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ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

**The A465 Trunk Road (Taf Fechan
Viaduct, Cefn Coed, Merthyr
Tydfil) (Temporary Prohibition of
Large Vehicles) Order 2023**

Made 24 March 2023

Coming into force 1 April 2023

The Welsh Ministers, as traffic authority for the A465 trunk road, are satisfied that traffic on a specified length of the trunk road should be prohibited because of works proposed on or near the road.

The Welsh Ministers, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by sections 14(1)(a), (4) and 15(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(1), make this Order.

Title and commencement

1. The title of this Order is the A465 Trunk Road (Taf Fechan Viaduct, Cefn Coed, Merthyr Tydfil) (Temporary Prohibition of Large Vehicles) Order 2023 and this Order comes into force on 1 April 2023.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

“the trunk road” (“*y gefnffordd*”) means the A465 Neath to Abergavenny trunk road;

“works period” (“*cyfnod y gwaith*”) means the period commencing at 00:01 hours on 1 April 2023 and ending when the temporary traffic signs are permanently removed.

(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.

Prohibition

3. No person may, during the works period, drive any vehicle with a weight of or exceeding 44 tonnes on the length of the trunk road that extends from the eastern abutment to the western abutment of Taf Fechan Viaduct, Cefn Coed, Merthyr Tydfil.

Application

4. The prohibition in article 3 applies only during such times and to such extent as indicated by traffic signs.

Duration of this Order

5. The Welsh Ministers are satisfied, in accordance with section 15(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, that the execution of works giving rise to this Order will take longer than 18 months. This Order will be revoked on completion of the works.

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

24 March 2023

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