

2012 No. 2355

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M4 Motorway (Junction 15 – West of Junction 14)
(Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012**

Made - - - - *10th September 2012*

Coming into force - - *3rd October 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 a length of that road and prohibited on one 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) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a), hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M4 Motorway (Junction 15 – West of Junction 14) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 3rd October 2012 and shall apply for a period of twelve months.

2. In this Order:

“the motorway” means the M4 Motorway between the tip of the nosing of the eastbound exit slip road at Junction 15 (A346/A419) and a point 2000 metres west of the tip of the nosing of the eastbound exit slip road at Membury Service Area west of Junction 14 (A338 – Emin Street) in the Borough of Swindon and the County of Wiltshire;

“the Regulations” means regulation 16(2) of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(b);

“the tip of the nosing” means –

- (i) the first point where the eastbound exit slip road leaves the eastbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 15, or
- (ii) the first point where the eastbound exit slip road leaves the eastbound carriageway of the motorway to Membury Service Area west of Junction 14;

“the eastbound carriageway” and “the westbound carriageway” mean, respectively, the eastbound carriageway and the westbound carriageway of the motorway;

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

(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, 1996/3053, 2004/3168, 2004/3258 and 2006/594.

“the slip road” means the road leading from the westbound carriageway of the motorway to the A346 and A419 (Marlborough Road) at Junction 15;

“works” mean carriageway repairs and all associated work on the motorway; and

“a works period” means a period of 8 hours starting at 2200 hours on Wednesday 3rd October 2012 or on any subsequent day until Wednesday 2nd October 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 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 eastbound carriageway, the westbound 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, fire and rescue authority or traffic officer 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

10th September 2012

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.