

2012 No. 424

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M5 Motorway (Junctions 20-22) (Temporary Restriction
and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012**

Made - - - - 14th February 2012

Coming into force - - 17th February 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 lengths of that road and some of those connecting roads in North Somerset and the County of Somerset 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 20-22) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 17th February 2012.

2. In this Order –

“the first length of the M5” means the southbound carriageway of the M5 at Junction 21 from the tip of the nosing of the southbound exit slip road to the tip of the nosing of the southbound entry slip road;

“the second length of the M5” means (i) the southbound carriageway of the M5 between Junctions 21 and 22 from a point 2200 metres north of the centre of the Rooksbridge Road Overbridge to a point at the centre of the Vole Road Overbridge; and (ii) the northbound carriageway of the M5 between Junctions 22 and 21 from a point at the centre of the Banwell Road Overbridge to the tip of the nosing of the northbound exit slip road at Junction 21;

“the slip roads” mean (i) the southbound exit slip road at M5 Junction 20; (ii) the northbound exit slip road at M5 Junction 20; (iii) the southbound entry slip road at M5 Junction 20; (iv) the northbound exit slip road at M5 Junction 21; and (v) the southbound entry slip road at M5 junction 21;

“the 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 hard shoulder” means the hard shoulder within the meaning of regulation 3(1)(e) of the Regulations which is adjacent to the second length of the M5;

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

“the works” mean resurfacing, joint repair, gully cleaning and drainage works;

(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.

“a works period” means a period of 8 hours starting at 21.00 hours on Sunday 19th February 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 4, 5 and 7 no person shall, during a works period:

- (a) cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the first length of the M5 and the slip roads;
- (b) drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the second length of the M5.

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 constable.

5. The provisions of article 3(a) shall not apply to a vehicle being used in connection with the said works, for traffic officer purposes or for winter maintenance 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

14th February 2012

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