

2012 No. 928

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M4 Motorway (Junctions 18-17) (Temporary Restriction of Traffic) Order 2012

Made - - - - - *21st March 2012*

Coming into force - - - - - *30th March 2012*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M4 Motorway (“the M4”), is satisfied that traffic on lengths of that road near Junction 17 in Wiltshire should be 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 M4 Motorway (Junctions 18-17) (Temporary Restriction of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 30th March 2012.

2. In this Order –

“the first length of the M4” means the eastbound carriageway of the M4 between Junctions 18 and 17 from a point at the centre of the Alderton Road Underbridge to a point 1700 metres west of the centre of the Honey Knob Hill Overbridge;

“the second length of the M4” means the eastbound carriageway of the M4 between Junctions 18 and 17 from a point at the centre of the unclassified road (B4039 to Grittleton) Overbridge to the tip of the nosing of the eastbound exit slip road at Leigh Delamere Services;

“the hard shoulder” means the hard shoulder within the meaning of regulation 3(1)(e) of the Regulations which is adjacent to the first length of the M4 and the second length of the M4;

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

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

“the works” mean the replacement of detector loops and the installation of traffic counter loops;

“a first works period” means a period of 10 hours starting at 20.00 hours on Monday 2nd April 2012 or on any subsequent day and ending when the said works have been completed;

“a second works period” means a period of 9 hours starting at 20.00 hours on Monday 16th April 2012 or on any subsequent day and ending when the said works have been completed;

and a reference to an article followed by a number is a reference to an article in this Order which bears that number.

(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 and 1992 / 1364;

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 7, no person shall, during a first works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the first length of the M4.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 7, no person shall, during a second works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the second length of the M4.

5. The provisions of articles 3 and 4 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) a vehicle being used for police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance purposes; or
- (b) anything done at the direction of, or with the permission of, a constable.

6. During a works period, regulation 5 and (insofar as it relates to a vehicle being driven) regulation 9 of the Regulations are hereby suspended, in respect of the hard shoulder, at such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

7. 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

21st March 2012

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