S T A T U T O R Y I N S T R U M E N T S

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ROAD TRAFFIC

The M4 Motorway (Junctions 15-17) (Temporary Restriction of Traffic) Order 2010

Made - - - -	*26 May 2010*
Coming into force - -	*29 May 2010*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M4 Motorway ("the M4"), is satisfied that traffic on lengths of that road between Junctions 15 and 17 in the Borough of Swindon and in Wiltshire should be 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 (Junctions 15-17) (Temporary Restriction of Traffic) Order 2010 and shall come into force on 29 May 2010.

2. In this Order –

"the first length of the M4" means both carriageways of the M4 from a point 800 metres west of the centre of the Mill Lane Overbridge (east of Junction 16) to the unclassified road overbridge leading from Wootton Bassett to Hook (west of Junction 16);

"the second length of the M4" means both carriageways of the M4 between Junctions 16 and 17 from a point 200 metres east of the Hookers Gate Underbridge to a point 300 metres west of the Olivemead Access Overbridge;

"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 and the second length of the M4;

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

"the works" mean thaumasite investigation works at Spittleborough Interchange West Overbridge and Grittenham Overbridge;

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

"the works period" means the period starting at 00.01 hours on Tuesday 1 June 2010 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.

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

3. Subject as mentioned in article 5, no person shall, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour in the first length of the M4, the second length of the M4 and the hard shoulder.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle with an overall width exceeding 2.5 metres to enter or proceed in any lane other than the left hand lane or middle lane of the first length of the M4 or the second length of the M4.

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;

(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 or for traffic officer 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 from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

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