

2014 No. 1689

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M1 and M45 Motorways (M1 Junctions 15a to 18)
(Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order
2014**

Made - - - -

6th June 2014

Coming into force - -

13th June 2014

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M1 Motorway (“the M1”) and the M45 Motorway (“the M45”) and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic on lengths of that motorway and some of those connecting roads, in the Counties of Northamptonshire and Warwickshire, 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 15(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a) and regulation 16(2) of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(b), hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M1 and M45 Motorways (Junctions 15a to 18) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2014 and shall come into force on Friday 13th June 2014.

2. In this Order:

“Thurlaston Interchange” means the circulatory carriageway at the roundabout junction of the M45, A45 Coventry Road and B4429 Coventry Road;

“the first length of motorway” means the northbound carriageway of the M1 from a point 2000 metres south of the centrepoint of Junction 16, to its junction with the entry slip road at Junction 18;

“the second length of motorway” means the southbound carriageway of the M1 from its junction with the entry slip road at Junction 18, to a point 1000 metres south of the centrepoint of Junction 16;

(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, as amended by S. I. 1983/374, 1984/1479, 1992/1364, 1995/158, 1996/3053, 2004/3168, 2004/3258 and 2006/594.

“the third length of motorway”	means the westbound carriageway of the M45 from its junction with the northbound carriageway of the M1 at Junction 17 for a distance of 1000 metres;
“the fourth length of motorway”	means the eastbound carriageway of the M45 from a point 1000 metres west of its junction with the southbound carriageway of the M1 at Junction 17 to that Junction;
“the fifth length of motorway”	means the northbound carriageway of the M1 from its junction with the exit slip road at Junction 16, to its junction with the entry slip road at Junction 18;
“the sixth length of motorway”	means the southbound carriageway of the M1 from its junction with the exit slip road at Junction 18, to its junction with the entry slip road at Junction 15a;
“the seventh length of motorway”	means the eastbound carriageway of the M45 from its roundabout junction with Thurlaston Interchange, to its junction with the southbound carriageway of the M1 at Junction 17;
“the eighth length of motorway”	means the westbound carriageway of the M45 from its junction with the northbound carriageway of the M1 at Junction 17, to its roundabout junction with Thurlaston Interchange;
“the first slip road”	means the slip roads leading to and from the southbound carriageway of the M1 at Watford Gap motorway service area;
“the second slip road”	means the slip roads leading to and from the southbound carriageway of the M1 at Junction 16;
“the third slip road”	means the slip roads leading to and from the southbound carriageway of the M1 at Junction 18;
“the fourth slip road”	means the slip roads leading to and from the northbound carriageway of the M1 at Junction 16;
“the fifth slip road”	means the slip roads leading to and from the northbound carriageway of the M1 at Watford Gap motorway service area;
“the sixth slip road”	means the slip road leading from the northbound carriageway of the M1 at Junction 18;
“the Regulations”	means the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982;
“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 motorway, the second length of motorway, the third length of motorway, or the fourth length of motorway;

“overall width”	has the same meaning given in regulation 3(2) of the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986(a);
“operating weight”	shall be calculated as provided in section 138 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984;
“the works period”	means the period starting at 00:01 hours on Sunday 15th June 2014 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 7 and 8, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to be driven at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the first length of motorway, the second length of motorway, the third length of motorway, the fourth length of motorway, the first slip road, the second slip road, the third slip road, the fourth slip road, the fifth slip road, or the sixth slip road.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 7 and 8, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed on the fifth length of motorway, the sixth length of motorway, the seventh length of motorway, the eighth length of motorway, the first slip road, the second slip road, the third slip road, the fourth slip road, the fifth slip road, or the sixth slip road.

5. Subject as mentioned in articles 7 and 8, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle with an overall width exceeding 2 metres to enter or proceed in the first length of motorway, the second length of motorway, the third length of motorway, or the fourth length of motorway.

6. Subject as mentioned in articles 7 and 8, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle which has an operating weight exceeding 7.5 tonnes to enter or proceed in the first length of motorway, the second length of motorway, the third length of motorway, or the fourth length of motorway;.

7. The provisions of articles 3, 4, 5 and 6 shall apply only during such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

8. The provisions of –

(a) articles 3, 4, 5 and 6 shall not apply to any vehicle –

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

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

(b) article 3 shall not apply to any vehicle being used for special forces purposes; and

(c) articles 4, 5 and 6 shall not apply to any vehicle being used in connection with the said works, or by a traffic officer in uniform.

9. During the works period, regulations 5 and (in so far as it relates to a vehicle being driven) 9 of the Regulations, in respect of a hard shoulder, are hereby suspended at such times and to such extent as may from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

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

10. The Secretary of State is satisfied that the execution of the said works will take longer than a period of eighteen months starting on the date when this Order comes into force.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

6th June 2014

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