 Junctions 7, 10, 11 and 12) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 4th February 2012.

2. In this Order:

“the M25”, “the M3” and “the M23” mean, respectively, the M25 Motorway, the M3 Motorway and the M23 Motorway in the County of Surrey;

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

“the length of clockwise carriageway” means the clockwise carriageway of the M25 between the link roads leading to the westbound carriageway or the eastbound carriageway of the M3 at Junction 12 and the link roads leading from the westbound carriageway or the eastbound carriageway of the M3 at Junction 12 at Thorpe Interchange (M3 Junction 2);

“the length of northbound carriageway” means the northbound carriageway of the M23 between points 50 metres north of the Redhill – Tonbridge Railway underbridge south of Junction 8 and 600 metres north of Bletchingley Road (A25) overbridge near Junction 8 (Merstham Interchange – M25 Junction 7);

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

“a link road” means –

- (i) the road leading from the westbound carriageway of the M3 at Junction 2 to the clockwise carriageway of the M25 at Junction 12 at Thorpe Interchange,

(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, 1992/1364, 1995/158, 2004/3258.

- (ii) the road leading from the eastbound carriageway of the M3 at Junction 2 to the anti-clockwise carriageway of the M25 at Junction 12 at Thorpe Interchange,
- (iii) the road leading from the clockwise carriageway of the M25 at Junction 7 to the southbound carriageway of the M23 at Junction 8 at Merstham Interchange, or
- (iv) the road leading from the southbound carriageway of the M23 at Junction 8 to the clockwise carriageway of the M25 at Junction 7 at Merstham Interchange;

“a slip road” means –

- (i) the road leading from the A3 (Portsmouth Road) to the clockwise carriageway of the M25 at Junction 10,
- (ii) the road leading from the clockwise carriageway of the M25 to the A3 (Portsmouth Road) at Junction 10, or
- (iii) the road leading from the clockwise carriageway of the M25 to the A317 (St Peter’s Way) at Junction 11;

“works” mean carriageway resurfacing, retexturing, road marking and road stud installation work on the M25, the M3 and the M23; and

“a works period” means a period of 8 hours starting at 2200 hours on Monday 6th February 2012 or on any subsequent day until 3rd August 2013.

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6 below, no person shall, during a works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the length of clockwise carriageway, a link road or a slip road.

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

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 3 above shall 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.

(2) Nothing in article 4 above shall apply to a vehicle being used for police, ambulance or fire and rescue authority purposes and to vehicles falling within regulation 3(4) of the Road Traffic Exemptions (Special Forces) (Variation and Amendment) Regulations 2011(a) when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations.

7. During a 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 January 2012

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.