STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2009 No. 2961

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M4 Motorway (Junctions 18-19) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2009

Made - - - -	*28 October 2009*
Coming into force - -	*31 October 2009*

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 18 and 19 in South Gloucestershire should be prohibited and 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 18-19) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2009 and shall come into force on 31 October 2009.

2. In this Order –

"the M4" means (a) the westbound carriageway of the M4 from the tip of the nosing of the westbound exit slip road at Junction 18 to a point at the centre of the railway bridge immediately north of Junction 19; and (b) the eastbound carriageway of the M4 from a point at the centre of the railway bridge immediately north of Junction 19 to the tip of the nosing of the eastbound entry slip road at Junction 18;

"the slip road" means the eastbound entry slip road at M4 Junction 19;

"the works" mean the renewal of central reserve barriers, drainage works, pavement works and the upgrading / replacement of verge barriers;

"tip of the nosing" means the last point where an exit slip road leaves the carriageway of a motorway or the first point where an entry slip road joins the carriageway of a motorway;

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

"the hard shoulder" means the hard shoulder within the meaning of regulation 3(1)(e) of the Regulations which is adjacent to the M4;

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

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

(**c**) S.I. 1982 / 1163, amended by S.I. 1983 / 374, 1984 / 1479 and 1992 / 1364;

"eastbound carriageway" and "westbound carriageway" mean, respectively, the eastbound carriageway and the westbound carriageway of the M4;

"the works period" means the period starting at 00.01 hours on Monday 2 November 2009 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.

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 5, 6 and 7, no person shall, during the works period:

(a) drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the M4 and the slip road;

(b) cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the eastbound carriageway;

(c) cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the outside lane or the middle lane of the westbound carriageway in any direction other than eastwards;

(d) cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the westbound carriageway;

(e) cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the outside lane or the middle lane of the eastbound carriageway in any direction other than westwards.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5, 6 and 7, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle with an overall width exceeding 6 feet 6 inches to enter or proceed in -

(a) a lane in a carriageway or length of carriageway where only that lane and the hard shoulder adjacent to that carriageway or length are open for use by traffic proceeding in the same direction,

(b) any lane other than the left hand or nearside lane of two or more lanes in a carriageway or length of carriageway where only those lanes are open for use by traffic proceeding in the same direction,

and in this article, a reference to a carriageway is a reference to the eastbound carriageway and the westbound carriageway 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.

6. The provisions of articles 3(a), (b), (d) and 4 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 police officer in uniform.

7. The provisions of articles 3(b), (d) and 4 shall not apply to a vehicle being used in connection with the said works, for winter maintenance purposes or for traffic officer purposes.

8. 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 may from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

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