

2012 No. 94

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M2 Motorway (Junctions 4 - 5) (Temporary Restriction 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 M2 Motorway and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic should be restricted on a length of that motorway and on one 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 M2 Motorway (Junctions 4 - 5) (Temporary Restriction of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 28th January 2012.

2. In this Order:

“the motorway” means the M2 Motorway in Medway and the County of Kent;

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

“a length of carriageway” means both carriageways of the motorway between points 300 metres west of Maidstone Road overbridge (at marker post 58/0) at Junction 4 (A278) and 100 metres west of Bull Lane overbridge (at marker post 63/0) west of Junction 5 (A249);

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

“the slip road” means the road leading to the eastbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 4 (A278);

“works” mean bridge maintenance work on the motorway; and

“a works period” means a period of 10 hours starting at 2000 hours on Monday 30th January 2012 or on any subsequent day until 27th July 2013.

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 4 and 5 below, no person shall, during a works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on a length of carriageway, the slip road or a hard shoulder.

4. The provisions of article 3 above shall apply only at such times and to such extent as shall from time to time be indicated by traffic signs, and shall not apply to a vehicle being used for

(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.

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.

5. During a 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

9th January 2012

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.