STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2009 No. 2836

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M4 Motorway (Junction 17 – Junction 18) (Temporary Restriction of Traffic) Order 2009

Made - - - -	*14 October 2009*
Coming into force - -	*17 October 2009*

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 a length of that road between Junction 17 and Junction 18 in South Gloucestershire and Wiltshire 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) and (7) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(**a**), hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M4 Motorway (Junction 17 – Junction 18) (Temporary Restriction of Traffic) Order 2009 and shall come into force on 17 October 2009.

2. In this Order –

"the M4" means the westbound carriageway of the M4 from a point at the centre of the B4039 overbridge to the tip of the nosing of M4 Junction 18 entry slip road;

"tip of the nosing" means the last point where an exit slip road leaves the carriageway of a motorway or the first point where an entry slip road joins the carriageway of a motorway;

"the works" mean the installation of traffic counter loops works;

"the hard shoulder" means the hard shoulder within the meaning of regulation 3(1)(e) of the Regulations which is adjacent to the M4;

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

"a works period" means a period of 9 hours starting at 20.00 hours on Tuesday 20 October 2009 or any subsequent day and ending when the said works have been completed;

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 article 4, no person shall, during a works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the M4 and the hard shoulder.

(**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 and 1992 / 1364;

4. The provisions of articles 3 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;

(b) anything done at the direction of, or with the permission of, a police officer in uniform.

5. 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 may from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

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