

2012 No. 3108

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The A1(M) Motorway (Junction 61 to Junction 63) (Temporary
Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012**

Made - - - - - *22nd November 2012*

Coming into force - - - - - *2nd December 2012*

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the A1(M) Motorway, the A194(M) Motorway and connecting roads, in the County of Durham, is satisfied that traffic on those motorways and some of those connecting roads should be restricted and prohibited because carriageway repair 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 Motorway Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(b), makes the following Order, makes the following Order: -

1. This Order may be cited as the A1(M) Motorway (Junction 61 to Junction 63) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 2nd December 2012.

2. In this Order; –

“the A1(M)” means the A1(M) Motorway;

“the first length of carriageway” means the A1(M) northbound carriageway from a point 2220 metres south of the centreline of the southern overbridge at Junction 61 (Bowburn) northwards for a distance of 20,735 metres;

“the second length of carriageway” means the A1(M) southbound carriageway from a point 110 metres south of the centreline of the A194(M) Motorway northbound carriageway overbridge at Junction 65 (Birtley) southwards for a distance of 21,645 metres;

“the third length of carriageway” means the A194(M) Motorway southbound carriageway from a point 500 metres south of the centreline of the A1231 overbridge southwards for a distance of 230 metres;

“the northbound carriageway” means the A1(M) northbound carriageway from the nose of the northbound exit slip road at Junction 61 (Bowburn) to the nose of the northbound entry slip road at Junction 63 (Blind Lane), a distance of 17,400 metres;

“a slip road” means any of the following A1(M) slip roads:

- (i) the northbound entry slip road at Junction 61;
- (ii) the northbound exit and entry slip roads at Junction 62 (Carville);
- (iii) the northbound exit slip road at Junction 63; and
- (iv) the southbound entry slip road at Washington Services;

(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 works period” means a period of 10 hours starting at 20:00 hours on Monday 3rd December 2012 or any subsequent night thereafter until 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 5 and 7 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to be driven at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour or 30 miles per hour in the first length of carriageway, the second length of carriageway or the third length of carriageway.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 7 no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in northbound carriageway or a slip road.

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

6. (1) During such times, as pursuant to article 5, movement of traffic is prohibited in one or more lanes of the northbound carriageway but is not prohibited in the southbound carriageway, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to:

- (a) enter or proceed in the offside lane of the southbound carriageway in any direction other than northwards,
- (b) overtake a moving vehicle in the southbound carriageway, or
- (c) make a u-turn in the southbound carriageway.

(2) When, pursuant to article 5, movement of traffic is prohibited in one or more lanes of a length of one carriageway but is not prohibited in the corresponding length of the other carriageway, the provision of this article with respect to that other carriageway shall apply to that length of that carriageway.

7. Nothing in articles 4 and 6 shall apply to:

- (a) a vehicle being used for police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance purposes;
- (b) a vehicle being used for, or in connection with, the said works, or for winter maintenance or traffic officer purposes; or
- (c) anything done at the direction of, or with the permission of, a constable or traffic officer in uniform;

and nothing in article 3 shall apply to a vehicle being used for the purpose specified in paragraph (a) of this article.

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(a) when used in accordance with regulation 3(5) of those Regulations.

9. The provisions of regulations 5 and (in so far as it relates to a vehicle being driven) 9 of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(b) are suspended in relation to the hard shoulder adjacent to the northbound carriageway as described in article 2 at such times and to such extent as may, from time to time, be indicated by traffic signs; and in this article “hard shoulder” has the meaning given in regulation 3(1)(e) of those Regulations.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

22nd November 2012

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(a) S.I. 2011/935.

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