

2012 No. 2464

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M2 Motorway (Stiff Street and St Catherine's Farm)
(Temporary Restriction of Traffic) Order 2012**

Made - - - - - *24th September 2012*

Coming into force - - - - - *13th October 2012*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M2 Motorway, is satisfied that traffic should be restricted on lengths of that motorway 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) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a), hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M2 Motorway (Stiff Street and St Catherine's Farm) (Temporary Restriction of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 13th October 2012.

2. In this Order:

“the motorway” means the M2 Motorway in the County of Kent;

“the Regulations” means the regulation 16(2) of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(b);

“a length of motorway” means –

- (i) both carriageways of the motorway between points 500 metres southeast and 500 metres northwest of Stiff Street overbridge southeast of Junction 5 (A249), or
- (ii) both carriageways of the motorway between points 500 metres east and 500 metres west of St Catherine's Farm accommodation overbridge near Kingsdown east of Junction 5 (A249);

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

“works” mean concrete repairs, bridge maintenance and all associated work on the motorway; and

“a works period” means a period of 10 hours starting at 2000 hours on Monday 15th October 2012 or on any subsequent day until 12th April 2014.

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 4 and 5 below, no person shall, during a works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on a length of motorway or a hard shoulder.

(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, 1992/1364, 1995/158, 1996/3053, 2004/3168, 2004/3258 and 2006/594.

4. The provisions of article 3 above shall apply only at such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs and shall not apply to a vehicle being used for police, ambulance or fire and rescue authority purposes and 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.

5. During a works period, the provisions of regulations 5 and (insofar 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 shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

24th September 2012

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.