

2015 No. 713

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M4 Motorway (Junctions 15-16) (Temporary Restriction
and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2015**

Made - - - - 28th January 2015

Coming into force - - 31st January 2015

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 lengths of that road and some of those connecting roads between Junctions 15 and 16 in the Borough of Swindon and in Wiltshire 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 (Junctions 15-16) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2015 and shall come into force on 31st January 2015.

2. In this Order –

“the first length of the M4” means (i) the westbound carriageway of the M4 from the tip of the nosing of the westbound exit slip road at Junction 15 to the tip of the nosing of the westbound exit slip road at Junction 16; and (ii) the eastbound carriageway of the M4 from the tip of the nosing of the eastbound entry slip road at Junction 16 to the tip of the nosing of the eastbound entry slip road at Junction 15;

“the second length of the M4” means (i) the westbound carriageway of the M4 at Junction 15 between the tip of the nosing of the westbound exit slip road and the tip of the nosing of the westbound entry slip road; and (ii) the eastbound carriageway of the M4 at Junction 15 between the tip of the nosing of the eastbound exit slip road and the tip of the nosing of the eastbound entry slip road;

“the first slip roads” mean the eastbound and westbound exit and entry slip roads at M4 Junction 15;

“the second slip roads” mean (i) the westbound entry slip road at M4 Junction 15; and (ii) the eastbound exit slip road at M4 Junction 15;

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

“tip of the nosing” means the first point where an entry slip road joins the carriageway of a motorway or the last point where an exit slip road leaves the carriageway of a motorway;

(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.

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

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

“a works period” means a period of 10 hours starting at 20.00 hours on Monday 2nd February 2015 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) drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the first length of the M4 and the first slip roads;
 - (b) cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed on the second length of the M4 and the second 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

28th January 2015

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