

2014 No. 3454

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M4 Motorway and the A34 Trunk Road (M4 Junctions 12 - 14) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2014

Made - - - - *15th December 2014*

Coming into force - - - *3rd January 2015*

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 and prohibited on lengths of that road and 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) 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 and the A34 Trunk Road (M4 Junctions 12 - 14) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2014 and shall come into force on 3rd January 2015.

2. In this Order:

“the motorway” means the M4 Motorway in the County of Berkshire;

“the trunk road” means the A34 Trunk Road in the County of Berkshire;

“the first length of carriageway” means both the eastbound and westbound carriageways of the motorway from the centre of Oareborough Overbridge (Oareborough Lane) to the centre of Poughley Overbridge;

“the second length of carriageway” means the westbound carriageway of the motorway from the tip of the nosing of the ‘off’ slip road at Junction 12 (A4) to the tip of the nosing of the ‘on’ slip road at Junction 14 (A338);

“the third length of carriageway” means the eastbound carriageway of the motorway from the tip of the nosing of the ‘off’ slip road at Junction 14 (A338) to the tip of the nosing of the ‘on’ slip road at Junction 12 (A4);

“the fourth length of carriageway” means both the eastbound and westbound carriageways of the motorway between the centre of Westbrook Farm Overbridge and a point 400 metres west of the Tullock Farm Overbridge;

“the fifth length of carriageway means both the eastbound and westbound carriageways of the motorway between points 100 metres west of the centre of Priors Court overbridge and 1100 metres west of the centre of Winterbourne Underbridge (B4494);

(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.

“a section of roundabout” means –

- (i) the western section of the motorway Junction 13 roundabout between the tip of the nosing of the slip road leading to westbound carriageway of the motorway and the tip of the nosing of the slip road leading from the eastbound carriageway of the motorway , or
- (ii) the eastern section of the motorway Junction 13 roundabout between the tip of the nosing of the slip road leading to the eastbound carriageway of the motorway and the tip of the nosing of the slip road leading from the west bound carriageway of the motorway;

“a link road” means –

- (i) the road leading from Priors Court Road to the southbound ‘off’ slip road of the trunk road, or
- (ii) the road leading from Hilton Newbury North Hotel roundabout to the ‘off’ slip road leading from the northbound carriageway of the trunk road;

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

“a 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 carriageway;

“a slip road” means –

- (i) any road leading to or from the second length of carriageway or the third length of carriageway, or
- (ii) the roads leading from the southbound and northbound carriageways of the trunk road to Junction 13 roundabout of the motorway;

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

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

“a heavy goods vehicle” means a goods vehicle which has an operating weight exceeding 7.5 tonnes;

“abnormal load” means a vehicle having an overall width exceeding 3.0 metres;

“works” means bridge works including replacement and maintenance of joints, decks, deck/beams, waterproofing, barrier works; carriageway resurfacing, remarking, reinstallation of studs and loops; drainage works including replacement of drains, pipes, connections, cleaning and all associated carriageway work; and

“a first works period” means a period of 24 hours starting at 0001 hours on Monday 5th January 2015 or on any subsequent day until 2nd July 2016;

“a second works period” means a period of 9 hours starting at 2100 hours on Monday 5th January 2015 or on any subsequent day until 2nd July 2016.

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 5, 6 and 7 below, no person shall, during a first works period –

- (a) drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the first length of carriageway or hard shoulder.
- (b) cause or permit –
 - (i) a heavy goods vehicle or a vehicle with an overall width exceeding 2.95 metres to enter or proceed in the outside lane,

(a) 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.

(b) S.I. 1986/1078; to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order.

(c) 1994 c.22.

- (ii) a heavy goods vehicle or a vehicle with an overall width exceeding 2.5 metres to enter or proceed in the middle lane, or
- (iii) a vehicle with an overall width exceeding 3 metres to enter or proceed in the inside lane;

on the first length of carriageway, where only those lanes are open for use by traffic;

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5, 6 and 7 below, no person shall during a second works period cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the second length of carriageway, the third length of carriageway, a section of roundabout, a link road and a slip road,.

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

6. (1) During such times as, pursuant to article 5, movement of traffic is prohibited in one or more lanes of the westbound carriageway of the fourth length of carriageway or the fifth length of carriageway but is not prohibited in any lane of the eastbound carriageway, no person shall cause or permit any –

- (a) vehicle to enter or proceed in the eastbound carriageway other than in such direction that specified signs are at all times on the right hand or offside of the vehicle; or
- (b) vehicle having an overall width exceeding 2.0 metres to enter or proceed in the eastbound carriageway.

(2) During such times as, pursuant to article 5, movement of traffic is prohibited in one or more lanes of the eastbound carriageway of the fourth length of carriageway or the fifth length of carriageway but is not prohibited in any lane of the westbound carriageway, no person shall cause or permit any –

- (a) vehicle to enter or proceed in the westbound carriageway other than in such direction that specified signs are at all times on the right hand or offside of the vehicle; or
- (b) vehicle having an overall width exceeding 2.0 metres to enter or proceed in the westbound carriageway.

(3) When pursuant to article 5, movement of traffic is prohibited in one or more lanes in a length of one carriageway but is not prohibited in any lane of the corresponding length of the other carriageway; the provisions of this article with respect to the other carriageway shall apply to that length of that carriageway.

7. (1) Nothing in article 4 above shall apply to -

- (a) a recovery vehicle or vehicle being used in connection with the said works;
- (b) a vehicle being used for police, ambulance, fire and rescue authority or traffic officer purposes;
- (c) anything done at the direction of, or with the permission of, a constable or traffic officer in uniform; or
- (d) any vehicle being used for winter maintenance purposes.
- (e) Nothing in article 3(b) shall apply to an abnormal load.

(2) Nothing in article 3 above 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.

(a) S.I.2011/935

8. During a 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

15th December 2014

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