

**2023 No. 261**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The M9/A9 Trunk Roads (Brora, Scrabster and Thurso)  
(Temporary 20mph Speed Restriction) Order 2023**

*Made* - - - - *13th September 2023*

*Coming into force* - - *25th September 2023*

The Scottish Ministers make the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 2(1), 4(1) and 14(1)(b) and (4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a) and all other powers enabling them to do so.

In accordance with section 14(1)(b) of that Act, they are satisfied that the traffic on the length of road specified in the schedule should be restricted because of the likelihood of danger to the public, or of serious damage to the road, which is not attributable to works.

In accordance with section 14(3) of that Act, they have had regard to the existence of alternative routes suitable for the traffic which will be affected by this Order.

**Citation, commencement and cessation**

1. This Order may be cited as the M9/A9 Trunk Roads (Brora, Scrabster and Thurso) (Temporary 20mph Speed Restriction) Order 2023, comes into force on 25 September 2023 and ceases to have effect on 25 March 2025.

**Speed restriction**

2. No person may use, or permit the use of, any vehicle on the lengths of road, or a part or parts of the lengths of road, specified in the schedule at a speed exceeding 20 miles per hour when a restriction is identified as applying to those lengths of road, or a part or parts of those lengths of road, by means of a traffic sign of the type described in item 1 (diagram 670 – maximum speed limit in mph) of the sign table in Part 2 of schedule 10 of the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016(b).

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(a) 1984 c. 27; section 2(1) and (2) were amended by the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (c. 22) (“the 1991 Act”), schedule 8, paragraph 18, and section 14 was substituted by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991 (c. 26), schedule 1. The Scottish Ministers are the traffic authority by virtue of section 121A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (inserted by the 1991 Act, schedule 8, paragraph 70 and amended by S.I. 2001/1400) as read with section 151(1) of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 (c. 54) (relevantly amended by S.I. 2001/1400). The functions of the Secretary of State were transferred to the Scottish Ministers by section 53 of the Scotland Act 1998 (c. 46).

(b) S.I. 2016/362.

### **Exemptions**

**3.** No speed restriction imposed by this Order applies to—

- (a) vehicles falling within regulation 3(4) of the Road Traffic Exemptions (Special Forces) (Variation and Amendment) Regulations 2011<sup>(a)</sup> when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations, or
- (b) vehicles being used in an emergency for coastguard purposes.

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George House,  
Glasgow  
13th September 2023

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<sup>(a)</sup> S.I. 2011/935.

## SCHEDULE

Article 2

### SPECIFIED LENGTHS OF ROAD

- 1.** That length of the M9/A9 Edinburgh – Stirling – Thurso Trunk Road at Brora from a point 18 metres north of the centre line of its junction with the C1095 Clyne – Achrimsdale Road to a point 115 metres south west of the centre line of its junction with the U2894 Dudgeon Park Road, a distance of 1.37 kilometres or thereby.
- 2.** That length of the M9/A9 Edinburgh – Stirling – Thurso Trunk Road at Scrabster from a point 142 metres south west of the centre line of its junction with the access to the oil terminal to a point 276 metres north east of the centre line of its junction to the access to the oil terminal, a distance of 418 metres or thereby.
- 3.** That length of the M9/A9 Edinburgh – Stirling – Thurso Trunk Road at Thurso from a point 10 metres south east of the centre line of its junction with the C1081 Janet Street to a point 10 metres north west of the centre line of its junction with the C1077 Durness Street, a distance of 645 metres or thereby.