

2015 No. 1228

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M48 Motorway (Junctions 1-2) (Severn Bridge High Winds) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2015

Made - - - - *24th March 2015*

Coming into force - - *28th March 2015*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport and the First Secretary of State, being the traffic authority for the M48 Motorway (“the M48”) and connecting roads, are satisfied that traffic on a length of that road and on some of those connecting roads in South Gloucestershire, the County of Gloucestershire and in the County of Monmouthshire should be restricted and prohibited because of the likelihood of danger to the public during periods of high winds:

NOW, THEREFORE, the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 14(1)(b) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a), hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M48 Motorway (Junctions 1-2) (Severn Bridge High Winds) (Temporary Restriction and Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2015 and shall come into force on 28th March 2015.

2. In this Order –

“the westbound carriageway of the M48” means the westbound carriageway of the M48 from the tip of the nosing of the westbound exit slip road at Junction 1 (Aust) to the tip of the nosing of the westbound entry slip road at Junction 2 (Newhouse);

“the eastbound carriageway of the M48” means the eastbound carriageway of the M48 from the tip of the nosing of the eastbound exit slip road at Junction 2 (Newhouse) to the tip of the nosing of the eastbound entry slip road at Junction 1 (Aust);

“the Severn Bridge” means (i) the westbound carriageway of the M48 from the tip of the nosing of the westbound entry slip road at Junction 1 (Aust) to the tip of the nosing of the westbound entry slip road at Junction 2 (Newhouse); and (ii) the eastbound carriageway of the M48 from the tip of the nosing of the eastbound entry slip road at Junction 2 (Newhouse) to the tip of the nosing of the eastbound entry slip road at Junction 1 (Aust);

“the first slip road” means the westbound entry slip road at M48 Junction 1 (Aust) from its junction with the A403 roundabout to the westbound carriageway of the M48;

“the second slip road” means the eastbound entry slip road at M48 Junction 2 (Newhouse) from its junction with the A466 roundabout to the eastbound carriageway of the M48;

“traffic sign” means a sign of a size, colour and type prescribed or authorised under, or having effect as though prescribed or authorised under, Section 64 of the Act of 1984;

(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;

“the tip of the nosing” means the first point where an entry slip road joins the carriageway of a motorway or the last point where an exit slip road leaves the carriageway of a motorway;

“the 2002 Regulations” means the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002(a);

“overall height” and “motor cycle” have the meanings given in regulation 3(2) of the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986(b);

“appointed person” has the meaning given in section 23 of the Severn Bridges Act 1992(c);

“recovery vehicle” has the meaning given in paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 to the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994(d);

“the period of prohibition and restriction” means the period commencing at 00.01 hours on Monday 30th March 2015 and ending at 23.59 hours on 29th September 2016;

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 article 4, during the period of prohibition and restriction, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle:

- (a) to enter or proceed in the westbound carriageway of the M48;
- (b) to enter or proceed in the eastbound carriageway of the M48;
- (c) to enter or proceed in the first slip road when a traffic sign to diagram 616 in Schedule 2 of the 2002 Regulations is displayed near the junction of this slip road and the A403 roundabout at Junction 1 (Aust);
- (d) to enter or proceed in the second slip road when a traffic sign to diagram 616 in Schedule 2 of the 2002 Regulations is displayed near the junction of this slip road and the A466 roundabout at Junction 2 (Newhouse);
- (e) with an overall height exceeding 6ft 9ins / 2.1 metres, or a motor cycle, to enter or proceed in the first slip road and the Severn Bridge when traffic signs to diagrams 629.2A and 619.2 in Schedule 2 of the 2002 Regulations are displayed near the junction of the first slip road and the A403 roundabout at Junction 1 (Aust);
- (f) with an overall height exceeding 6ft 9ins / 2.1 metres, or a motor cycle, to enter or proceed in the second slip road and the Severn Bridge when traffic signs to diagrams 629.2A and 619.2 in Schedule 2 of the 2002 Regulations are displayed near the junction of the second slip road and the A466 roundabout at Junction 2 (Newhouse).

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, traffic officer, fire and rescue authority or ambulance purposes;
- (b) a vehicle being used in connection with the operation or maintenance of the Severn Bridge;
- (c) anything done at the direction of, or with the permission of, a police officer, a police community support officer, a traffic officer in uniform or an appointed person.

(a) SI 2002 / 3133

(b) SI 1986 / 1078, to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order

(c) 1992 c.3

(d) 1994 c.22

Signed by authority of the Secretaries of State

24th March 2015

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