

2014 No. 3557

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M4 Motorway (Junctions 17-18) (Temporary Restriction
and Prohibition of Traffic) (Number 2) Order 2014**

Made - - - - 29th December 2014

Coming into force - - 2nd January 2015

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M4 Motorway (“the M4”) and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic on lengths of that road and one of those connecting roads between Junctions 17 and 18 in Wiltshire should be restricted and prohibited 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) and regulation 16(2) of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(b), hereby makes the following Order:

1. This Order may be cited as the M4 Motorway (Junctions 17-18) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) (Number 2) Order 2014 and shall come into force on 2nd January 2015.

2. In this Order –

“the first length of the M4” means both carriageways of the M4 from a point at the centre of Parks Farm access Overbridge to a point at the centre of Leigh Delamere Foot bridge;

“the second length of the M4” means the eastbound and westbound carriageway of the M4 between the tip of the nosing of the eastbound entry slip road at junction 18 and the tip of the nosing of the west bound entry slip road at junction 17;

“the slip road” means the west bound entry slip road from Leigh Delamere Services;

“the slip roads” mean (i) the eastbound entry slip road at M4 Junction 18, (ii) the west bound entry slip road at junction 17 and (iii) the entry and exit slip roads 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;

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

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

“tip of the nosing” means the first point where an entry slip road joins the carriageway of a motorway or the last point where an exit slip road leaves the carriageway of a 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) S.I. 1982/1163, as amended by S.I. 1983/374, 1984/1479, 1992/1364, 1995/158, 1996/3053, 2004/3168, 2004/3258 and 2006/594.
(c) S.I. 1986 / 1078, to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order;

“the works” mean installation of new centre reserve concrete barrier and associated maintenance works;

“a works period” means a period of 9 hours starting at 21.00 hours on Sunday 4th of January 2015 or on any subsequent day and ending when the said works have been completed;

“the works period” means the period starting at 21.00 hours on Sunday 4th January 2015 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.

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 8, no person shall, during the works period:

- (a) drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the first length of the M4 and the slip road;
- (b) cause or permit any vehicle with an overall width exceeding 2.75 metres to enter or proceed in any lane other than the left hand or middle lane of the first length of the M4.
- (c) Cause or permit any vehicle with an overall width exceeding 3 metres to enter or proceed in any lane other than the left hand lane of the first length of M4.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6 no person shall, during a works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the second length of the M4 or the slip roads.

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. The provisions of article 4 shall not apply to a vehicle being used in connection with the said works, for traffic officer purposes or for winter maintenance purposes.

7. During the 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.

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

29th December 2014

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