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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2009 No. 1631**

**ROAD TRAFFIC  
SPECIAL ROADS**

**The M57 Motorway Junction 7 (Switch  
Island) (Speed Limits) Regulations 2009**

<i>Made</i>	- - - -	<i>30th June 2009</i>
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>		<i>6th July 2009</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	- -	<i>29th July 2009</i>

The Secretary of State for Transport makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 17(2) and (3) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(1).

Representative organisations have been consulted in accordance with section 134(2)(2) of that Act.

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the M57 Motorway Junction 7 (Switch Island) (Speed Limits) Regulations 2009 and come into force on 29th July 2009.

**Interpretation**

2. In these Regulations—

“M57 Motorway” means the M57 Motorway junction 7 at Switch Island in the District of Sefton, in Merseyside;

“motorway” and “carriageway” have the same meanings as in the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(3);

“the slip road” means the exit slip road from the westbound carriageway to the A59 at Switch Island, from a point 42 metres east of where the A59 meets the slip road to the point where those roads meet;

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- (1) 1984 c.27; section 17 was amended by the *New Roads and Street Works Act 1991* (“the 1991 Act”) (c.22), section 168 and Schedule 8, Part II, paragraph 28 and by the *Road Traffic Act 1991* (c.40), Schedule 4, paragraph 25 and Schedule 8. There are other amendments to section 17 which are not relevant to these Regulations.
- (2) Section 134(2) was amended by the 1991 Act, section 168(1), Schedule 8, Part II, paragraph 77.
- (3) *S.I. 1982/1163*, as amended by *S.I. 1984/1479*, *1992/1364* and *2004/3258*. There are other amendments which are not relevant to these Regulations.

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“Switch Island” means the circulatory system which forms the junction at the western end of the M57 Motorway, where that motorway joins the A59 and the A5036; and

“the westbound carriageway” means the westbound carriageway of the M57 Motorway, from a point 538 metres east of where the A59 at Switch Island meets the slip road to a point 42 metres east of where those roads meet.

### **Speed limits**

3.—(1) No person shall drive a vehicle on any part of the westbound carriageway at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour.

(2) No person shall drive a vehicle on any part of the slip road at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

30th June 2009

*C. D. Mole*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
Department for Transport

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations, which replace a succession of temporary speed limit orders, impose permanent speed limits of 50 miles per hour on a section of the westbound carriageway of the M57 Motorway at Junction 7 and 40 miles per hour on the exit slip road connecting the westbound carriageway of the M57 Motorway to the A59 at Switch Island.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as it has no significant effect on business, charities, voluntary bodies or the public sector. An explanatory memorandum has been prepared and is available alongside the instrument on the OPSI website, [www.opsi.gov.uk](http://www.opsi.gov.uk).