STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2010 No.1560

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M20 Motorway (Junctions 7 – 5, Londonbound) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2010

Made - - - -	*1st June 2010*
Coming into force - -	*5th June 2010*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M20 Motorway and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic should be restricted and prohibited on lengths of that motorway and on some 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) and (7) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(**a**), hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M20 Motorway (Junctions 7 – 5, Londonbound) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2010 and shall come into force on 5th June 2010.

2. In this Order:

"the motorway" means the M20 Motorway near Maidstone in the County of Kent;

"the Londonbound carriageway" means the Londonbound carriageway of the motorway between the eastern overbridge at Junction 7 (A249) and Hall Road underbridge (at marker post 53.5 west of Junction 5 – A20);

"the Londonbound distributor road" means the Londonbound distributor road of the motorway between points 500 metres east of Boarley Lane underbridge (at marker post 57.3 east of Junction 6 – A229) and 100 metres west of Allington Quarry footbridge (at marker post 55.0 east of Junction 5 – A20);

"the length of Londonbound carriageway" means the Londonbound carriageway of the motorway between its junction with the Londonbound distributor road east of Junction 6 (A229) and its junction with the Londonbound distributor road at Junction 5 (A20);

"the Regulations" means the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(**b**);

"a slip road" means –

(i) the road leading to the Londonbound carriageway from the A249 at Junction 7,

(ii) any road leading to or from the Londonbound distributor road at Junction 6 (A229),

(**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, 2004/3258.

(iii) any road leading from the Londonbound distributor road to the Londonbound carriageway or to the A20 at Junction 5, or

(iv) the road leading to the Londonbound carriageway from the A20 at Junction 5;

"a hard shoulder" means the hard shoulder, within the meaning of regulation 3(1)(e) of the Regulations, which is adjacent to the Londonbound carriageway;

"overall width" has the meaning given in regulation 3(2) of the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986(**a**);

"recovery vehicle" has the meaning given in the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994**(b**);

"abnormal load" means a vehicle having an overall width exceeding 3.0 metres;

"works" mean bridge refurbishment work on the motorway;

"a first works period" means a period of 24 hours starting at 0001 hours on Monday 7th June 2010 or on any subsequent day until 4th December 2011;

"a second works period" means a period of 8 hours starting at 2100 hours on Monday 7th June 2010 or on any subsequent day until 4th December 2011; and

"a third works period" means a period of 56 hours starting at 2100 hours on Friday 11th June 2010 or on any subsequent Friday until 2nd December 2011.

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 6, 7 and 8 below, no person shall, during a first works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the Londonbound carriageway, the Londonbound distributor road, a slip road or a hard shoulder.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 6 and 7 below, no person shall, during a second works period or a third works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the length of Londonbound carriageway.

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

(a) the nearside lane in a carriageway or length of carriageway, where one lane in that carriageway or length and the hard shoulder adjacent to that carriageway or length are open for use by traffic; or

(b) the offside lane of one 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 the Londonbound carriageway.

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

7. (1) Nothing in articles 4 or 5 above 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, fire and rescue authority or traffic officer purposes;

(c) anything done at the direction of, or with the permission of, a constable or traffic officer in uniform; or

(d) any vehicle being used for winter maintenance purposes.

(2) Nothing in article 5 above shall apply to an abnormal load.

(3) Nothing in article 3 above shall apply to a vehicle being used for police, ambulance or fire and rescue authority purposes.

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

8. During a first 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.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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in the Highways Agency

1st June 2010