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2014 No. 3419

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M4 Motorway (Junctions 16-17) (Temporary Restriction of Traffic) (Number 2) Order 2014

Made - - - -	*2nd December 2014*
Coming into force - -	*6th December 2014*

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 16 and 17 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) 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 of Traffic) (Number 2) Order 2014 and shall come into force on 6th December 2014.

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 the Ballards Ash Overbridge (carrying the B4042 Swindon Road) to a point at the centre of the Hookers Gate Overbridge;

"the second length of the M4" means the westbound carriageway of the M4 between Junctions 16 and 17 from a point 1200 metres west of the centre of the Ballards Ash Overbridge (carrying the B4042 Swindon Road) to a point 400 metres east of the centre of the Hookers Gate Overbridge;

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

"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;

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

"the works" mean geotechnical repairs to the motorway embankment (counterfort drains and granular shoulder replacement), drainage, barrier replacement, vegetation clearance, white lining and resurfacing;

"the works period" means the period starting at 07.00 hours on Monday 8th December 2014 and ending when the said works have been completed;

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

and a reference to an article followed by a number is a reference to an article in this Order which bears that number.

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

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

(b) 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 second length of the M4;

(c) cause or permit any vehicle with an overall width exceeding 3 metres to enter or proceed in any lane other than the left hand lane of the second length of the M4.

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) and (c) shall not apply to a vehicle being used in connection with the said works or for traffic officer purposes.

6. 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 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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in the Highways Agency

2nd December 2014