

2013 No. 1622

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M4 Motorway (Junction 7) (Temporary Restriction and
Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2013**

<i>Made</i> - - - -	<i>1st July 2013</i>
<i>Coming into force</i> - -	<i>20th July 2013</i>

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 motorway 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 7) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2013 and shall come into force on 20th July 2013.

2. In this Order:

“the motorway” means the M4 Motorway in the County of Buckinghamshire;

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

“a first length of carriageway” means both carriageways of the motorway between points 150 metres west of Wood Lane overbridge (at marker post 38/4) east of Junction 7 (A4 Bath Road) and 155 metres east of Marsh Lane overbridge (at marker post 41/4) west of Junction 7 (A4 Bath Road);

“a second length of carriageway” means both carriageway of the motorway between points 230 metres west of the B3026 (Lake End Road) overbridge (at marker post 40/7) west of Junction 7 (A4 Bath Road) and 850 metres west of Wood Lane overbridge (at marker post 39/1) east of Junction 7 (A4 Bath Road);

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

“recovery vehicle” has the meaning given in paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to the Vehicle Excise and Regulation Act 1994(c);

“overall width” has the meaning given in regulation 3(2) of the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulation 1986(d);

“abnormal load” means a vehicle having an overall width exceeding 9 feet 6 inches;

“a slip road” means –

(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.
(c) 1994 c.22.
(d) S.I. 1986/1078; to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.

- (i) the road leading from the westbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 7 (A4 Bath Road),
- (ii) the road leading to the westbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 7 (A4 Bath Road),
- (iii) the road leading from the eastbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 7 (A4 Bath Road), or
- (iv) the road leading to the eastbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 7 (A4 Bath Road);

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

“a first works period” means a period of 24 hours starting at 0001 hours on Monday 22nd July 2013 and ending on 19th January 2015;

"a second works period" means a period of 8 hours starting at 2200 hours on Monday 22nd July 2013 and ending on 19th January 2015;

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 5 and 7, no person shall, during a second works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in a slip road.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5, 7 and 8, no person shall, during a first works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on a first length of carriageway or a hard shoulder;

5. The provisions of articles 3, 4 and 6 shall apply only at such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

6. Subject as mentioned in articles 5, 7 and 8, no person shall, during the first works period, cause or permit any vehicle with an overall width exceeding 6 feet 6 inches to enter or proceed in -

- (a) any lane in a carriageway or length of carriageway, where one or more lanes in that carriageway or length and the hard shoulder adjacent to that carriageway or length are open for use by traffic; or
- (a) any lane other than the nearside lane of two or more lanes in a carriageway or length of carriageway, where only those lanes are open for use by traffic;

and in this article a reference to a carriageway is a reference to a carriageway in a first length of carriageway.

7. (1) Nothing in article 5 shall apply to -

- (a) a recovery vehicle or 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;
- (d) any vehicle being used for winter maintenance purposes;
- (e) any vehicle being used for incident management purposes; or
- (f) an abnormal load.

(2) Nothing in article 3 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.

8. During the 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.

(a) S.I. 2011/935.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

1st July 2013

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