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ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

**The A465 Trunk Road (Tredegar
Interchange, Blaenau Gwent to
Dowlais Top Roundabout, Merthyr
Tydfil) (Temporary Traffic
Prohibitions & Restrictions) Order
2016**

Made 30 August 2016

Coming into force 5 September 2016

The Welsh Ministers, being the traffic authority for the length of the Neath – Abergavenny Trunk Road (A465) (“the trunk road”), are satisfied that traffic in specified lengths of the trunk road should be prohibited and/or 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, Interpretation and Commencement

1. This Order comes into force on 5 September 2016 and its title is The A465 Trunk Road (Tredegar Interchange, Blaenau Gwent to Dowlais Top Roundabout, Merthyr Tydfil) (Temporary Traffic Prohibitions & Restrictions) 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 length(s) of the trunk road” (*“y darn(au) o’r gefnffordd”*) means those lengths of the trunk road in the County Boroughs of Blaenau Gwent, Caerphilly and Merthyr Tydfil specified in the Schedules to this Order;

“works period” (*“cyfnod y gwaith”*) means the period commencing at 20:00 hours on 5 September 2016 and ending when the temporary traffic signs are permanently 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.

Prohibitions & Restrictions

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 trunk road specified in Schedule 1.

4. No person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle to be driven at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour in the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 2.

5. No person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle to be driven at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour in the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 2.

6. No person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any motor vehicle to be driven at a speed exceeding 10 miles per hour in the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 2.

7. No person shall, during the works period, use or permit the use of a vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, in such a way that it overtakes any other vehicle in the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 2 during such times as the restriction specified in article 6 is in force.

Suspension

8. Any statutory provisions restricting the speed of vehicles on the relevant lengths of the trunk road described in Schedule 2 are suspended during such times as the restrictions specified in articles 4, 5 and 6 are in operation.

Application

9. (1) The prohibitions and restrictions in articles 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 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.

Duration of this Order

10. The maximum duration of this Order shall be 18 months.

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

Dated the 30 August 2016

Nina Ley
Head of Business Unit, Network Management
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. 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.

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

Temporary Prohibition of Vehicles

The length of the westbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from the nosing of the westbound exit slip road at Tredegar Interchange to its junction with the A4060 roundabout at Dowlais, including the westbound exit and entry slip roads at Tredegar Interchange and Rhymney Interchange.

The length of the eastbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from its junction with the north-eastern side of Dowlais Top roundabout to the nosing of the eastbound entry slip road at Tredegar Interchange, including the eastbound exit and entry

slip roads at Rhymney Interchange and Tredegar Interchange.

SCHEDULE 2
Temporary 50 mph, 40 mph or 10 mph Speed
Limits & No Overtaking

The length of the westbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from the nosing of the westbound exit slip road at Tredegar Interchange to its junction with the A4060 roundabout at Dowlais.

The length of the eastbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from its junction with the north-eastern side of Dowlais Top roundabout to the nosing of the eastbound entry slip road at Tredegar Interchange.