

**2012 No. 2979**

**ROAD TRAFFIC**

**The M48 Motorway (Severn Bridge) (Temporary Restriction of  
Traffic) Order 2012**

*Made*        -   -   -   -                      *21st November 2012*

*Coming into force*   -   -                      *29th November 2012*

WHEREAS the Secretary of State for Transport, being the traffic authority for the M48 Motorway (“the M48”), is satisfied that traffic on lengths of that road on the Severn Bridge in South Gloucestershire, the County of Gloucestershire and the County of Monmouthshire should be 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) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(a), hereby makes the following Order:-

1. This Order may be cited as the M48 Motorway (Severn Bridge) (Temporary Restriction of Traffic) Order 2012 and shall come into force on 29th November 2012.

2. In this Order –

“the M48” means (a) the eastbound carriageway of the M48 from a point 50 metres east of the tip of the nosing of the eastbound entry slip road at Junction 2 to a point 300 metres west of the tip of the nosing of the eastbound exit slip road at Junction 1; and (b) the westbound carriageway of the M48 from a point 200 metres west of the Severn Bridge toll booths to a point 50 metres east of the tip of the nosing of the westbound exit slip road at Junction 2;

“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 works” mean maintenance and inspection works including carriageway inspection and surfacing repairs, movement joint maintenance, weld repairs, painting of central reserve safety barriers and craneage;

“the works period” means the period starting at 00.01 hours on Monday 1st December 2012 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 4 and 5, no person shall, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the M48.

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:

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(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.

- (a) a vehicle being used for police, fire and rescue authority or ambulance purposes;
- (b) anything done at the direction of, or with the permission of, a constable.

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

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

21st November 2012

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