

2012 No. 3225

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The A303 Trunk Road (Stonehenge Winter Solstice, Wiltshire)
(Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012**

Made - - - - *12th December 2012*

Coming into force - - *18th December 2012*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A303 Trunk Road (“the A303”), is satisfied that traffic on a length of that road near Amesbury in Wiltshire should be restricted and prohibited because of the likelihood of danger to the public:

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 A303 Trunk Road (Stonehenge Winter Solstice, Wiltshire) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 18th December 2012.

2. In this Order -

“the A303” means the A303 near Amesbury from the eastern edge of the A360 Long Barrow Roundabout to the western edge of the A345 Countess Roundabout;

“layby” means an area of carriageway intended for the waiting of vehicles, bounded partly by a road marking on the outer edge of that carriageway complying with diagram 1010 in Schedule 6 to the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002(b); and in this definition “carriageway” means any way (other than a cycle track) comprised in the trunk road over which the public have a right of way for the passage of vehicles and which has a surface suitable for the exercise of that right;

“the verge” means any part of the trunk road which is not a carriageway;

“the period of danger” means the period starting at 20.00 hours on Thursday 20th December 2012 and ending at 20.00 hours on Friday 21st December 2012;

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 6 and 7, no person shall, during the period of danger, cause or permit any vehicle to wait or stop on the verge.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 6 and 7, no person shall, during the period of danger, cause or permit any vehicle to enter, proceed or remain in the layby adjacent to:

(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. 2002/3113; Part I

- (a) the northern side of the A303 situated 240 metres east of the eastern edge of the A360 Long Barrow Roundabout;
- (b) the southern side of the A303 situated 660 metres east of the eastern edge of the A360 Long Barrow Roundabout;
- (c) the eastbound carriageway of the A303 situated 1160 metres east of the centre of its junction with the A344;
- (d) the westbound carriageway of the A303 situated 1160 metres east of the centre of its junction with the A344.

5. Subject as mentioned in articles 6 and 8, no person shall, during the period of danger, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour on the A303.

6. The provisions of articles 3, 4 and 5 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:

- (i) a vehicle being used for police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance purposes;
- (ii) a vehicle being used at the direction, or with the permission, of a constable.

7. The provisions of articles 3 and 4 shall not apply to a vehicle being used for traffic officer purposes or at the direction, or with the permission, of a traffic officer in uniform.

8. No speed limit imposed by this order applies to vehicles falling within regulation 3(4) of the Road Traffic Exemptions (Special Forces) (Variation and Amendment) Regulations 2011 when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

12th December 2012

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