

2012 No. 2581

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M4 Motorway (Junctions 10 - 11) (Temporary Restriction
and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012**

Made - - - - *8th October 2012*

Coming into force - - *27th October 2012*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M4 Motorway, and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic should be restricted on a length 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 M4 Motorway (Junctions 10 – 11) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 27th October 2012.

2. In this Order:

“the motorway” means the M4 Motorway in the Borough of Reading and the District of Wokingham;

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

“a first length of carriageway” means both carriageways of the motorway between points 755 metres east of the A321 (Wokingham Road/Twyford Road) overbridge (at marker post 55/1) east of Junction 10 (A329(M)) and 40 metres east of Cutbush Lane overbridge (at marker post 62/8) east of Junction 11 (A33);

“a second length of carriageway” means both carriageway of the motorway between points 631 metres west of the A321 (Wokingham Road/Twyford Road) overbridge (at marker post 56/1) east of Junction 10 (A329(M)) and 400 metres west of the river Loddon underbridge (at marker post 61/8) east of Junction 11 (A33);

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

“recovery vehicle” has the meaning given in paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to the Vehicle Excise and Regulation Act 1994(c);

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

(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.
(c) 1994 c.22.
(d) S.I. 1986/1078; to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.

“abnormal load” means a vehicle having an overall width exceeding 9 feet 6 inches;

“a link road” means –

- (i) the road leading to the eastbound carriageway of the motorway from the southbound carriageway of the A329(M) at Junction 10,
- (ii) the road leading to the eastbound carriageway of the motorway from the northbound carriageway of the A329(M) at Junction 10,
- (iii) the road leading from the eastbound carriageway of the motorway to the northbound carriageway of the A329(M) at Junction 10,
- (iv) the road leading from the westbound carriageway of the motorway to the southbound carriageway of the A329(M) at Junction 10,
- (v) the road leading to the westbound carriageway of the motorway from the northbound carriageway of the A329(M) at Junction 10, or
- (vi) the road leading to the westbound carriageway of the motorway from the southbound carriageway of the A329(M) at Junction 10;

“works” mean central reserve barrier, carriageway repairs and all associated work on the motorway;

“a first works period” means a period of 24 hours starting at 0001 hours on Monday 29th October 2012 and ending on 26th April 2014;

"a second works period" means a period of 8 hours starting at 2200 hours on Monday 29th October 2012 and ending on 26th April 2014;

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 7, no person shall, during a second works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in a link road.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5, 7 and 8, no person shall, during a –

- (a) first works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on a first length of motorway, or
- (b) second works period drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on a hard shoulder.

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

6. Subject as mentioned in articles 5, 7 and 8, no person shall, during the first works period, cause or permit any vehicle with an overall width exceeding 6 feet 6 inches to enter or proceed in -

- (a) any lane in a carriageway or length of carriageway, where one or more lanes in that carriageway or length and the hard shoulder adjacent to that carriageway or length are open for use by traffic; or
- (b) any lane other than the nearside lane of two or more lanes in a carriageway or length of carriageway, where only those lanes are open for use by traffic;

and in this article a reference to a carriageway is a reference to a carriageway in a second length of carriageway.

7. (1) Nothing in article 5 shall apply to -

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

- (e) any vehicle being used for incident management purposes; or
- (f) an abnormal load.

(2) Nothing in article 3 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.

8. During the 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

8th October 2012

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.