

2010 No. 1295

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M48 Motorway (Junctions 1 - 2) (Severn Bridge)
(Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2010**

Made - - - - - *6 April 2010*

Coming into force - - - - - *9 April 2010*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport and the First Secretary of State, being the traffic authority for the M48 Motorway (“the M48”) and connecting roads, are satisfied that traffic on a length of that road and two connecting roads in South Gloucestershire, the County of Gloucestershire and Monmouthshire should be prohibited because works are proposed to be executed thereon:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Secretaries of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 14(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a), hereby make the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M48 Motorway (Junctions 1 - 2) (Severn Bridge) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2010 and shall come into force on 9 April 2010.

2. In this Order –

“the M48” means (i) the westbound carriageway of the M48 from the tip of the nosing of the westbound exit slip road at Junction 1 (Aust), to the tip of the nosing of the westbound entry slip road at M48 Junction 2 (Newhouse); and/or (ii) the eastbound carriageway of the M48 from the tip of the nosing of the eastbound exit slip road at M48 Junction 2 to the tip of the nosing of the eastbound entry slip road at M48 Junction 1;

“the slip roads” mean (i) the westbound entry slip road at M48 Junction 1; and/or (ii) the eastbound entry slip road at M48 Junction 2;

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

“the works” mean works relating to the internal inspection of the main bridge cables;

“a works period” means a period of 36 hours starting at 07.00 hours on Saturday 10 April 2010 or any subsequent Saturday 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 article 4, no person shall, during a works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the M48 and the slip roads.

(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.

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, traffic officer, fire and rescue authority or ambulance purposes;
- (b) anything done at the direction of, or with the permission of, a police officer or traffic officer in uniform.
- (c) a vehicle being used in connection with the said works.

Signed by authority of the Secretaries of State

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