

2012 No. 3190

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M4 Motorway (Junctions 16-17) (Temporary Restriction of Traffic) (Number 4) Order 2012

Made - - - - *4th December 2012*

Coming into force - - *8th December 2012*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M4 Motorway (“the M4”), is satisfied that traffic on a length of that road between Junctions 16 and 17 in Wiltshire 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 M4 Motorway (Junctions 16-17) (Temporary Restriction of Traffic) (Number 4) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 8th December 2012.

2. In this Order –

“the M4” means both carriageways of the M4 between Junctions 16 and 17 from a point at the centre of Spittleborough Overbridge to a point at the centre of Leafy Lane Footbridge;

“the hard shoulder” means the hard shoulder within the meaning of regulation 3(1)(e) of the Regulations which is adjacent to the M4;

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

“overall width” has the meaning given in regulation 3(2) of the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986(d);

“the works” mean geotechnical works to protect the embankment slope;

“the works period” means the period starting at 00.01 hours on Monday 10th December 2012 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 the works period:

(a) drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the M4;

(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.
(d) S.I. 1986/1078, to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order;

- (b) cause or permit any vehicle with an overall width exceeding 2.25 metres to enter or proceed in any lane other than the left hand lane or middle lane of the M4;
- (c) cause or permit any vehicle with an overall width exceeding 3 metres to enter or proceed in any lane other than the left hand lane of the M4.

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.

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

4th December 2012

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