

**2012 No. 270**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The M4 Motorway (Junction 8/9 – West of Junction 7)  
(Temporary Restriction of Traffic) Order 2012**

*Made* - - - - *30th January 2012*

*Coming into force* - - *18th February 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 lengths of that motorway and on one 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) and (7) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a), hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M4 Motorway (Junction 8/9 – West of Junction 7) (Temporary Restriction of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 18th February 2012.

2. In this Order:

“the motorway” means the M4 Motorway in the County of Buckinghamshire and the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead;

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

“a first length of carriageway” means –

- (i) the westbound carriageway of the motorway between Marsh Lane overbridge west of Junction 7 (A4) and Ascot Road (A330) overbridge east of Junction 8/9 (A308(M)/A404(M)), or
- (ii) the eastbound carriageway of the motorway between Holyport Interchange western overbridge at Junction 8/9 (A308(M)/A404(M)) and The Cut underbridge east of Junction 8/9 (A308(M)/A404(M));

“a second length of carriageway” means both carriageways of the motorway between points 500 metres east and 500 metres west of Windsor Road (A308) underbridge east of Junction 8/9 (A308(M)/A404(M));

“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);

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(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, 2004/3258.  
(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;

“the slip road” means the road leading to the eastbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 8/9 (A308(M)/A404(M));

“works” mean bridge joint replacement work on the motorway;

“the works period” means the period starting on Monday 20th February 2012 and ending on 17th August 2013;

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 4, 6 and 7, no person shall, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on a first length of carriageway, the slip road or a hard shoulder.

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

**5.** Subject as mentioned in articles 4, 6 and 7, no person shall, during the 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.

**6.** (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; or
- (e) 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.

**7.** 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

30th January 2012

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.