

2012 No. 298

ROAD TRAFFIC

**The M56 Motorway (Junctions 7-9 Westbound and Eastbound
Carriageways and Junction 8 Westbound Entry Slip Road)
(Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2012**

Made - - - - *31st January 2012*

Coming into force - - *5th February 2012*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M56 Motorway and its slip roads, is satisfied that traffic on sections of that motorway and on one of those slip roads in Cheshire East should be prohibited and 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) and (7) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984^(a) hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M56 Motorway (Junctions 7-9 Westbound and Eastbound Carriageways and Junction 8 Westbound Entry Slip Road) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 5th February 2012.

2. In this Order:

“the motorway” means the M56 Motorway;

“the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road” means the last point where the slip road leaves the carriageway of the motorway;

“the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road” means the first point where the slip road joins the carriageway of the motorway;

“the first length of carriageway” means the eastbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 690 metres east of the tip of the nosing of the entry slip road at Junction 9 to a point 458 metres west of the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 7;

“the second length of carriageway” means the westbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 559 metres west of the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 7 to a point 780 metres east of the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 9;

(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 third length of carriageway” means the eastbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 503 metres east of the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 9 to a point 38 metres east of the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 7;

“the fourth length of carriageway” means the westbound carriageway of the motorway from a point 1358 metres east of the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 7 to a point 274 metres east of the tip of the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 9;

“the slip road” means the entry slip road leading to the westbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 8;

“hardshoulder” has the meaning given in regulation 3(1)(e) of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(a);

“the first length of hardshoulder” means the hardshoulder adjacent to the first length of carriageway;

“the second length of hardshoulder” means the hardshoulder adjacent to the second length of carriageway;

“the works period” means six nights between 2200 hours and 0500 hours during a period starting on Monday 6 February 2012 and ending on Saturday 25 February 2012. However, works may start and continue between the same times on subsequent nights or continue overnight until completed, for such period not exceeding 18 months as shall be required to complete the work;

“works” means road marking, resurfacing and maintenance works on the motorway;

3. 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 (a) are suspended in relation to the first and second lengths of hardshoulder defined in article 2 of this Order at such times and to such extent as may be indicated by traffic signs; and in this article, “hardshoulder” has the meaning given in regulation 3(1)(e) of those Regulations.

4. Subject as mentioned in article 6 of this Order, during the works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle to enter or proceed in the first and second lengths of carriageway or the slip road.

5. Subject as mentioned in articles 6 and 7 of this Order, during the works period, no person shall cause or permit any motor vehicle to be driven in the third and fourth lengths of carriageway or the first and second lengths of hardshoulder at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour.

6. The provisions of articles 4 and 5 of this Order 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 vehicle being used for emergency purposes by the police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance services or anything done at the direction, or with the permission, of a constable, or a traffic officer in uniform.

And nothing in article 4 of this Order shall apply to any vehicle being used in connection with the said works or by traffic officers.

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

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

(b) S.I. 2011/935.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

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