

**2016 No. 7 (W. 5)**

**ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES**

The M4 Motorway (Junction 46,  
Llangyfelach, Swansea to Junction  
49, Pont Abraham,  
Carmarthenshire) (Temporary  
Prohibitions, 50 MPH Speed Limit  
and Trafficking of Hard Shoulder)  
Order 2016

*Made* 6 January 2016

*Coming into force* 11 January 2016

The Welsh Ministers, being the traffic authority for the relevant lengths of the London to South Wales Motorway (M4) (“the motorway”), are satisfied that traffic in specified lengths of the motorway should be prohibited and restricted because of works proposed on or near the motorway.

The Welsh Ministers, 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 11 January 2016. Its title is The M4 Motorway (Junction 46, Llangyfelach, Swansea to Junction 49, Pont Abraham, Carmarthenshire) (Temporary Prohibitions, 50 MPH Speed Limit and Trafficking of Hard Shoulder) Order 2016 .

**2.** (1) In this Order:

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

(a) any vehicle being used by the emergency services or in connection with the works giving rise to this Order;

(b) any vehicle being used for naval, military or air force purposes, and

(c) 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 motorway” (*“y darnau o’r draffordd”*) means those lengths of the motorway in the City and County of Swansea and the County of Carmarthenshire specified in the Schedules to this Order;

“works period” (*“cyfnod y gwaith”*) means the period commencing at 20.00 hours on 11 January 2016 and ending when the temporary traffic signs for each period of works are 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 and Restrictions**

**3.** Subject to the provisions of article 7, 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 specified in Schedule 1.

**4.** Subject to the provisions of article 7, no person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle with a width of or exceeding 2.9 metres to proceed in the lengths of the motorway specified in Schedule 1, Paragraphs 1 and 2.

**5.** Subject to the provisions of article 7, no person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle to proceed at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour in the lengths of the motorway specified in Schedule 2.

**6.** Subject to the provisions of article 7, the hard shoulder adjacent to the eastbound and westbound carriageways of the lengths of motorway specified in Schedule 3 shall be available for use as a traffic lane, with exception for vehicles with a width of or exceeding 2.9 metres

## **Suspensions**

**7.** The provisions of Regulation 3 of the Motorway Traffic (Speed Limit) Regulations 1974(3) insofar as they apply to the lengths of the motorway specified in Schedule 2, are hereby suspended during such times as the restriction specified in article 5 is in operation.

**8.** Regulation 5 of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(4) and the provisions of Regulation 9 of those Regulations relating to the driving of vehicles are suspended insofar as they apply to the hard shoulder which is contiguous with the lengths of the eastbound and westbound carriageways of the motorway specified in article 6 and traffic is directed to use the specified hard shoulder.

## **Application**

**9.** (1)The provisions of articles 3, 4, 5 and 6 of this Order shall apply only during such times and to such extent as the application of the prohibitions and restrictions referred to therein are indicated by traffic signs.

(2) No speed limit imposed by this Order applies to an exempted vehicle

## **Duration of this Order**

**10.** 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 6 January 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 of Schedule 11 to the Government of Wales Act 2006, these powers are now exercisable by the Welsh Ministers in relation to Wales.

(3) S.I. 1974/502

(4) S.I. 1982/1163

## **SCHEDULES**

### **SCHEDULE 1**

#### **EXTENT OF PROHIBITION OF ALL VEHICLES**

1. The length of the main westbound carriageway that extends from the physical nosing of the westbound exit slip road at Junction 46, Llangyfelach to the physical nosing of the westbound entry slip road at Junction 48, Hendy.
2. The length of the main eastbound carriageway that extends from the physical nosing of the eastbound exit slip road at Junction 48, Hendy to the physical nosing of the eastbound entry slip road at Junction 46, Llangyfelach.
3. The length of the main westbound carriageway that extends from the physical nosing westbound exit slip road at Junction 48, Hendy to its junction with the main circulatory carriageway of the roundabout at Junction 49, Pont Abraham.
4. The entire lengths of the westbound and eastbound exit and entry slip roads at Junction 46, Llangyfelach.
5. The entire lengths of the westbound and eastbound entry and exit slip roads at Junction 47, Penllergaer.
6. The entire lengths of the westbound and eastbound entry and exit slip roads at Junction 48, Hendy.

### **SCHEDULE 2**

#### **EXTENT OF TEMPORARY 50 MPH SPEED LIMIT**

1. The length of the main westbound and eastbound carriageways that extend from a point 750 metres east of the centre-point of Pont Lasau Road underbridge to a point 500 metres north-west of the centre-point of Hendy Footbridge.
2. The entire lengths of the westbound and eastbound exit and entry slip roads at Junction 46, Llangyfelach, Junction 47, Penllergaer and Junction 48, Hendy.

### **SCHEDULE 3**

#### **EXTENT OF TRAFFICKING OF HARD SHOULDER**

1. The length of the main westbound carriageway that extends from the physical nosing of the westbound exit slip road at Junction 46, Llangyfelach to the physical nosing of the westbound entry slip road at Junction 48, Hendy.

2. The length of the main eastbound carriageway that extends from the physical nosing of the eastbound exit slip road at Junction 48, Hendy to the physical nosing of the eastbound entry slip road at Junction 46, Llangyfelach.