

2012 No. 2520

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M20 Motorway (Junctions 8 - 7) (Temporary Restriction
and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012**

Made - - - - *1st October 2012*
Coming into force - - *20th October 2012*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M20 Motorway and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic should be restricted and prohibited on lengths of that motorway and prohibited on some of those connecting roads 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 M20 Motorway (Junctions 8 - 7) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 20th October 2012.

2. In this Order:

“the motorway” means the M20 Motorway near Maidstone in the County of Kent;

“the length of carriageway” means the Londonbound carriageway of the motorway between the “off” slip road at Junction 8 and the “on” slip road at Junction 7;

“a slip road” means –

- (ii) the road leading to the Londonbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 8 (A20), or
- (i) the road leading from the Londonbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 7 (A249);

“works” mean resurfacing work on the motorway; and

“a works period” means a period of 8 hours starting at 2100 hours on Monday 22nd October 2012 or on any subsequent day until 19th April 2014.

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6 below, no person shall, during a works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the length of carriageway or a slip road.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6 below, no person shall, during a works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the length of carriageway.

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

(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.

6. Nothing in article 3 above shall apply to -

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

and nothing in article 4 above shall 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.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

1st October 2012

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^(a) S.I. 2011/935.