

2011 No. 3131

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M5 and M6 Motorways (M6 Junctions 8 to 10a)
(Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2011**

Made - - - - - *30th December 2011*

Coming into force - - - - - *6th January 2012*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M5 Motorway (“the M5”), the M6 Motorway (“the M6”) and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic on lengths of those motorways and some of those connecting roads in the Metropolitan Boroughs of Walsall and Sandwell should be prohibited and 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) and (7) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a) and of all other powers enabling her in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M5 and M6 Motorways (M6 Junctions 8 to 10a) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2011 and shall come into force on 6th January 2012.

2. In this Order –

“the motorway” means –

- i) the northbound carriageway of the M6 from its junction with the link road leading to the M5 (M6 Junction 8) to a point 670 metres south of the centreline of the B4156 overbridge (Junction 10a); and
- ii) the southbound carriageway of the M6 from a point 670 metres south of the centreline of the B4156 overbridge (Junction 10a) to its junction with the link road leading from the M5 (M6 Junction 8);

“a link road” means –

- i) the link road leading to the northbound carriageway of the M6 from the northbound carriageway of the M5; and

(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

ii) the link road leading from the southbound carriageway of the M6 to the southbound carriageway of the M5;

“a slip road” means any slip road leading to or from the M6 at junctions 9 and 10;

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

“a hard shoulder” means the hard shoulder, within the meaning of Regulation 3(1)(e) of the Regulations, which is adjacent to the motorway;

"the works period" means the period starting at 21.30 hours on Monday 9th January 2012 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 articles 5 and 6, no person shall, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour in the motorway, a link road or a slip road.

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

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.

6. The provisions of:

(a) articles 3 and 4 shall not apply to any vehicle -

(i) being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes, or

(ii) proceeding at the direction of, or with the permission of, a police constable;

(b) article 3 shall not apply to any vehicle being used for special forces purposes; and

(c) article 4 shall not apply to any vehicle being used in connection with the said works or by a traffic officer in uniform.

7. During the works period, regulations 5 and (in so far as it relates to a vehicle being driven) 9 of the Regulations are hereby suspended in respect of a hard shoulder, at such times and to such extent as may from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

30th December 2011

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(a) S.I. 1982/1163, amended by S.I. 1983/374, 1984/1479, 1992/1364.