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ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

The A465 Trunk Road (Westbound Carriageway from Merthyr Road Overbridge, Tredegar, Blaenau Gwent to Rhymney Interchange Overbridge, Rhymney, Caerphilly County Borough) (Temporary 50 mph Speed Limit) Order 2024

Made 22 May 2024

Coming into force 29 May 2024

The Welsh Ministers, as traffic authority for the A465 trunk road, are satisfied that traffic on a specified length of the trunk road should be 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 and commencement

1. The title of this Order is the A465 Trunk Road (Westbound Carriageway from Merthyr Road Overbridge, Tredegar, Blaenau Gwent to Rhymney Interchange Overbridge, Rhymney, Caerphilly County Borough) (Temporary 50 mph Speed Limit) Order 2024 and this Order comes into force on 29 May 2024.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

(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.

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

- (a) any vehicle being used by the emergency services;
- (b) any vehicle being used for the purposes described in section 87 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984⁽¹⁾;
- (c) 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 A465 Neath to Abergavenny trunk road;

“works period” (“*cyfnod y gwaith*”) means the period commencing at 00:01 hours on 29 May 2024 and ending when the temporary traffic signs are permanently removed.

Restriction

3. No person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the length of the westbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from the centre of Merthyr Road overbridge in a westerly direction for a distance of 2130 metres to the centre of Rhymney Interchange overbridge.

Suspension

4. 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.

(1) 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), Schedule 8, paragraph 29(2) and the Deregulation Act 2015 (c. 20), section 50(4) and (5).

Application

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

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

Signed on behalf of the Cabinet Secretary for North Wales and Transport, one of the Welsh Ministers.

Dated

22 May 2024

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