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ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

**The M48 Motorway (Junction 23
(Rogiet), Chepstow to (Junction 2
(Newhouse Interchange),
Monmouthshire) (Temporary
Prohibition of Vehicles and 40 mph
Speed limit) Order 2024**

Made 5 January 2024

Coming into force 15 January 2024

The Welsh Ministers, as traffic authority for the relevant length of the M48 motorway, are satisfied that traffic on specified lengths of the motorway should be prohibited/and or restricted because of works proposed on or near the road.

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 and commencement

1. The title of this Order is the M48 Motorway (Junction 23 (Rogiet), Chepstow to (Junction 2 (Newhouse Interchange), Monmouthshire) (Temporary Prohibition of Vehicles and 40 mph Speed Limit) Order 2024 and this Order comes into force on 15 January 2024.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

(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.

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

- (a) any vehicle being used by the emergency services for the purposes described in section 87 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(1) 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 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 M48 London to Fishguard Motorway;

“works period” (“*cyfnod y gwaith*”) means the period commencing at 20:00 hours on 15 January 2024 and ending when the temporary traffic signs are permanently removed.

Prohibition and restriction

3. No person may, during the works period, other than an exempted vehicle, drive any vehicle on the length of the motorway specified in Schedules 1 and 2 to this Order.

4. No person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour on the length of the motorway specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.

Suspension

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

(1) 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 prohibition and restriction in articles 3 and 4 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.

Duration of this Order

7. The maximum duration for this Order is 18 months.

Signed on behalf of the Deputy Minister for Climate Change, acting under the authority of the Minister for Climate Change, one of the Welsh Ministers.

Dated 5 January 2024

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Welsh Government

SCHEDULE 1 Temporary Prohibition of Vehicles

The length of the M48 westbound carriageway that extends from the nosing of the westbound exit slip road at Junction 2 (Newhouse Interchange) to its merge with the M4 motorway at Junction 23 (Rogiet).

SCHEDULE 2 Temporary Prohibition of Vehicles and 40mph Speed Limit

The length of the M48 eastbound carriageway that extends from where it diverges from the M4 Motorway at Junction 23 (Rogiet) to its nosing with the M48 eastbound entry slip road at Junction 2 (Newhouse Interchange).