STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2017 No. 649

ROAD TRAFFIC

The M48 Motorway (Severn Bridge High Winds) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2017

Made - - - -	*9th May 2017*
Coming into force - -	*13th May 2017*

The Secretary of State for Transport, 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 (Severn Bridge High Winds) (Temporary Prohibition of Traffic) Order 2017 and shall come into force on 13th May 2017.

2. In this Order –

"the M48" means (i) 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); (ii) 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 slip roads" means (i) the westbound entry slip road at M48 Junction 1; (ii) the eastbound entry slip road at M48 Junction 2;

"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;

"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**);

"the period of danger" means the period starting at 00.01 hours on Saturday 13th May 2017 and ending at 23.59 hours on Tuesday 13th November 2018;

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 to article 5, no person shall, during the period of danger, cause or permit any vehicle to enter or proceed in the M48 and the slip roads

4. Subject to article 5, no person shall, during the period of danger, cause or permit any vehicle with an overall height exceeding 6ft 9ins/2.1 metres, or a motor cycle, to enter or proceed in the M48 and the slip roads.

(**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**) SI 1986/1078, to which there are amendments not relevant to this Order
(**c**) 1992 c.3