

2017 No. 938 (W. 231)

ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

**The M4 Motorway (Junction 34
(Miskin), Rhondda Cynon Taf and
Vale of Glamorgan) (Temporary
Traffic Prohibitions and Speed
Restrictions) Order 2017**

Made 13 September 2017

Coming into force 18 September 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 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 18 September 2017. Its title is The M4 Motorway (Junction 34 (Miskin), Rhondda Cynon Taf and Vale of Glamorgan) (Temporary Traffic Prohibitions and Speed Restrictions) Order 2017.

2. —(1) 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, article 2 and Schedule 1 and paragraph 30(1) 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 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 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 at Junction 34 (Miskin) in the Counties of Rhondda Cynon Taf and Vale of Glamorgan specified in the Schedules to this Order;

“works period” (*“cyfnod y gwaith”*) means the period commencing at 20:00 hours on 18 September 2017 and ending when the temporary traffic signs are permanently 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.

Prohibitions and Restrictions

3. No person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, to proceed in 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 or 50 miles per hour in the lengths of the motorway specified in Schedule 2.

5. No person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle with a width of or exceeding 1.99 metres to proceed in the length of the motorway specified in Schedule 3.

Suspensions

6. Any statutory provisions restricting the speed of vehicles on the relevant lengths of the motorway specified in the Schedule are suspended during such times as the restriction specified in article 4 is in operation.

Revocation

7. The M4 Motorway (Junction 34 (Miskin), Rhondda Cynon Taf and the Vale of Glamorgan) (Temporary Traffic Prohibition & 50 MPH Speed Limit) Order 2017(2) is hereby revoked.

Application

8. —(1) The prohibitions and restrictions in articles 3, 4 and 5 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

9. 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 the 13 September 2017

Nina Ley
Head of Business Unit, Network Management
Welsh Government

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

Temporary Prohibition of vehicles and Alternative Routes

The length of the westbound carriageway 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 that junction.

The entire length of the westbound entry slip road at Junction 34 (Miskin).

The length of the westbound carriageway 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 35 (Pencoed).

The entire length of the eastbound exit slip road at Junction 34 (Miskin).

SCHEDULE 2

Temporary 40 or 50 mph speed limit

The length of the westbound and eastbound carriageway that extends from the Groes Faen overbridge 1km east of Junction 34 (Miskin) to a point 500 metres west of the Hensol Road Underbridge.

The entire lengths of the westbound and eastbound entry and exit slip roads at Junction 34 (Miskin).

SCHEDULE 3

Temporary Prohibition of Wide Vehicles over 1.99 metres

The length of the westbound carriageway in Lane 3 that extends from the Groes Faen overbridge 1km east of Junction 34 (Miskin) to a point 500 metres west of the Hensol Road underbridge.