

2012 No. 174

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M5 Motorway (Junctions 19-21) (Temporary Restriction
and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012**

Made - - - - - *18th January 2012*

Coming into force - - - - - *21st January 2012*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M5 Motorway (“the M5”) and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic on lengths of that road and some of those connecting roads in North Somerset and the County of Somerset 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 (7) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a), hereby makes the following Order:

1. This Order may be cited as the M5 Motorway (Junctions 19-21) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 21st January 2012.

2. In this Order –

“the first length of the M5” means the southbound carriageway of the M5 between Junctions 19 and 20 from a point at the centre of the Wood Lane Overbridge to a point 1200 metres north of the centre of the Tickenham Road Overbridge;

“the second length of the M5” means the northbound carriageway of the M5 from the tip of the nosing of the northbound entry slip road at Junction 21 to a point at the centre of the Lampley Road Overbridge (north of Junction 21);

“the slip road” means the northbound entry slip road at M5 Junction 21;

“the 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 the M5 and the second length of the M5;

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

“the works” mean resurfacing works;

“a works period” means a period of 8 hours starting at 21.00 hours on Monday 23rd January 2012 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.

(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 and 1992 / 1364;

3. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 7, no person shall, during a works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the first length of the M5 or the second length of the M5.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6, no person shall, during a works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the slip road.

5. The provisions of articles 3 and 4 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.

6. The provisions of article 4 shall not apply to a vehicle being used in connection with the said works, for winter maintenance purposes or for traffic officer purposes.

7. During a 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.

8. 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

18th January 2012

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