

2014 No. 2985

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M1 Motorway (Junctions 15-16, Northamptonshire)
(Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2014**

Made - - - - *27th October 2014*
Coming into force - - *3rd November 2014*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M1 Motorway (“the M1”) and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic on lengths of that motorway and some of those connecting roads, in the County of Northamptonshire, 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 15(2) 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 M1 Motorway (Junctions 15-16, Northamptonshire) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2014 and shall come into force on Monday 3rd November 2014.

2. In this Order:

“the first length of motorway”

means –

- a) the northbound carriageway of the M1 from a point 2000 metres south of the centrepiece of the dumbbell roundabout at Junction 15, to a point 2000 metres south of the centrepiece of the roundabout at Junction 16; and
- b) the southbound carriageway of the M1 from a point 1000 metres south of the centrepiece of the roundabout at Junction 16, to a point 1000 metres south of the centrepiece of the dumbbell roundabout at Junction 15;

(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 second length of motorway”	means – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the northbound carriageway of the M1 from the junction with the exit slip road at Junction 15, to the junction with the entry slip road at Junction 16; and b) the southbound carriageway of the M1 from the junction with the exit slip road at Junction 15a, to the junction with the entry slip road at Junction 15;
“the first lengths of slip road”	means – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the slip roads leading to and from the northbound or southbound carriageways of the M1 at Junction 15; and b) the slip roads leading to and from the northbound or southbound carriageways of the M1 at Junction 15a;
“the second lengths of slip road”	means – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the slip roads leading to and from the northbound or southbound carriageways of the M1 at Junction 15 and Junction 15a; and b) the slip road leading to the southbound carriageway of the M1 at Junction 16;
“the Regulations”	means the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982;
“a 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 motorway and the first lengths of slip road;
“overall width”	has the same meaning given in regulation 3(2) of the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986(a);
“operating weight”	shall be calculated as provided in section 138 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984;
“the works period”	means the period starting at 00:01 hours on Monday 10th November 2014 and ending when 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 7 and 8, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to be driven at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the first length of motorway or the first lengths of slip road.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 7 and 8, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed on the second length of motorway or the second lengths of slip road.

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

5. Subject as mentioned in articles 7 and 8, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle with an overall width exceeding 2 metres to enter or proceed in the first length of motorway or the first lengths of slip road.

6. Subject as mentioned in articles 7 and 8, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle which has an operating weight exceeding 7.5 tonnes to enter or proceed in the first length of motorway or the first lengths of slip road.

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

8. The provisions of –

- (a) articles 3, 4, 5 and 6 shall not apply to any vehicle –
 - (i) being used for police, fire brigade or ambulance purposes; or
 - (ii) proceeding at the direction of, or with the permission of, a police constable;
- (b) article 3 shall not apply to any vehicle being used for special forces purposes; and
- (c) articles 4, 5 and 6 shall not apply to any vehicle being used in connection with the said works, or by, or with the permission of, a traffic officer in uniform.

9. During the works period, regulations 5 and (in so far as it relates to a vehicle being driven) 9 of the Regulations, in respect of a hard shoulder, are hereby suspended at such times and to such extent as may from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

10. The Secretary of State is satisfied that the execution of the said works will take longer than a period of eighteen months starting on the date when this Order comes into force.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

27th October 2014

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in the Highways Agency