2012 No. 91

ROAD TRAFFIC

The A1(M) Motorway (Junctions 2 – 6) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012

Made - - - - 9th January 2012

Coming into force - - 28th January 2012

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A1(M) Motorway and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic should be restricted and prohibited on lengths of that motorway 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 A1(M) Motorway (Junctions 2 - 6) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 28th January 2012.

2. In this Order:

"the motorway" means the A1(M) Motorway in the County of Hertfordshire;

"the length of motorway" means both carriageways of the motorway between a point 830 metres south of the overbridge at Junction 2 (A1001) at marker post 28/6 and the underbridge at Junction 6 (A1000) at marker post 40/7;

"the Regulations" means the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(b);

"a hard shoulder" means the hard shoulder, within the meaning of regulation 3(1)(e) of the Regulations, which is adjacent to the length of motorway or the carriageway of a slip road;

"overall width" has the meaning given in regulation 3(2) of the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations $1986(\mathbf{c})$;

"recovery vehicle" has the meaning given in paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994(**d**);

"abnormal load" means a vehicle having an overall width exceeding 4.0 metres;

"the northbound carriageway" and "the southbound carriageway" mean, respectively, the northbound carriageway and the southbound carriageway of the length of 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; amended by S.I. 1983/374, 1984/1479, 1992/1364, 1995/158, 2004/3258.

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

⁽d) 1994 c.22.

"the first length of southbound carriageway" means the southbound carriageway of the motorway between Junction 6 (A1000) and Junction 2 (A1001);

"the second length of southbound carriageway" means the southbound carriageway of the motorway between Junction 6 (A1000) and Junction 4 (A1001/A414);

"the first length of northbound carriageway" means the northbound carriageway of the motorway between Junction 2 (A1001) and Junction 6 (A1000);

"the second length of northbound carriageway" means the northbound carriageway of the motorway between Junction 2 (A1001) and Junction 3 (A1001/A414);

"a slip road means -

- (i) the road leading to the southbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 6 (A1000),
- (ii) any road leading to or from the southbound carriageway or to or from the northbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 4 (A1001/A414),
- (iii) the road leading from the southbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 3 (A1001/A414),
- (iv) any road leading to or from the northbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 3 (A1001/A414), or
- (v) the road leading to the northbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 5 (B197);

"works" mean technology upgrades and the installation of a concrete central reserve barrier on the motorway;

"a first works period" means a period of 24 hours starting at 0001 hours on Wednesday 1st February 2012 or on any subsequent day until 27th July 2013;

"a second works period" means a period of -

- (i) 7½ hours starting at 2200 hours on Wednesday 1st February 2012 or on any subsequent day other than a Friday, Saturday or Sunday,
- (ii) 7 hours starting at 2300 hours on Friday 3rd February 2012 or on any subsequent Friday,
- (iii) 8 hours starting at 2200 hours on Saturday 4th February 2012 or on any subsequent Saturday, or
- (iv) 7 hours starting at 2230 hours on Sunday 5th February 2012 or on any subsequent Sunday,

until 27th July 2013;

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 7, no person shall, during -
 - (a) a first works period, cause or permit an abnormal load to enter or proceed in the length of motorway or a slip road; or
 - (b) a second works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the first length of southbound carriageway, the second length of southbound carriageway, the first length of northbound carriageway, the second length of northbound carriageway or a slip road.
- **4.** Subject as mentioned in articles 5, 7 and 8, no person shall, during a first works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the length of motorway, a hard shoulder or a slip road.
- **5.** The provisions of articles 3, 4 and 6 shall apply only at such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

- **6.** Subject as mentioned in articles 5, 7 and 8, no person shall, during a first works period, cause or permit any vehicle with an overall width exceeding 6 feet 6 inches to enter or proceed in
 - (a) any lane in a carriageway or length of carriageway, where one or more lanes in that carriageway or length and the hard shoulder adjacent to that carriageway or length are open for use by traffic; or
 - (b) any lane other than the nearside lane of two or more lanes in a carriageway or length of carriageway, where only those lanes are open for use by traffic;

and in this article a reference to a carriageway is a reference to the northbound carriageway or the southbound carriageway.

- 7. (1) Nothing in articles 3 or 6 shall apply to
 - (a) a recovery vehicle or a 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.
- (2) Nothing in article 4 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.
- **8.** During a first 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

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