

2020 No. 1117 (W. 252)

ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

**The A494 Trunk Road
(Gwyddelwern, Denbighshire)
(Temporary 40 mph Speed Limit)
Order 2020**

Made 13 October 2020

Coming into force 16 October 2020

The Welsh Ministers, as traffic authority for the relevant length of the A494 trunk road, are satisfied that traffic on a specified length of the trunk road should be restricted because of the likelihood of danger to the public.

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, Commencement and Interpretation

1. The title of this Order is the A494 Trunk Road (Gwyddelwern, Denbighshire) (Temporary 40 mph Speed Limit) Order 2020 and it comes into force on 16 October 2020.

2. In this Order—

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

- (a) any vehicle being used for the purposes described in section 87 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(2); and

(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 powers are now exercisable by the Welsh Ministers in relation to Wales.

(2) Section 87 was amended by the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 (c.21), Schedule 1, paragraph 55, the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 (c.15), Schedule 4, paragraph 42, the Crime and Courts Act 2013 (c.22),

(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 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 trunk road” (*“y gefnffordd”*) means the A494 Dolgellau to South of Birkenhead trunk road.

Restriction

3. No person may drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour on the length of the trunk road at Maes Gamedd bends, Gwyddelwern, Denbighshire that extends from a point 79 metres south-east of its junction with the unclassified road leading to the dwellings known as Bryn-du and Maerdy, north of Gwyddelwern to a point 217 metres north of that junction.

Application

4.—(1) The restriction in article 3 applies 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.

Suspension

5. Any statutory provisions restricting the speed of vehicles on the length of the trunk road are suspended during such times as the restriction specified in article 3 is in operation.

Duration of this Order

6. The maximum duration of this Order is 18 months.

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

Dated

13 October 2020

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