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ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

**The M4 Motorway (Junction 48
(Hendy) to Junction 49 (Pont
Abraham), Carmarthenshire)
(Temporary Prohibition of Vehicles
& 50 MPH Speed Limit) Order
2017**

Made *15 May 2017*

Coming into force *22 May 2017*

The Welsh Ministers, being the traffic authority for the relevant length of the M4 London to South Wales Motorway, are satisfied that traffic in specified lengths of the motorway should be prohibited and restricted because of works proposed on or near the motorway.

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 22 May 2017. Its title is The M4 Motorway (Junction 48 (Hendy) to Junction 49 (Pont Abraham), Carmarthenshire) (Temporary Prohibition of Vehicles & 50 MPH Speed Limit) Order 2017.

2. In this Order:

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

⁽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(1) of Schedule 11 to the Government of Wales Act 2006, these powers are now exercisable by the Welsh Ministers in relation to Wales.

- (a) any vehicle being used by the emergency services or in connection with the works giving rise to this Order;
- (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—
 - (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 motorway” (*“y draffordd”*) means the M4 London to South Wales Motorway between Junction 48 (Hendy) and Junction 49 (Pont Abraham) in the County of Carmarthenshire;

“works period” (*“cyfnod y gwaith”*) means the period commencing at 20:00 hours on 22 May 2017 and ending when the temporary traffic signs are permanently removed.

Prohibition and Restriction

3. No person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, to proceed in the lengths of the motorway specified in Schedule 1.

4. 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 lengths of the motorway specified in Schedule 2.

Suspension

5. The provisions of regulation 3 of the Motorway Traffic (Speed Limit) Regulations 1974(2), insofar as they apply to the lengths of the motorway specified in Schedule 2, are hereby suspended during such times as the restriction referred to in article 4 is in operation.

Application

6. The provisions of articles 3 and 4 apply only during such times and to such extent as the application of the prohibition and restriction referred to therein is indicated by traffic signs.

Duration of this Order

7. 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 15 May 2017

Nina Ley
Head of Business Unit, Network Management
Welsh Government

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF ALL VEHICLES

- 1) The length of the westbound carriageway that extends from the physical nosing of the westbound exit slip road at Junction 48, Hendy to the physical nosing of the westbound entry slip road at Junction 48, Hendy.
- 2) The length of the main westbound carriageway that extends from the physical nosing of the westbound exit slip road at Junction 48, Hendy to its junction with the main circulatory carriageway of the roundabout at Junction 49, Pont Abraham.
- 3) The entire length of the westbound entry slip road at Junction 48, Hendy.
- 4) The length of the eastbound carriageway that extends from the physical nosing of the eastbound exit slip road at Junction 48, Hendy to the physical nosing of the eastbound entry slip road at Junction 48, Hendy.

5) The length of the main eastbound carriageway that extends from the physical nosing of the main circulatory carriageway of the roundabout at Junction 49, Pont Abraham to the physical nosing of the eastbound entry slip road at Junction 48, Hendy.

6) The entire length of the eastbound exit slip road at Junction 48, Hendy.

SCHEDULE 2

TEMPORARY 50 MPH SPEED LIMIT

1) The length of the main eastbound carriageway that extends from the roundabout at Junction 49, Pont Abraham to a point 200 metres east of Loughor River Bridge at Junction 48, Hendy.

2) The length of the main westbound carriageway that extends from a point 200 metres east of Loughor River Bridge at Junction 48, Hendy to the existing permanent 50 mph speed limit, 600 metres east of the roundabout at Junction 49, Pont Abraham.

3) The entire lengths of the eastbound and westbound exit and entry slip roads at Junction 48, Hendy.