2019 No. 323

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M8/A8 Trunk Road (Starlaw to Heartlands) (Temporary Weight Restriction) Order 2019

Made - - - 8th October 2019

Coming into force - - 12th October 2019

The Scottish Ministers make the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 2(1) and (2), 4(1), and 14(1)(a) and (4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a) and all other powers enabling them to do so.

In accordance with section 14(1)(a) of that Act, they are satisfied that the traffic on the length of road specified in the schedule should be restricted or prohibited because works are being or are proposed to be executed on or near that length of road.

In accordance with section 14(3) of that Act, they have had regard to the existence of alternative routes suitable for the traffic which will be affected by this Order.

Citation, commencement and cessation

1. This Order may be cited as the M8/A8 Trunk Road (Starlaw to Heartlands) (Temporary Weight Restriction) Order 2019, comes into force on 12 October 2019 and ceases to have effect on 20 December 2019.

Weight Restriction

2. No person may use, or permit the use of, any vehicle on a length of road, or part or parts of a length of road, specified in the schedule if the maximum gross weight of the vehicle exceeds 7.5 tonnes when such a restriction is identified as applying to a part or parts of that length of road by means of a traffic sign of the type described in item 13 (diagram 622.1A – goods vehicles exceeding the maximum gross weight indicated prohibited) of Part 2 of schedule 3 of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016(**b**).

(**b**) S.I. 2016/362.

⁽a) 1984 c.27. Section 2(1) and (2) were amended by the New Road and Street Works Act 1991 (c.22), ("the 1991 Act") schedule 8, paragraph 18 and section 14 was substituted by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991 (c.26), section 1(1) and schedule 1. The Scottish Ministers are the traffic authority by virtue of section 121A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (inserted by the 1991 Act, schedule 8, paragraph 70 and amended by S.I. 2001/1400) as read with section 151(1) of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 (c.54) (relevantly amended by S.I. 2001/1400). The functions of the Secretary of State were transferred to the Scottish Ministers by section 53 of the Scotland Act 1998 (c.46).

Exemptions

- 3. No prohibition imposed by this Order applies to—
 - (a) a vehicle while being used in an emergency for fire brigade, coastguard, ambulance or police purposes, or
 - (b) a vehicle being used for carrying out the works.

S R LEES
A member of the staff of the Scottish Ministers

Buchanan House, Glasgow 8th October 2019

SCHEDULE

Article 2

SPECIFIED LENGTHS OF ROAD

- **1.** That length of the M8/A8 Edinburgh Greenock Trunk Road being the eastbound carriageway from the on slip road at Junction 4A (Heartlands) to the on slip road at Junction 3A (Starlaw), a distance of 7.4 kilometres or thereby.
- **2.** That length of the M8/A8 Edinburgh Greenock Trunk Road being the westbound carriageway from the on slip road at Junction 3A (Starlaw) to the off slip road at Junction 4A (Heartlands), a distance of 6.6 kilometres or thereby.