

2011 No. 2786 (W. 298)

ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

**The M4 Motorway (Maes y Gwernen
sforgan, Swansea) (Temporary 50 MPH
Speed Limit and Trafficking of Hard
Shoulder) Order 2011**

Made 21 November 2011

Coming into force 29 November 2011

The Welsh Ministers, being the traffic authority for the relevant lengths of the London to South Wales Motorway (M4) (hereinafter referred to as “the motorway”), are satisfied that traffic in specified lengths of the motorway should be restricted by reason of works proposed to be executed thereon.

The Welsh Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 14(1) and (4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(1) and of all other enabling powers (2) make this Order.

1. This Order comes into force on 29 November 2011 and its title is The M4 Motorway (Maes y Gwernen Bridge, West of Junction 45, Ynysforgan, Swansea) (Temporary 50 MPH Speed Limit and Trafficking of Hard Shoulder) Order 2011 .

2. (1) In this Order :

“the lengths of the motorway” (“*y darnau o’r draffordd*”) means those lengths of the motorway specified in the Schedules to this Order;

“works period” (“*cyfnod y gwaith*”) means the period commencing at 20.00 hours on 29 November 2011 and ending when the temporary traffic signs are permanently removed.

(2) Any reference in this Order to a numbered article or Schedule is a reference to the article or Schedule bearing that number in this Order.

3. Subject to the provisions of article 5, no person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle to proceed at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour in the length of the motorway specified in Schedule 1.

4 Subject to the provisions of article 5, the hard shoulder adjacent to the eastbound carriageway of the length of motorway shall be available for use as a traffic lane.

5. The provisions of articles 3 and 4 of this Order shall apply only during such times and to such extent as the application of the restrictions referred to therein are indicated by traffic signs.

6. The provisions of Regulation 3 of the Motorway Traffic (Speed Limit) Regulations 1974(3) insofar as they apply to the length of the motorway specified in Schedule 1, are hereby suspended during such times as the restriction specified in article 3 is in operation.

7. Regulation 5 of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(4) and the provisions of Regulation 9 of those Regulations relating to the driving of vehicles are suspended insofar as they apply to the hard shoulder which is contiguous with the length of the eastbound carriageway of the motorway specified in article 3 and traffic is directed to use the specified hard shoulder.

8. The maximum duration for this Order shall be 18 months.

Signed under authority of the Minister for Local Government and Communities, one of the Welsh Ministers.

Dated the 21 November 2011.

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(1) 1984 c.27: Section 14 was substituted by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991 (c.26), section 1(1) and Schedule 1.

(2) By virtue of S.I. 1999/672, article 2 and Schedule 1, and paragraph 30 of Schedule 11 to the Government of Wales Act 2006, these powers are now exercisable by the Welsh Ministers in relation to Wales.

(3) S.I. 1974/502

(4) S.I. 1982/1163

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

EXTENT OF TEMPORARY 50 MPH SPEED LIMIT

That length of the eastbound carriageway of the motorway in the City and County of Swansea, between Junction 46, Llangyfelach, and Junction 45, Ynysforgan, which extends from a point 1000 metres west of the centre-point of Maes y Gwernen Bridge, to a point 300 metres east of the centre-point of the said bridge.

SCHEDULE 2

EXTENT OF TRAFFICKING OF HARD SHOULDER

That length of the eastbound carriageway of the motorway in the City and County of Swansea, between Junction 46, Llangyfelach, and Junction 45, Ynysforgan, which extends from a point 400 metres west of the centre-point of Maes y Gwernen Bridge, to a point 300 metres east of the centre-point of the said bridge.