STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2012 No. 1001

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M5 Motorway (Junctions 18 & 18A Slip Roads) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012

Made - - - -	*22nd March 2012*
Coming into force - -	*30th March 2012*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M5 Motorway ("the M5") and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic on some of those connecting roads at Junctions 18 and 18A in the City of Bristol 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) and (7) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(**a**), hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M5 Motorway (Junctions 18 & 18A Slip Roads) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 30th March 2012 and apply for a period of twelve months.

2. In this Order –

"the first slip roads" mean (i) the southbound entry slip road at M5 Junction 18 (the 'S' loop) from the point where it diverges from the M49 southbound slip road to Avonmouth to the tip of the nosing with the southbound carriageway of the M5; and (ii) the northbound entry slip road at M5 Junction 18A (the 'Z' loop) from the point where it diverges from the slip road to the M49 Motorway to the tip of the nosing with the northbound carriageway of the M5;

"the second slip roads" mean (i) the connecting road and southbound entry slip road at M5 Junction 18 (the 'X' and 'Y' loops) from the eastern edge of the A4 St Brendan's Roundabout, Avonmouth, to the tip of the nosing of the southbound carriageway of the M5; and (ii) the northbound exit slip road at M5 Junction 18 (the 'U' loop);

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

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

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

"the works" mean litter picking, gully cleaning, sweeping, grass cutting, studs, barrier re-tensioning, road markings and general maintenance;

"a works period" means a period of 8½ hours starting at 21.00 hours on Sunday 1st April 2012 or on any subsequent day 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, amended by S.I. 1983 / 374, 1984 / 1479 and 1992 /1364

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 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 slip roads and the hard shoulder;

(b) cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed on the second 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 vehicle being used for police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance purposes.

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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in the Highways Agency

22nd March 2012