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ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

The A5 Trunk Road (Halton
Roundabout to Whitehurst
Roundabout, Chirk, Wrexham
County Borough) (Temporary
Traffic Prohibitions & Restriction)
Order 2020

Made 25 February 2020

Coming into force 1 March 2020

The Welsh Ministers, as traffic authority for the relevant length of the A5 Trunk Road, are satisfied that traffic on a specified length of the trunk road should be prohibited and/or 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 A5 Trunk Road (Halton Roundabout to Whitehurst Roundabout, Chirk, Wrexham County Borough) (Temporary Traffic Prohibitions & Restriction) Order 2020 and it comes into force on 1 March 2020.

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⁾;
- (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 trunk road” (*“y gefnffordd”*) means the A5 London to Holyhead Trunk Road north of Chirk, Wrexham County Borough that extends from the western side of Halton Roundabout to the eastern side of Whitehurst Roundabout;

“works period” (*“cyfnod y gwaith”*) means intermittent periods commencing at 19:00 hours on 1 March 2020 and ending when the temporary traffic signs for each period of works are removed.

Prohibitions and Restriction

3. No person may, during the works period, drive any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, on the length of the trunk road specified in article 2.

4. No person may, during the works period, drive any vehicle at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour on the length of the trunk road specified in article 2.

5. No person may, during the works period, use or permit the use of a vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, in such a way that it overtakes any other vehicle on the length of the trunk road specified in article 2 during such times as the restriction specified in article 4 is in operation.

(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).

Application

6.—(1) The prohibitions and restriction 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.

Suspension

7. Any statutory provisions restricting the speed of vehicles on the length of the trunk road specified in article 2 are suspended during such times as the restriction specified in article 4 is in operation.

Duration of this Order

8. The maximum duration of this Order is 18 months.

Signed under authority of the Minister for Economy and Transport, one of the Welsh Ministers.

Dated 25 February 2020

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