

2017 No. 54 (W. 24)

ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

**The A494 Trunk Road
(Gwyddelwern, Denbighshire)
(Temporary 40 mph Speed Limit)
Order 2017**

Made 25 January 2017

Coming into force 1 February 2017

The Welsh Ministers, being the traffic authority for the relevant length of the Dolgellau – South of Birkenhead Trunk Road (A494) (“the trunk road”), are satisfied that traffic in a specified length of the trunk road should be restricted because of the likelihood of danger to the public.

The Welsh Ministers, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 14(1), (4) and (7) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(1), make this Order.

Title, Interpretation and Commencement

1. This Order comes into force on 1 February 2017 and its title is The A494 Trunk Road (Gwyddelwern, Denbighshire) (Temporary 40 mph Speed Limit) Order 2017.

2.—(1) In this Order:

“exempted vehicle” (“*cerbyd esempt*”) means:

(a) any vehicle being used by the emergency services; and

(b) any vehicle being used for naval, military or air force purposes and being driven by a person for the time being subject to the orders of a member of the armed forces of the Crown, who is a member of the special forces—

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

- (i) in response, or for practice in responding, to a national security emergency by a person who has been trained in driving at high speeds; or
- (ii) for the purpose of training a person in driving vehicles at high speeds;

“special forces” (*“lluoedd arbennig”*) means those units of the home forces the maintenance of whose capabilities is the responsibility of the Director of Special Forces or which are for the time being subject to the operational command of that Director;

“the length of the trunk road” (*“y darn o’r gefnffordd”*) means the length of the A494 trunk road at Maes Gamedd bends, Gwyddelwern in the County of Denbighshire that extends from a point 79 metres south-east of its junction with the unclassified road leading to the dwellings known as Bryn-du and Maerdy, north of Gwyddelwern to a point 217 metres north of the said junction.

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

Restriction

3. No person shall drive or cause or permit any vehicle to proceed at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour in the length of the trunk road.

Suspension

4. Any statutory provisions restricting the speed of vehicles on the relevant length of the trunk road specified in article 2 are suspended during such times as the restriction specified in article 3 is in operation.

Application

5.—(1) The restriction in article 3 applies only during such times and to such extent as indicated by traffic signs.

(2) No speed limit imposed by this Order applies to an exempted vehicle.

Duration of this Order

6. The maximum duration of this Order shall be 18 months.

Signed under authority of the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure, one of the Welsh Ministers.

Dated the 25 January 2017

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