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ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

**The M4 Motorway (Junction 34
(Miskin), Rhondda Cynon Taf to
Junction 36 (Sarn), Bridgend)
(Temporary 40 mph & 50 mph
Speed Limits) Order 2021**

Made 25 February 2021

Coming into force 1 March 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.

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 34 (Miskin), Rhondda Cynon Taf to Junction 36 (Sarn), Bridgend) (Temporary 40 mph & 50 mph Speed Limits) Order 2021 and it comes into force on 1 March 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.

Restrictions

3. No person may 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.

4. No person may drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the lengths of the motorway specified in the Schedule to this Order.

Application

5.—(1) The restrictions in article 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.

Suspensions

6. 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 and 4 of this Order apply.

(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).

Duration of this Order

7. 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 25 February 2021

Nicci Hunter
Business Team Leader
Welsh Government

SCHEDULE

The length of the westbound carriageway of the motorway that extends from the nosing of the westbound exit slip road at Junction 34 (Miskin) to the nosing of the westbound entry slip road at Junction 36 (Sarn).

The length of the eastbound carriageway of the motorway that extends from the nosing of the eastbound exit slip road at Junction 36 (Sarn) to the nosing of the eastbound entry slip road at Junction 34 (Miskin).