

**2011 No. 143**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The M1 Motorway (Junctions 15a – 16) (Temporary Restriction  
and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2011**

*Made* - - - - 17 January 2011  
*Coming into force* - - 24 January 2011

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M1 Motorway (“the M1”) and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic on a length of that motorway and some of those connecting roads in the County of Northamptonshire 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) and (7) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a), and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M1 Motorway (Junctions 15a - 16) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2011 and shall come into force on 24 January 2011.

2. In this Order –

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| "the first length of motorway"  | means the northbound carriageway of the M1 from its junction with the exit slip road at Junction 15a to its junction with the entry slip road at Junction 16; |
| "the second length of motorway" | means the northbound carriageway of the M1 from a point 5 kilometres north of Junction 15a to the centre point of Junction 16;                                |
| "the first slip road"           | means the slip road leading from the northbound carriageway of the M1 at Junction 16;   |
| "the second slip road"          | means the slip road leading to the northbound carriageway of the M1 at Junction 15a;  |
| "the Regulations"               | means the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(b);  |

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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.

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| “a hard shoulder”  | means the hard shoulder, within the meaning of Regulation 3(1)(e) of the Regulations, which is adjacent to the motorway; |
| "the works period" | means the period starting at 20:00 hours on Monday 31 January 2011 and ending when the said works have been completed;   |

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 6, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the first length of motorway, the first slip road or the second slip road.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6, no person shall, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour in the second length of motorway or the first slip road.

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

6. The provisions of articles 3 and 4 shall not apply to any vehicle –

(a) being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes; or

(b) proceeding at the direction of, or with the permission of, a police constable;

and nothing in article 3 shall apply to any vehicle being used for or in connection with the said works or by a traffic officer in uniform.

7. During the works period, regulations 5 and (in so far 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 may from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

17 January 2011

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