

2012 No. 112

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M4 Motorway (Junction 17 Eastbound) (Temporary
Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012**

Made - - - - *11th January 2012*

Coming into force - - *14th January 2012*

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 a length of that road and one of those connecting roads at Junction 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) 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 (Junction 17 Eastbound) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 14th January 2012.

2. In this Order –

“the M4” means the eastbound carriageway of the M4 from a point 2000 metres west of the western edge of Kington Lane overbridge to a point at the centre of Junction 17;

“the slip road” means the eastbound exit slip road 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 M4;

“the Regulations” means the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(b);

“the works” mean resurfacing;

“a works period” means a period of 10 hours starting at 20.00 hours on Tuesday 17th January 2012 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.

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 7, no person shall, during a works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the M4.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6, no person shall, during a works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the slip road.

(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;

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 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.

6. The provisions of article 4 shall not apply to a vehicle being used in connection with the said works, for winter maintenance purposes or for traffic officer purposes.

7. 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.

8. 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

11th January 2012

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