STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2014 No. 2105

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M4 Motorway (Junctions 13 - 14) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2014

Made - - - -	*21st July 2014*
Coming into force - -	*9th August 2014*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M4 Motorway and the connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic should be restricted and prohibited on lengths of the 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 13 – 14) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2014 and shall come into force on 9th August 2014.

2. In this Order:

"the M4" means the M4 Motorway in the County of Berkshire;

"the first length of carriageway" means the eastbound carriageway of the motorway between a point 2150 metres west of the tip of the nosing of the 'off' slip road at Junction 14 (A338) and a point 700 metres east of the tip of the nosing of the 'on' slip road at Junction 14 (A338);

''the second length of carriageway'' means the westbound carriageway of the motorway between a point 2650 metres east of the tip of the nosing of the 'off' slip road at Junction 14 (A338) and a point 400 metres west of the tip of the nosing of the 'on' slip road at Junction 14 (A338);

''the third length of carriageway'' means the eastbound carriageway of the motorway between the tip of the nosing of the 'off' slip road at Junction 14 (A338) and the tip of the nosing of the 'on' slip road at Junction 13 (A34);

''the fourth length of carriageway'' means the westbound carriageway of the motorway between the tip of the nosing of the 'off' slip road at Junction 13 (A34) and the tip of the nosing of the 'on' slip road at Junction 14 (A338);

''the fifth length of carriageway'' means the eastbound carriageway of the motorway between points 1300 metres west of the tip of the nosing of the 'off' slip road at Junction 14 (A338) and 700 metres east of the tip of the nosing of the 'on' slip road at Junction 14 (A338);

(**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.

‘‘the sixth length of carriageway’’ means the westbound carriageway of the motorway between points 1800 metres east of the ‘off’ slip road at Junction 14 (A338) and 400 metres west of the tip of the nosing of the ‘on’ slip road at Junction 14 (A338);

“a slip road” means -

(i) the road leading from the westbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 14 (A338),

(ii) the road leading to the westbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 14 (A338),

(iii) the road leading to the eastbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 14 (A338),

(iv) the road leading from the eastbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 14 (A338),

(v) the road leading from the eastbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 13 (A34), or

(vi) the road leading to the westbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 13 (A34);

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

“a first abnormal load” means a vehicle having an overall width exceeding 2.75 metres;

‘‘a second abnormal load’’ means a vehicle having an overall width exceeding 3 metres;

‘‘a third abnormal load’’ means a vehicle having an overall width exceeding 3.25 metres;

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

“works” mean drainage improvement works and all associated carriageway work;

“a first works period” means a period of 24 hours starting at 0001 hours on Friday 15th August 2014 or on any subsequent day until 8th February 2016; and

‘‘second works period’’ means a period of 7 hours starting at 2300 hours on Friday 15th August 2014 or on any subsequent day until 8th February 2016.

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6 below, no person shall, during -

(a) a first works period, cause or permit a first abnormal load to enter or proceed in the outside lane, a second abnormal load to enter or proceed in the middle lane or a third abnormal load to enter or proceed in the inside lane on the fifth length of carriageway or the sixth length of carriageway, or

(b) a second works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in a slip road, the third length of carriageway or the fourth length of carriageway.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6 below, no person shall during a first works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the first length of carriageway or the second length of carriageway.

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

6. (1) Nothing in article 3 above shall apply to -

(a) 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

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

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

(2) Nothing in article 4 above 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.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

G Berresford
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in the Highways Agency

21st July 2014

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