

2012 No. 3273

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M49 Motorway (Temporary Restriction of Traffic) Order
2012**

Made - - - - - *21st December 2012*

Coming into force - - - - - *31st December 2012*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M49 Motorway (“the M49”), is satisfied that traffic on a length of that road in South Gloucestershire should be restricted 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) 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 M49 Motorway (Temporary Restriction of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 31st December 2012.

2. In this Order –

“the M49” means both carriageways of the M49 from a point at the centre of the Farm Lane Overbridge to the southern edge of the M4 Junction 22 interchange roundabout;

“the hard shoulder” means the hard shoulder within the meaning of regulation 3(1)(e) of the Regulations which is adjacent to the M49;

“the Regulations” means the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(c);

“the works” mean the renewal of carriageway joints;

“a works period” means a period of ten hours starting at 20.00 hours on Thursday 3rd January 2013 or on any subsequent day and ending when the said works have been completed;

and a reference to an article followed by a number is a reference to an article in this Order which bears that number.

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 4 and 6, no person shall, during a works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the M49.

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, fire and rescue authority or ambulance purposes; or

(b) anything done at the direction of, or with the permission of, a constable.

(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.

(c) S.I. 1982/1163, amended by S.I. 1983/374, 1984/1479 and 1992/1364.

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

6. No speed limit imposed by this order applies to vehicles falling within regulation 3(4) of the Road Traffic Exemptions (Special Forces) (Variation and Amendment) Regulations 2011 when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

21st December 2012

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