STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2010 No. 1240

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M5 Motorway (Junctions 21, 22 & 23 Slip Roads) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2010

Made - - - -	*23 March 2010*
Coming into force - -	*30 March 2010*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M5 Motorway ("the M5") and connecting roads, is satisfied that traffic on some of those connecting roads at Junctions 21, 22 and 23 in North Somerset and the County of Somerset 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 M5 Motorway (Junctions 21, 22 & 23 Slip Roads) (Temporary Prohibition and Restriction of Traffic) Order 2010 and shall come into force on 30 March 2010 and apply for a period of twelve months.

2. In this Order –

"the first slip roads" mean (i) the northbound entry slip road at M5 Junction 21; (ii) the northbound entry and exit slip roads at M5 Junction 22; (iii) the southbound entry and exit slip roads at M5 Junction 22;

"the second slip roads" mean (i) the northbound and southbound exit slip roads at M5 Junction 22; (ii) the northbound exit slip road at M5 Junction 23; (iii) the southbound entry slip road at M5 Junction 23;

"the hard shoulder" means the hard shoulder within the meaning of regulation 3(1)(e) of the Regulations which is adjacent to the first slip roads;

"the Regulations" means the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(**b**);

"the works" mean litter picking, gully cleaning, sweeping, grass cutting, studs and patching, barrier re-tensioning, road markings and general maintenance;

"a first works period" means (i) a period of 6½ hours starting at 09.30 hours on Thursday 1 April 2010 or any subsequent day and ending when the said works have been completed; and (ii) a period of 10½ hours starting at 19.00 hours on Thursday 1 April 2010 or any subsequent day and ending when the said works have been completed;

"a second works period" means a period of 8½ hours starting at 21.00 hours on Thursday 1 April 2010 or any subsequent day and ending when the said works have been completed;

(**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, amended by S.I. 1983 / 374, 1984 / 1479 and 1992 /1364

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 5, no person shall, during a first works period, drive any vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the first slip roads and the hard shoulder.

4. Subject as mentioned in articles 5 and 6, no person shall, during a second works period, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the second slip roads.

5. The provisions of articles 3 and 4 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 police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance purposes.

6. The provisions of article 4 shall not apply to a vehicle being used in connection with the said works, for winter maintenance purposes or for traffic officer purposes.

7. During a 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 from time to time be indicated by traffic signs.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

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23 March 2010