

2014 No. 246

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M4 Motorway (Junction 18) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2014

Made - - - - *4th February 2014*

Coming into force - - *8th February 2014*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M4 Motorway (“the M4”) and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic on a length of that road and two of those connecting roads at Junction 18 in South Gloucestershire should be restricted and prohibited 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) and regulation 16(2) of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(b), hereby makes the following Order:

1. This Order may be cited as the M4 Motorway (Junction 18) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2014 and shall come into force on 8th February 2014.

2. In this Order –

“the M4” means the westbound carriageway of the M4 from a point 1500 metres west of the centre of the B4039 Acton Turville Overbridge (east of Junction 18) to the tip of the nosing of the westbound entry slip road at Junction 18;

“the slip roads” mean (i) the westbound exit slip road at M4 Junction 18; and (ii) the westbound entry slip road at M4 Junction 18;

“tip of the nosing” means the first point where an entry slip road joins the carriageway of a trunk road;

“the hard shoulder” means the hard shoulder within the meaning of regulation 3(1)(e) of the Regulations which is adjacent to the M4;

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

“the works” mean resurfacing, white lining, stud replacement and loop cutting works;

“a works period” means a period of 9 hours starting at 21.00 hours on Monday 10th February 2014 or on any subsequent day and ending when the said works have been completed;

and a reference to an article followed by a number is a reference to an article in this Order which bears that number.

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 4, 5 and 7, no person shall, during a works period:

(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.

- (a) drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the M4;
- (b) cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the slip roads.

4. The provisions of article 3 shall apply only during such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs and shall not apply to:

- (a) a vehicle being used for police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance purposes; or
- (b) anything done at the direction of, or with the permission of, a constable.

5. The provisions of article 3(b) shall not apply to a vehicle being used in connection with the said works, for traffic officer purposes or for winter maintenance purposes.

6. During a works period, regulation 5 and (insofar as it relates to a vehicle being driven) regulation 9 of the Regulations are hereby suspended, in respect of the hard shoulder, at such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

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

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

4th February 2014

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