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ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

**The M4 Motorway (Junction 24
(Coldra) to Junction 28 (Tredegar
Park), Newport) (Temporary Speed
Restrictions) Order 2021**

Made 5 February 2021

Coming into force 11 February 2021

The Welsh Ministers, as traffic authority for the relevant length of the M4 motorway, are satisfied that traffic on specified lengths of the motorway should be restricted because of works proposed on or near the road or 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, Commencement and Interpretation

1. The title of this Order is the M4 Motorway (Junction 24 (Coldra) to Junction 28 (Tredegar Park), Newport) (Temporary Speed Restrictions) Order 2021 and it comes into force on 11 February 2021.

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, and section 162 of, and paragraph 30 of Schedule 11 to, the Government of Wales Act 2006 (c.32), these powers are now exercisable by the Welsh Ministers in relation to Wales.

- (a) any vehicle being used for the purposes described in section 87 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(2); 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—
 - (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 armed 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;

“works period” (*“cyfnod y gwaith”*) means the period commencing at 00:01 hours on 11 February 2021 and ending when the temporary traffic signs are permanently removed.

Restrictions

3. No person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 20 miles per hour on the lengths of the motorway specified in the Schedule to this Order.

4. No person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 30 miles per hour on the lengths of the motorway specified in the Schedule to this Order.

5. No person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour on the lengths of the motorway specified in the Schedule to this Order.

(2) Section 87 was amended by the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 (c.21), Schedule 1, paragraph 55, the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (c.15), Schedule 4, paragraph 42, the Crime and Courts Act 2013 (c.22), Schedule 8, paragraph 29(2) and the Deregulation Act 2015 (c.20), section 50(4) and (5).

Application

6.—(1) The restrictions in articles 3, 4 and 5 apply only during such times and to such extent as indicated by traffic signs.

(2) No speed limits imposed by this Order apply to an exempted vehicle.

Suspensions

7. Any statutory provisions restricting the speed of motor vehicles on the lengths of the motorway specified in the Schedule to this Order are suspended during such times as the restrictions specified in articles 3, 4 and 5 apply.

Duration of this Order

8. The maximum duration of this Order is 18 months.

Signed under authority of the Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales, one of the Welsh Ministers.

Dated

5 February 2021

Nicci Hunter
Business Team Leader
Welsh Government

SCHEDULE

The length of the main westbound carriageway of the motorway that extends from a point 675 metres west of the Bishton to Llanmartin over-bridge (east of Junction 24 (Coldra)) to a point 80 metres west of Forge Road under-bridge (at Junction 28 (Tredegar Park)).

The length of the main eastbound carriageway of the motorway that extends from a point 64 metres east of its junction with the eastbound exit slip road at Junction 28 (Tredegar Park) to a point 229 metres east of its junction with the eastbound entry slip road at Junction 24 (Coldra).

The length of the eastbound exit slip road at Junction 24 (Coldra) that extends from its junction with the main M4 eastbound carriageway to a point 123 metres west of its junction with the circulatory carriageway of the A48/A449 Coldra Interchange.

The length of the westbound exit slip road at Junction 24 (Coldra) that extends from its junction with the

main M4 westbound carriageway to a point 114 metres east of its junction with the circulatory carriageway of the A48/A449 Coldra Interchange.

The length of the westbound entry slip road at Junction 24 (Coldra) that extends from a point 6 metres west of its junction with the circulatory carriageway of the A48/A449 Coldra Interchange to its junction with the main M4 westbound carriageway.

The lengths of the westbound exit and eastbound entry slip roads at Junction 25 (Caerleon).

The lengths of the westbound exit and eastbound entry link roads at Junction 25A (Grove Park).

The lengths of the eastbound and westbound exit and entry slip roads at Junction 26 (Malpas) and Junction 27 (High Cross).

The length of the westbound exit slip road at Junction 28 (Tredegar Park) that extends from its junction with the main M4 westbound carriageway to a point 270 metres north of its junction with the circulatory carriageway of Tredegar Park Interchange.

The length of the eastbound entry slip road at Junction 28 (Tredegar Park) that extends from a point 45 metres north of its junction with the A48/A467 roundabout to its junction with the main M4 eastbound carriageway.