

**2015 No. 2078 (W. 314)**

**ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES**

**The M4 Motorway (Junction 24  
(Coldra) to Junction 28 (Tredegar  
Park), Newport) (Temporary  
Prohibition of Vehicles & 40 mph  
Speed Limit) Order 2015**

*Made* 29 December 2015

*Coming into force* 4 January 2016

The Welsh Ministers, being the traffic authority for the relevant length of the London – South Wales Motorway (M4) (“the motorway”), are satisfied that traffic in specified lengths of the motorway should be prohibited or 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) and of all other enabling powers(2), make this Order.

**Title, Interpretation and Commencement**

**1.** This Order comes into force on 4 January 2016 and its title is The M4 Motorway (Junction 24 (Coldra) to Junction 28 (Tredegar Park), Newport) (Temporary Prohibition of Vehicles & 40 mph Speed Limit) Order 2015.

**2.—(1)** In this Order:

“exempted vehicle” (“*cerbyd esempt*”) means:

(a) any vehicle being used by the emergency services or in connection with the works giving rise to this Order; 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 the 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 lengths of the motorway” (*“y darnau o’r draffordd”*) means those lengths of the motorway specified in the Schedules to this Order;

“works period” (*“cyfnod y gwaith”*) means intermittent periods commencing at 20:00 hours on 4 January 2016 and ending when the temporary traffic signs for each period of works are 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.

### **Prohibition and Restriction**

**3.** Subject to the provisions of article 7, no person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle to proceed in the lengths of the motorway specified in Schedule 1.

**4.** Subject to the provisions of article 7, no person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, to proceed at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour in the lengths of the motorway specified in Schedule 2.

### **Suspensions**

**5.** The provisions of regulation 3 of the Motorway Traffic (Speed Limit) Regulations 1974(3), insofar as they apply to the lengths of motorway specified in Schedule 2, are hereby suspended during such times as the restriction specified in article 4 is in operation.

**6.** The provisions of The M4 Motorway (West of Junction 23A (Magor) to East of Junction 29 (Castleton)) (Variable Speed Limits) Regulations 2015(4), insofar as they apply to the lengths of motorway specified in Schedule 2, are hereby suspended during such times as the restriction specified in article 4 is in operation.

### **Application**

**7.** The provisions of articles 3 and 4 apply only during such times and to such extent as the application of the prohibition and restriction referred to therein is indicated by traffic signs.

## **Duration of this Order**

**8.** The maximum duration for this Order shall be 18 months.

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

Dated the 29 December 2015

*Richard Morgan*  
Head of Asset Management and Standards  
Welsh Government

- (1) 1984 c.27; Section 14 was substituted by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991 (c.26), section 1(1) and Schedule 1.
- (2) By virtue of S.I. 1999/672, article 2 and Schedule 1, and paragraph 30 of Schedule 11 to the Government of Wales Act 2006, these powers are now exercisable by the Welsh Ministers in relation to Wales.
- (3) S.I. 1974/502
- (4) S.I. 2015/1018 (W.72)

## **SCHEDULES**

### **SCHEDULE 1**

#### **Temporary Prohibition of Vehicles**

The length of the main westbound carriageway of the motorway that extends from the nosing of the westbound exit slip road at Junction 25a (Grove Park) to the nosing of the westbound entry slip road at Junction 26 (Malpas).

The length of the main eastbound carriageway of the motorway that extends from the nosing of the eastbound exit slip road at Junction 26 (Malpas) to the nosing of the eastbound entry slip road at Junction 25a (Grove Park).

The entire lengths of the eastbound and westbound exit and entry slip roads of the motorway at Junction 26 (Malpas).

The length of the main westbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 24 (Coldra) that extends from the nosing of the westbound exit slip road to the nosing of the westbound entry slip road.

The length of the main eastbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 28 (Tredegar Park) that extends from the nosing of the eastbound exit slip road to the nosing of the eastbound entry slip road.

**SCHEDULE 2**  
**Temporary 40 mph Speed Limit**

The length of the main westbound carriageway of the motorway that extends from the nosing of the westbound exit slip road at Junction 25a (Grove Park) to the nosing of the westbound entry slip road at Junction 26 (Malpas).

The length of the main eastbound carriageway of the motorway that extends from the nosing of the eastbound exit slip road at Junction 26 (Malpas) to the nosing of the eastbound entry slip road at Junction 25a (Grove Park).

The entire lengths of the eastbound and westbound exit and entry slip roads of the motorway at Junction 26 (Malpas).