

2017 No. 616 (W. 140)

ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

**The A465 Trunk Road & M4
Motorway (Llandarcy Interchange
and Approaches, Neath Port Talbot)
(Temporary 50 mph and 40 mph
Speed Limits) Order 2017**

Made 20 April 2017

Coming into force 21 April 2017

The Welsh Ministers, being the traffic authority for the relevant length of the A465 Neath to Abergavenny Trunk Road and the M4 London to South Wales Motorway, are satisfied that traffic in specified lengths of the trunk road and motorway should be restricted because of 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 21 April 2017 and its title is The A465 Trunk Road & M4 Motorway (Llandarcy Interchange and Approaches, Neath Port Talbot) (Temporary 50 mph and 40 mph Speed Limits) Order 2017.

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, article 2 and Schedule 1 and paragraph 30(1) of Schedule 11 to the Government of Wales Act 2006, these powers are now conferred upon the Welsh Ministers in relation to Wales.

“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—

(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 trunk road” (“*y gefnffordd*”) means the A465 Raglan to Llandovery Trunk Road in the County Borough of Neath Port Talbot.

“the motorway” means (“*y draffordd*”) the M4 London to South Wales Motorway in the County Borough of Neath Port Talbot.

Restrictions

3. No person shall drive or cause or permit any vehicle to proceed at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour in the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 1.

4. No person shall drive or cause or permit any vehicle to proceed at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour in the lengths of the trunk road and 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 restriction referred to therein is indicated by traffic signs.

Duration of this Order

7. The maximum duration for this Order shall be 18 months.

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

Dated 20 April 2017

Nina Ley
Head of Business Unit, Network Management
Welsh Government

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

Temporary 50 mph Speed Limit

The length of the westbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from a point 50 metres east of its junction with Llandarcy Roundabout to a point 410 metres east of its junction with Llandarcy Roundabout.

SCHEDULE 2

Temporary 40 mph Speed Limits

The entire length of the westbound exit slip road of the motorway at Junction 43.

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The entire circulatory carriageway of Llandarcy Roundabout (Junction 43).

The length of the westbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from its junction with Llandarcy Roundabout (Junction 43) to a point 50 metres east with Llandarcy Roundabout.