

**2014 No. 2304**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The A23 Trunk Road (Handcross to Warninglid Section)  
(Restriction on Use of Outside Lane) Order 2014**

*Made* - - - - - *20th August 2014*

*Coming into force* - - - - - *5th September 2014*

The Secretary of State for Transport in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 1(1), 2(1) and (2), 4(1) and 122A of, and paragraph 27(1) of Schedule 9 to, the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a), makes the following Order:—

1. This Order may be cited as the A23 Trunk Road (Handcross to Warninglid Section)(Restriction on Use of Outside Lane) Order 2014 and shall come into force on 5th September 2014.

2. In this Order:

“the specified lengths of carriageway” means that part of the southbound carriageway of the A23 Trunk Road between a point 145 metres north of Horsham Road (B2110) overbridge and 595 metres north of Cuckfield Lane (B2115) overbridge, and that part of the northbound carriageway of the A23 Trunk Road between a point 259 metres north of Cuckfield Lane (B2115) overbridge and 62 metres north of Horsham Road (B2110) overbridge, between Handcross and Warninglid in the District of Mid Sussex in the County of West Sussex, as indicated by traffic signs; and

“traffic officer” means an individual designated as such by the Secretary of State, or by a person authorised by the Secretary of State, in accordance with section 2 of the Traffic Management Act 2004.

3.—(1) No heavy commercial vehicle(b) shall be driven or moved in the outside lane (also known as Lane 3 or offside lane) of the specified lengths of carriageway at any place where all the lanes are open for use by traffic proceeding in the same direction, at any time on any day.

(2) Nothing in this article shall have effect so as to require a heavy commercial vehicle to change lane during a period when it would not be reasonably practicable for it to do so without involving danger of injury to any person or inconvenience to other traffic.

4. The restriction in article 3 shall not apply—

- (a) to any person using the outside lane (Lane 3 or offside lane) of the specified lengths of carriageway, where it is done in accordance with—
  - (i) any direction or permission given by a constable;
  - (ii) any direction or permission given by a traffic officer in uniform; or

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(a) 1984 c.27; sections 1(1) and 2(1) and (2) were amended by the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (c.22) section 168 and Schedule 8, paragraphs 17(2) and 18(2) and (3); and section 122A was inserted by section 24 of that Act.

(b) See section 138 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (c.27) for the definition of “heavy commercial vehicle”.

- (iii) any indication given by a traffic sign;
- (b) where it is necessary for a person to use the outside lane (Lane 3 or offside lane) of the specified lengths of carriageway to avoid or prevent an accident or due to circumstances beyond his or her control;
- (c) to any vehicle being used by—
  - (i) a constable;
  - (ii) a traffic officer in uniform;
  - (iii) a member of an ambulance service; or
  - (iv) an employee of a fire and rescue authority;where such vehicle is being used in the exercise of their duties; and
- (d) where it is necessary for a person to use the outside lane (Lane 3 or offside lane) of the specified lengths of carriageway to carry out in an efficient manner—
  - (i) the maintenance, repair, cleaning, clearance, alteration or improvement of the specified lengths of carriageway;
  - (ii) the removal of any vehicle from the westbound carriageway of the specified lengths of carriageway; or
  - (iii) the erection, laying, placing, maintenance, testing, alteration, repair or removal of any structure, works or apparatus in, on, under, or over any part of the specified lengths of carriageway.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

20th August 2014

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#### **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order restricts heavy goods vehicles entering the outside lane (also known as Lane 3 or offside lane) of the A23 trunk road on the southbound carriageway between a point 145 metres north of Horsham Road (B2110) over bridge and 595 metres north of Cuckfield Lane (B2115) overbridge, and on the on the northbound carriageway between a point 259 metres north of Cuckfield Lane (B2115) overbridge and 62 metres north of Horsham Road (B2110) overbridge between Handcross and Warninglid in the District of Mid Sussex in the County of West Sussex, where the prohibition is indicated by traffic signs at any time on any day.