2013 No. 869

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M4 Motorway (Junctions 16 & 17) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2013

Made - - - -	*19th February 2013*
Coming into force - -	*23rd February 2013*

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 lengths of that road and some of those connecting roads at Junctions 16 and 17 in Wiltshire should be restricted and prohibited 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**) and regulation 16(2) of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(**b**), hereby makes the following Order:

1. This Order may be cited as the M4 Motorway (Junctions 16 & 17) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2013 and shall come into force on 23rd February 2013.

2. In this Order –

"the first length of the M4" means the westbound carriageway of the M4 between Junctions 16 and 17 from a point at the centre of Pinnels Bridge to a point at the centre of Dodford Farm Bridge;

"the second length of the M4" means the westbound carriageway of the M4 from a point at the centre of Summerlands Bridge (east of Junction 17) to a point at the centre of Sevington Bridge (west of Junction 17);

"the slip roads" mean (i) the westbound entry slip road at M4 Junction 16; (ii) the eastbound and westbound entry and exit slip roads at M4 Junction 17;

"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(**c**);

"the works" mean resurfacing, road marking and loop reinstatement works;

"a works period" means a period of 10 hours starting at 20.00 hours on Monday 25th February 2013 or on 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 an 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, as amended by S.I. 1983/374, 1984/1479, 1992/1364, 1995/158, 1996/3053, 2004/3168, 2004/3258 and 2006/594.
(**c**) S.I. 1982/1163, amended by S.I. 1983/374, 1984/1479 and 1992/1364.

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 4, 5 and 7, no person shall, during a works period:

(a) drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the first length of the M4 and the second length of the M4;

(b) cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the slip roads.

4. The provisions of article 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; or

(b) anything done at the direction of, or with the permission of, a constable.

5. The provisions of article 3(b) shall not apply to a vehicle being used in connection with the said works or for traffic officer purposes.

6. During a 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 shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

7. No speed limit imposed by this order applies to vehicles falling within regulation 3(4) of the Road Traffic Exemptions (Special Forces) (Variation and Amendment) Regulations 2011 when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

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