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ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

The M4 Motorway (Westbound
between Junction 23a (Magor),
Monmouthshire and Junction 33
(Cardiff West), Cardiff) and
A48(M) Motorway (Westbound)
(Temporary 50 mph Speed Limit)
Order 2017

Made 19 May 2017

Coming into force 29 May 2017

The Welsh Ministers, being the traffic authority for the relevant length of the M4 London to South Wales Motorway and the A48(M) Motorway, are satisfied that traffic in specified lengths of the motorways should be restricted by reason of likelihood of danger to the public.

The Welsh Ministers, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 14(1) and (4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(1), make this Order.

Title, Interpretation and Commencement

1. This Order comes into force on 29 May 2017 and its title is The M4 Motorway (Westbound between Junction 23a (Magor), Monmouthshire and Junction 33 (Cardiff West), Cardiff) and A48(M) Motorway (Westbound) (Temporary 50 mph Speed Limit) Order 2017.

(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 exercisable by the Welsh Ministers in relation to Wales

2. In this Order:

“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 are 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;

“specified period” (“*cyfnod penodedig*”) means any period commencing at 00:01 hours on 29 May 2017 and ending when the temporary traffic signs are no longer displayed.

“the motorways” (“*y traffyrdd*”) means the M4 London to South Wales motorway between Junction 23a (Magor) in the County of Monmouthshire and Junction 33 (Cardiff West) in the City and County of Cardiff and the A48(M) in the City of Newport and the City and County of Cardiff;

Restriction

3. No person shall, during the specified period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle to proceed at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour in the lengths of the motorways specified in the Schedule.

Suspension

4. Any statutory provisions restricting the speed of vehicles on the relevant lengths of the motorways specified in article 2 are suspended during such times and to such extent as indicated by traffic signs.

Application

5. (1) The restriction in article 3 applies 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

6. The maximum duration for this Order shall be one week.

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

Dated 19 May 2017

Nina Ley
Head of Business Unit, Network Management
Welsh Government

SCHEDULE

(M4)

1. The length of the westbound carriageway that extends from the nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 23a (Magor) to a point 675 metres west of the centre line of the Bishton Llanmartin overbridge.
2. The length of the westbound carriageway from a point 22 metres west of the western end of the parapet on Forge Road underbridge to the nosing of the westbound entry slip road at Junction 33 (Cardiff West).
3. Junction 23a (Magor) westbound entry slip road from its junction with the A4810 to its junction with the main westbound carriageway.
4. Junction 28 (Tredegar Park) westbound entry slip road from its junction with the A48 to its junction with the main westbound carriageway.
5. Junction 30 (Pentwyn) westbound exit slip road from its junction with the main westbound carriageway to its junction with A4232.
6. Junction 30 (Pentwyn) westbound entry slip road from its junction with the A4232 to its junction with the main westbound carriageway.
7. Junction 32 (Coryton) westbound exit slip road from its junction with the main westbound carriageway for a distance of 271 metres.

8. Junction 32 (Coryton) westbound entry slip road from its junction with the A4054 to its junction with the main westbound carriageway.

9. Junction 33 (Cardiff West) westbound exit slip road from its junction with the main westbound carriageway for a distance of 245 metres.

(A48(M))

10. The westbound carriageway from its junction with the physical nosing of the exit slip road at Junction 29 to the physical nosing of the entry slip road at A48 Eastern Avenue St Mellons.