2015 No. 1239

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M4 Motorway (Junctions 11 - 12) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2015

Made - - - -	*16th March 2015*
Coming into force - -	*5th April 2015*

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 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) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(**a**), hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M4 Motorway (Junctions 11 - 12) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2015 and shall come into force on 5th April 2015.

2. In this Order:

"the motorway" means the M4 Motorway in Reading and West Berkshire Unitary Authorities;

"the Regulations" means the regulation 16(2) of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(**b**);

"the first length of motorway" means the westbound carriageway and eastbound carriageway of the motorway between points 1000 metres west of the centre point of Shinfield Road overbridge (A327) and 300 metres west of the centre point of Burghfield Road overbridge;

"the second length of motorway" means both carriageways of the motorway between junction 11 (A33) and junction 12 (A4);

"the westbound carriageway" and "the eastbound carriageway" mean, respectively, the westbound carriageway and the eastbound carriageway of the first length of motorway;

"a 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 motorway;

"recovery vehicle" has the meaning given in paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to the Vehicle Excise and Regulation Act 1994(**c**);

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

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

(**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, 1996/3053, 2004/3168, 2004/3258 and 2006/594.
(**c**) 1994 c.22.
(**d**) S.I. 1986/1078; to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.

"specified signs" means –

(i) signs of the type, colour and size shown in diagram 7103 in part 11 of Schedule 12 to the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002(**a**) which comply with the provisions of regulation 56 of those Regulations, or

(ii) traffic signs, consisting of temporary vertical safety barriers of a character authorised by the Secretary of State under section 64 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984;

"a first slip road" means the road leading to the westbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 11 (A33) –

"a second slip road" means –

(i) the road leading to the eastbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 12 (A4),

(ii) the road leading from the westbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 12 (A4), or

(iii) the roads leading to and from the M4 Reading Services between Junctions 11(A33) and 12 (A4) of the motorway;

"a third slip road" means the road leading to the eastbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 12 (A4);

"works" means bridge joint and waterproofing to the main carriageways and central reservation and all associated works on the motorway;

"a first works period" means a period of 24 hours starting at 0001 hours on Tuesday 7th April 2015 or on any subsequent day until 6th October 2016;

"a second works period" means a period of 9 hours starting at 2100 hours on Tuesday 7th April 2015 or on any subsequent day until 6th October 2016;

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 articles 5, 6 and 7, no person shall, during a first works period;

(i) drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the first length of motorway, hard shoulder and 1st slip road; or

(ii) a vehicle with an overall width exceeding 2.5 metres to enter or proceed in the outside lane on the first length of motorway,

(iii) a vehicle with an overall width exceeding 2.5 metres to enter or proceed in the middle lane on the first length of motorway, or

(iv) a vehicle with an overall width exceeding 3 metres to enter or proceed in the inside lane on the first length of motorway, a first slip road or a third slip road,

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5, 7 and 8(a), no person shall, during a second works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the second length of motorway, a first slip road, a second slip road or a third slip road;

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. (1) During such times as, pursuant to article 5, movement of traffic is prohibited in one or more lanes of the westbound carriageway but is not prohibited in any lane of the eastbound carriageway, no person shall cause or permit any –

(a) vehicle to enter or proceed in the eastbound carriageway other than in such direction that specified signs are at all times on the right hand or offside of the vehicle; or

(b) vehicle having an overall width exceeding 2.0 metres to enter or proceed in the eastbound carriageway.

(**a**) S.I. 2002/3113.

(2) During such times as, pursuant to article 5, movement of traffic is prohibited in one or more lanes of the eastbound carriageway but is not prohibited in any lane of the westbound carriageway, no person shall cause or permit any –

(a) vehicle to enter or proceed in the westbound carriageway other than in such direction that specified signs are at all times on the right hand or offside of the vehicle; or

(b) vehicle having an overall width exceeding 2.0 metres to enter or proceed in the westbound carriageway.

(3) When pursuant to article 5, movement of traffic is prohibited in one or more lanes in a length of one carriageway but is not prohibited in any lane of the corresponding length of the other carriageway, the provisions of this article with respect to the other carriageway shall apply to that length of that carriageway.

7. (1) Nothing in articles 3(ii), 3(iii), 3(iv), 4, 6(1)(b), or 6(2)(b) 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; or

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

(e) a vehicle proceeding in the second length of the motorway to or from premises accessible from, and only from, that road to such extent as shall be indicated by traffic signs.

(2) Nothing in article 3(i) 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.

(3) Nothing in articles 3(ii), 3(iii) or 3(iv) shall apply to an abnormal load.

8. During a first works period, the undermentioned provisions of the Regulations are hereby suspended:

(a) regulations 5 and (insofar as it relates to a vehicle being driven) 9, in respect of a hard shoulder, at such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs; and

(b) regulation (6)(3), in respect of a vehicle being driven eastbound in the westbound carriageway by virtue of article 6(1)(a), or westbound in the eastbound carriageway by virtue of article 6(2)(a).

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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A Service Delivery Team Leader
in the Highways Agency

16th March 2015

(**a**) S.I. 2011/935.