

2013 No. 2387

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M4 Motorway (Junction 12) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) (No.3) Order 2013

Made - - - - - *9th September 2013*

Coming into force - - - - - *28th September 2013*

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 and prohibited on a length of that motorway and 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 12) (Temporary Restriction and prohibition of Traffic) (No.3) Order 2013 and shall come into force on 28th September 2013.

2. In this Order:

“the motorway” means the M4 Motorway in the District of West Berkshire;

“the length of motorway” means both carriageways of the motorway between points 2000 metres southeast and 2000 metres northwest of Theale Western Region Railway underbridge;

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

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

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

“the slip road” means the road leading from the westbound carriageway of the motorway to the A4 at Junction 12;

“works” mean bridge maintenance work on the motorway; and

“the works period” means the period starting on Monday 30th September 2013 and ending on 27th March 2015;

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 7, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the slip road.

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

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

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 and 7, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle with an overall width exceeding 6 feet 6 inches to enter or proceed in 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 the length of motorway.

7. (1) Nothing in articles 3 and 6 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; or

(2) Nothing in article 6 shall apply to an abnormal load.

(3) Nothing in article 4 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.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

9th September 2013

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.