

2014 No. 1978

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M53 Motorway (Junctions 4-1 Northbound and Southbound Carriageways and Slip Roads) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2014

Made - - - - *2nd July 2014*

Coming into force - - *20th July 2014*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M53 Motorway and its slip roads, is satisfied that traffic on sections of that motorway and on sixteen of those slip roads in the District of Wirral in Merseyside should be prohibited and 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) & (7) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a) hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M53 Motorway (Junctions 4-1 Northbound and Southbound Carriageways and Slip Roads) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2014 and shall come into force on 20th July 2014.

2. In this Order:

“the motorway” means the M53 Motorway between Junctions 4 and 1;

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

“the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road” means the first point where the slip road joins the carriageway of the motorway;

“the first length of carriageway” means the southbound carriageway of the motorway from the start of the motorway at Junction 7 to a point 120 metres south of the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 6;

“the second length of carriageway” means the southbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 200 metres south of the start of the motorway at Junction 7 to a point 120 metres south of the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 6;

(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

“hardshoulder” has the meaning given in regulation 3(1)(e) of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(a);

“the length of hardshoulder” means the hardshoulder adjacent to the second length of carriageway;

“the works period” means periods overnight between 2200 hours and 0700 hours (ending at 0500 hours on weekday mornings) during a period starting on Monday 21 J 2014 and ending on Friday 22 August 2014. However, work may start and continue between the same times on subsequent nights or continue overnight until completed, for such period not exceeding 18 months as shall be required to complete the work;

“works” means resurfacing and associated works on the motorway.

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 6 and 7 of this Order, during the works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle to be driven in the first length of carriageway or the length of hardshoulder at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour.

4. Subject as mentioned in article 6 of this Order, during the works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle to enter or proceed in the second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh lengths of carriageway or the first to sixteenth slip roads.

5. The provisions of regulations 5 and (in so far as it relates to a vehicle being driven) 9 of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(a) are suspended in relation to the length of hardshoulder defined in article 2 of this Order at such times and to such extent as may be indicated by traffic signs; and in this article, “hardshoulder” has the meaning given in regulation 3(1)(e) of those Regulations.

6. The provisions of articles 3 and 4 of this Order 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 vehicle being used for emergency purposes by the police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance services or anything done at the direction, or with the permission, of a constable, or a traffic officer in uniform.

And nothing in article 4 of this Order shall apply to any vehicle being used in connection with the said works or by traffic officers.

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(b) when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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(a) S.I. 1982/1163 amended by S.I. 1983/374, 1984/1479, 1992/1364.
(b) S.I. 2011/935