STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2010 No. 327

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M48 Motorway (Severn Bridge) (Temporary Restriction of Traffic) Order 2010

Made - - - -	*2 February 2010*
Coming into force - -	*6 February 2010*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M48 Motorway ("the M48"), is satisfied that traffic on lengths of that road on the Severn Bridge in South Gloucestershire, the County of Gloucestershire and the County of Monmouthshire 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**), hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M48 Motorway (Severn Bridge) (Temporary Restriction of Traffic) Order 2010 and shall come into force on 6 February 2010.

2. In this Order –

"the M48" means (a) the eastbound carriageway of the M48 from a point 50 metres east of the tip of the nosing of the eastbound entry slip road at Junction 2 to a point 300 metres west of the tip of the nosing of the eastbound exit slip road at Junction 1; and (b) the westbound carriageway of the M48 from a point 200 metres west of the Severn Bridge Toll Booths to a point 50 metres east of the tip of the nosing of the westbound exit slip road at Junction 2;

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

"the works" mean works to maintain the crossing and inspect the main bridge cables;

"the works period" means the period starting at 00.01 hours on 8 February 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.

3. Subject as mentioned in article 4, no person shall, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the M48.

(**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.

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;

(b) anything done at the direction of, or with the permission of, a police officer in uniform.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

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2 February 2010