STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2017 No. 793

ROAD TRAFFIC
SPECIAL ROADS

The M60 Motorway (Junctions 8 to 18) and the M62 Motorway (Junctions 18 to 20) (Variable Speed Limits) Regulations 2017

Made - - - -	*24th July 2017*
Laid before Parliament	*27th July 2017*
Coming into force - -	*21st August 2017*

The Secretary of State for Transport makes the following Regulations in exercise of the powers conferred by section 17(2) and (3) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(**1**).

Representative organisations have been consulted in accordance with section 134(2) of that Act.

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the M60 Motorway (Junctions 8 to 18) and the M62 Motorway (Junctions 18 to 20) (Variable Speed Limits) Regulations 2017 and come into force on 21st August 2017.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

"the 1982 Regulations" means the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(**2**);

"the 2016 Regulations and Directions" means the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016(**3**); and

"carriageway", "hard shoulder", "motorway" and "verge" have the same meaning as in the 1982 Regulations.

(**1**) 1984 c.27; section 17(2) was amended by the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 (c.22), Schedule 8, Part 2, paragraph 28(3); section 17(2)(b) was amended by the Road Traffic Act 1991 (c.40), Schedule 8; section 17(2)(d) was inserted by the Road Traffic Act 1991 (c.40), Schedule 4, paragraph 25. There are other amendments to sections 17 and 134 which are not relevant to these Regulations.
(**2**) S.I. 1982/1163, relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1983/374, 1984/1479, 1992/1364, 2004/3258, 2015/392.
(**3**) S.I. 2016/362.

Variable speed limits

3.—(1) No person shall drive a vehicle on a section of a road which is subject to a variable speed limit at a speed exceeding that indicated by a speed limit sign.

(2) A section of a road is subject to a variable speed limit in relation to a vehicle being driven along it if—

(a) the road is specified in the Schedule;

(b) the vehicle has passed a speed limit sign; and

(c) the vehicle has not subsequently passed—

(i) another speed limit sign indicating a different speed limit; or

(ii) a traffic sign which indicates that the national speed limit is in force.

(3) In relation to a vehicle, the speed limit indicated by a speed limit sign is the speed shown at the time the vehicle passes the sign, or, if higher, the speed limit shown by the sign ten seconds before the vehicle passed the sign.

(4) For the purposes of this regulation a speed limit sign is to be taken as not indicating any speed limit if, ten seconds before the vehicle passed it, the sign had indicated no speed limit or that the national speed limit was in force.

(5) In this regulation—

"national speed limit" has the meaning given by Schedule 1 to the 2016 Regulations and Directions and a traffic sign which indicates that the national speed limit is in force means a traffic sign of the type shown in diagram 671 in Part 2 of Schedule 10 to the 2016 Regulations and Directions which is—

(a) placed on or near a road; and

(b) directed at traffic on the carriageway on which the vehicle is being driven;

"road" includes the adjacent hard shoulder and verge; and

"speed limit sign" in relation to a vehicle, means a traffic sign of the type shown in diagram 670 in Part 2 of Schedule 10 to the 2016 Regulations and Directions which is—

(c) situated on or near any part of a road specified in paragraph 1of the Schedule; and

(d) directed at traffic on the carriageway on which the vehicle is being driven.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Jesse Norman
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Department for Transport

24th July 2017

SCHEDULE

Regulation 3(2)(a)

THE SPECIFIED ROADS

1. The specified roads are—

(a) that length of the north and eastbound carriageway of the M60 and the north and eastbound carriageway of the M62 beginning at the southern point and ending at the northern point;

(b) that length of the south and westbound carriageway of the M62 and the south and westbound carriageway of the M60 beginning at the northern point and ending at the southern point;

(c) the carriageways of the on-slips roads and off-slip roads referred to in paragraph 4; and

(d) the relevant linking carriageways referred to in paragraph 5.

2. Any reference in this Schedule to—

(a) the letter "M" followed by a number is a reference to the motorway known by that name; and

(b) the letter "A" or "B" followed by a number is a reference to the road known by that name.

3. In this Schedule—

"back of the diverge nose" means the shortest side of the diverge nose;

"circulatory interchange" means, at junction 18 of the M62, the gyratory known as Simister Island and, at junction 20 of the M62, the gyratory known as Thornham Interchange;

"diverge nose" means a paved area approximately triangular in shape between a motorway and a linking carriageway or a slip road and which is marked with road markings of a type shown in diagram 1042 in Part 6 of Schedule 9 to the 2016 Regulations and Directions;

"linking carriageway" means a carriageway (or a specified length of carriageway) linking one motorway to another;

"northern point" means the western edge of the western bridge carrying the circulatory interchange over the carriageway of the M62 at junction 20;

"off-slip road" means a slip road intended for the use of traffic exiting the M60 or M62 as the case may be;

"on-slip road" means a slip road intended for the use of traffic entering the M60 or M62 as the case may be;

"slip road" means a road which connects a motorway with another road other than a motorway; and

"southern point" means the northern edge of the northern bridge carrying the circulatory carriageway of the A6144 over the M60 at junction 8.

4. The roads to which this paragraph refers are—

(a) at junction 8 of the M60, the on-slip road connecting from the A6144 to the north-westbound carriageway of the M60 and the off-slip road connecting to the A6144 from the south-eastbound carriageway of the M60;

(b) at junction 9 of the M60, the on-slip roads connecting from, and the off-slip roads connecting to, the B5158, A5081 and Barton Road;

(c) at junction 10 of the M60, the on-slip roads connecting from, and the off-slip roads connecting to the B5214;

(d) at junction 11 of the M60, the on-slip roads connecting from, and the off-slip roads connecting to, the A57 and Brookhouse Avenue;