### WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

# 2016 No. 528 (W. 160)

# ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

The A55 Trunk Road (Junction 7 (Cefn Du), Isle of Anglesey to Junction 11 (Llys y Gwynt Interchange), Bangor, Gwynedd) (Temporary 30 mph & 50 mph Speed Limits) Order 2016

Made 22 April 2016

Coming into force 25 April 2016

The Welsh Ministers, being the traffic authority for the relevant length of the Chester – Bangor Trunk Road and the London – Holyhead Trunk Road (A55) ("the trunk road"), are satisfied that traffic in specified lengths of the trunk road should be restricted because of the likelihood of a danger to the public on or near the road during periods of high winds.

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 25 April 2016 and its title is The A55 Trunk Road (Junction 7 (Cefn Du), Isle of Anglesey to Junction 11 (Llys y Gwynt Interchange), Bangor, Gwynedd) (Temporary 30 mph & 50 mph Speed Limits) 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 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 trunk road" ("y darnau o'r gefnffordd") means that length of the main carriageway and slip roads of the length of the trunk road that extends from the centre-point of Junction 7 (Cefn Du), Isle of Anglesey to the centre-point of Junction 11 (Llys y Gwynt Interchange), Bangor, Gwynedd.

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

#### Restrictions

- **3.** Subject to the provisions of article 6, no person shall drive or cause or permit any vehicle to be driven at a speed exceeding 30 mph in the lengths of the trunk road.
- **4.** Subject to the provisions of article 6, no person shall drive or cause or permit any vehicle to be driven at a speed exceeding 50 mph in the lengths of the trunk road.

## **Suspensions**

**5.** Any statutory provisions restricting the speed of vehicles on the relevant lengths of the trunk road specified in article 2 are hereby suspended during such times as the restrictions specified in articles 3 and 4 are in operation.

## **Application**

- **6.** (1) The provisions of articles 3 and 4 shall apply only during such times when wind speeds exceed a level that may impact on the safety of road users and to such extent as the application of the restrictions referred to therein is indicated by traffic signs.
- (2) No speed limits imposed by this Order apply to an exempted vehicle.

#### **Duration of this Order**

**7.** 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

22 April 2016

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(1) of Schedule 11 to the Government of Wales Act 2006, these powers are now conferred upon the Welsh Ministers in relation to Wales.