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ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

**The A48(M) Motorway (St
Mellons, Cardiff to Castleton,
Newport) (Temporary Prohibition
of Vehicles & 40 mph Speed Limit)
Order 2016**

Made 15 December 2016

Coming into force 19 December 2016

The Welsh Ministers, being the traffic authority for the relevant length of the A48(M) Motorway (“the motorway”), are satisfied that traffic in specified lengths of the motorway should be prohibited and/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), make this Order.

Title, Interpretation and Commencement

1. This Order comes into force on 19 December 2016 and its title is The A48(M) Motorway (St Mellons, Cardiff to Castleton, Newport) (Temporary Prohibition of Vehicles & 40 mph Speed Limit) Order 2016.

2. —(1) In this Order:

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

(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 home 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:

i. the length of the eastbound carriageway of the motorway that extends from the nosing of the eastbound exit slip road at Junction 29a to the nosing of the eastbound entry slip road of the M4 motorway at Junction 29; and

ii. the length of the westbound carriageway of the motorway that extends from the nosing of the westbound exit slip road of the M4 motorway at Junction 29 to the nosing of the westbound entry slip road at Junction 29a;

“works period” (*“cyfnod y gwaith”*) means the period commencing at 19:00 hours on 19 December 2016 and ending when the temporary traffic signs are permanently removed.

(2) Any reference in this Order to a numbered article is a reference to the article bearing that number in this Order.

Prohibition & Restriction

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.

4. No person shall, during the works period, ride, drive or cause or permit any vehicle to proceed at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour in the lengths of the motorway.

Suspensions

5. Any statutory provisions restricting the speed of vehicles on the relevant lengths of the motorway specified in article 2 are suspended during such times as the restriction specified in article 4 is in operation.

Application

6. —(1) The prohibition and restriction in articles 3 and 4 shall 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

7. The maximum duration for this Order shall be 18 months.

Signed under authority of the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure, one of the Welsh Ministers.

Dated the

15 December 2016

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(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 of Schedule 11 to the Government of Wales Act 2006, these powers are now exercisable by the Welsh Ministers in relation to Wales.