

2013 No. 672 (W. 78)

ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

**The M4 Motorway (Brynglas
Tunnels, Newport) (Temporary
Traffic Restriction & Prohibitions)
Order 2013**

Made 21 February 2013

Coming into force 26 February 2013

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

Title, Interpretation and Commencement

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) and of all other enabling powers(2), make this Order.

1. This Order comes into force on 26 February 2013 and its title is The M4 Motorway (Brynglas Tunnels, Newport) (Temporary Traffic Restriction & Prohibitions) Order 2013.

2.—In this Order:

“exempted vehicle” (*“cerbyd esempt”*) means any vehicle being used in connection with the works giving rise to this Order;

“the lengths of the motorway” (*“y darnau o’r draffordd”*) means those lengths of the motorway specified in Schedules 1 to 4 to this Order;

“works period” (*“cyfnod y gwaith”*) means that period commencing at 20:00 hours on any Friday within the duration of this Order and ending at 06:00 hours the following day.

(1) 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.

Prohibition and Restrictions

3. Subject to the provisions of article 11, no person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit to be driven any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, in either the eastbound or westbound carriageway of the length of the motorway specified in Schedule 1 to this Order.

4. Whilst movement of traffic is, by article 3, prohibited in the eastbound carriageway, but pursuant to article 11, not prohibited in the westbound carriageway, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed in the offside lane of the westbound carriageway of the motorway in any direction other than eastwards.

5. Whilst movement of traffic is, by article 3, prohibited in the westbound carriageway, but, pursuant to article 11, not prohibited in the eastbound carriageway, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to proceed in the offside lane of the eastbound carriageway in any direction other than westwards.

6. Subject to the provisions of article 11, no person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, to travel along the length of the slip road specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.

7. Subject to the provisions of article 11, no person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, to travel along the length of the slip road specified in Schedule 3 to this Order.

8. Subject to the provisions of article 11, no person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle to proceed at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour in the length of the motorway specified in Schedule 4 to this Order.

Suspensions

9. Regulation 6(3) of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(3) is hereby suspended:

- (a) insofar as it relates to the offside lane of the westbound carriageway of the length of the motorway specified in Schedule 1 during such times as the prohibition specified in article 4 is in force; and
- (b) insofar as it relates to the offside lane of the eastbound carriageway of the length of the motorway specified in Schedule 1 during such

times as the prohibition specified in article 5 is in force.

10. The provisions of regulation 3 of the Motorway Traffic (Speed Limit) Regulations 1974(4) insofar as they apply to the length of motorway specified in Schedule 4, are hereby suspended during such times as the restriction specified in article 8 is in operation.

Application

11. The provisions of articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 apply only during such times and to such extent as the application of the restrictions referred to therein is indicated by traffic signs.

Duration of this Order

12. The maximum duration for this Order shall be 12 months.

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

Dated the 21 February 2013

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Head of Asset Management and Standards
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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. 1982/1163
- (4) S.I. 1974/502

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

That length of the motorway which extends from a point 150 metres west of the western end of the Brynglas Tunnels in a generally easterly direction to a point 480 metres east of the eastern end of the said Tunnels.

SCHEDULE 2

The entire length of the eastbound entry slip road of the motorway at Junction 26 (Malpas).

SCHEDULE 3

The entire length of the westbound exit slip road of the motorway at Junction 26 (Malpas).

SCHEDULE 4

That length of the motorway which extends from a point 550 metres west of the western end of the Brynglas Tunnels in a generally easterly direction to a point 880 metres east of the eastern end of the said Tunnels.