

2012 No. 2428

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The A1(M) Motorway (Junction 60 to Junction 61) (Temporary
Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) (No. 2) Order 2012**

Made - - - - *11th September 2012*

Coming into force - - *16th September 2012*

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A1(M) Motorway and connecting roads, in the County of Durham, is satisfied that traffic on that motorway and some of those connecting roads should be restricted and prohibited because bridge refurbishment and routine maintenance works are proposed to be executed thereon:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 14(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a) and regulation 16(2) of the Motorway Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(b), makes the following Order, makes the following Order: -

1. This Order may be cited as the A1(M) Motorway (Junction 60 to Junction 61) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) (No. 2) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 16th September 2012.

2. In this Order; –

“the A1(M)” means the A1(M) Motorway;

“the first length of carriageway” means the A1(M) northbound carriageway from a point 1400 metres north of the centreline of the northern overbridge at Junction 60 (Bradbury) northwards for a distance of 6100 metres;

“the second length of carriageway” means the A1(M) southbound carriageway from the centreline of the southern overbridge at Junction 61 (Bowburn) southwards for a distance of 5750 metres;

“the northbound carriageway” and “the southbound carriageway” mean, respectively, the A1(M) northbound and southbound carriageways from the centreline of Hope House underbridge to a point 580 metres north of the centreline of Cornforth Lane overbridge, a distance of 3950 metres;

“a slip road” means the A1(M) northbound entry slip road at Junction 60 and the southbound entry slip road at Junction 61;

“overall width” has the meaning given in regulation 3(2) of the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986(c);

“operating weight” shall be calculated as provided in Section 138 of the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984;

“the works period” means the period starting at 00:01 hours on Monday 17th September 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.

(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, as amended by S.I. 1983/374, 1984/1479, 1992/1364, 1995/158, 1996/3053, 2004/3168, 2004/3258 and 2006/594.
(c) S.I. 1986/1078, to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 4 and 7 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to be driven at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour in the first length of carriageway, the second length of carriageway or a slip road.

4. The provisions of articles 3, 5 and 6 shall apply only during such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

5. (1) During such times, as pursuant to article 4, movement of traffic is prohibited in one or more lanes of the northbound carriageway but is not prohibited in the southbound carriageway, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to:

- (a) enter or proceed in the offside lane of the southbound carriageway in any direction other than northwards,
- (b) overtake a moving vehicle in the southbound carriageway, or
- (c) make a u-turn in the southbound carriageway.

(2) During such times, as pursuant to article 4, movement of traffic is prohibited in one or more lanes of the southbound carriageway but is not prohibited in the northbound carriageway, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to:

- (a) enter or proceed in the offside lane of the northbound carriageway in any direction other than southwards,
- (b) overtake a moving vehicle in the northbound carriageway, or
- (c) make a u-turn in the northbound carriageway.

(3) When, pursuant to article 4, movement of traffic is prohibited in one or more lanes of a length of one carriageway but is not prohibited in the corresponding length of the other carriageway, the provision of this article with respect to that other carriageway shall apply to that length of that carriageway.

6. Subject as mentioned in articles 4 and 7 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the offsidemost lane of the northbound carriageway or the southbound carriageway:

- (i) with an overall width exceeding 6'6"; or
- (ii) with an operating weight exceeding 7.5 tonnes.

7. Nothing in articles 5(1) and (2), save paragraph (a) and 6 shall not apply to:

- (a) a vehicle being used for police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance purposes;
- (b) a vehicle being used for, or in connection with, the said works, or for winter maintenance or traffic officer purposes; or
- (c) anything done at the direction of, or with the permission of, a constable or traffic officer in uniform;

and nothing in article 3 shall apply to a vehicle being used for the purpose specified in paragraph (a) of this article.

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(a) when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations.

9. The provisions of regulations 5 and (in so far as it relates to a vehicle being driven) 9 of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(b) are suspended in relation to the hard shoulder adjacent to the northbound carriageway or the southbound carriageway as described in article 2 at such times and to such extent as may, from time to time, be indicated by traffic signs; and in this article "hard shoulder" has the meaning given in regulation 3(1)(e) of those Regulations.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

11th September 2012

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.

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