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ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

**The M4 Motorway (Junction 24
(Coldra) to Junction 28 (Tredegar
Park), Newport) (Temporary
Prohibition of Vehicles & 40 mph
Speed Limit) Order 2017**

Made 30 June 2017

Coming into force 4 July 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/or 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 4 July 2017 and its title is The M4 Motorway (Junction 24 (Coldra) to Junction 28 (Tredegar Park), Newport) (Temporary Prohibition of Vehicles & 40 mph Speed Limit) Order 2017.

2.—(1) In this Order:

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

- (a) any vehicle being used by the emergency services; and

⁽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 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.

- (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 between Junction 24 (Coldra) and Junction 28 (Tredegar Park) in the City of Newport;

“works period” (*“cyfnod y gwaith”*) means intermittent periods commencing at 20:00 hours on 4 July 2017 and ending when the temporary traffic signs for each period of works are removed.

(2) 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 Restriction

3. No person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle to proceed on 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 40 miles per hour on the lengths of the motorway specified in Schedule 2.

Suspensions

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

(2) S.I. 1974/502

6. The provisions of The M4 Motorway (West of Junction 23A (Magor) to East of Junction 29 (Castleton)) (Variable Speed Limits) Regulations 2015(3), insofar as they apply to the lengths of motorway specified in Schedule 2, are suspended during such times as the restriction specified in article 4 is in operation.

Application

7.—(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 limit imposed by this Order applies to an exempted vehicle.

Duration of this Order

8. 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

30 June 2017

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Head of Business Unit, Network Management
Welsh Government

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

Temporary Prohibition of Vehicles

The length of the main westbound carriageway of the motorway that extends from the nosing of the westbound exit slip road at Junction 25a (Grove Park) to the nosing of the westbound entry slip road at Junction 26 (Malpas).

The length of the main eastbound carriageway of the motorway that extends from the nosing of the eastbound exit slip road at Junction 26 (Malpas) to the nosing of the eastbound entry slip road at Junction 25a (Grove Park).

The entire lengths of the eastbound and westbound exit and entry slip roads of the motorway at Junction 26 (Malpas).

(3) S.I. 2015/1018 (W.72)

The length of the main westbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 24 (Coldra) that extends from the nosing of the westbound exit slip road to the nosing of the westbound entry slip road.

The length of the main eastbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 28 (Tredegar Park) that extends from the nosing of the eastbound exit slip road to the nosing of the eastbound entry slip road.

SCHEDULE 2
Temporary 40 mph Speed Limit

The length of the main westbound carriageway of the motorway that extends from the nosing of the westbound exit slip road at Junction 25a (Grove Park) to the nosing of the westbound entry slip road at Junction 26 (Malpas).

The length of the main eastbound carriageway of the motorway that extends from the nosing of the eastbound exit slip road at Junction 26 (Malpas) to the nosing of the eastbound entry slip road at Junction 25a (Grove Park).

The entire lengths of the eastbound and westbound exit and entry slip roads of the motorway at Junction 26 (Malpas).