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ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

**The M4 Motorway (Slip Roads at
Junction 48 (Hendy),
Carmarthenshire) (Temporary 30
mph & 50 mph Speed Limits)
Order 2021**

Made 5 November 2021

Coming into force 11 November 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 and commencement

1. The title of this Order is the M4 Motorway (Slip Roads at Junction 48 (Hendy), Carmarthenshire) (Temporary 30 mph & 50 mph Speed Limits) Order 2021 and this Order comes into force on 11 November 2021.

Interpretation

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 functions 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(1); 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;

“works period” (*“cyfnod y gwaith”*) means the period commencing at 00:01 hours on 11 November 2021 and ending when the temporary traffic signs are permanently removed.

Restrictions

3. No person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 30 miles per hour on the lengths of the motorway specified in Schedule 1 to this Order.

4. No person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the lengths of the motorway specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.

Application

5.—(1) The restrictions in articles 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.

(1) 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).

Suspensions

6. Any statutory provisions restricting the speed of motor vehicles on the lengths of the trunk road specified in the Schedules to this Order are suspended during such times as the restrictions specified in articles 3 and 4 apply.

Duration of this Order

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

Signed on behalf of the Deputy Minister for Climate Change, acting under the authority of the Minister for Climate Change, one of the Welsh Ministers.

Dated

5 November 2021

Nicci Hunter
Business Team Leader
Welsh Government

SCHEDULE 1 Temporary 30 mph speed limit

The length of the M4 Junction 48 eastbound exit slip road that extends from its junction with the A4138 to a point 25 metres north-west of that junction.

The length of the M4 Junction 48 eastbound entry slip road that extends from its junction with the A4138 to a point 82 metres south-east of that junction.

The length of the M4 Junction 48 westbound exit slip road that extends from its junction with the A4138 to a point 37.5 metres south-east of that junction.

The length of the M4 Junction 48 westbound entry slip road that extends from its junction with the A4138 to a point 100 metres north of that junction.

SCHEDULE 2 Temporary 50 mph speed limit

The length of the M4 Junction 48 eastbound exit slip road that extends from a point 25 metres north-west of its junction with the A4138 to a point 500 metres north-west of that junction.

The length of the M4 Junction 48 westbound exit slip road that extends from a point 37.5 metres south-east of its junction with the A4138 to a point 200 metres south-east of that junction.