

**2021 No. 1061 (W. 249)**

**ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES**

**The M4 Motorway (Junction 32  
(Coryton) to Junction 33 (Capel  
Llanilltern), Cardiff) (Temporary  
Traffic Prohibitions & Restrictions)  
Order 2021**

*Made* 17 September 2021

*Coming into force* 26 September 2021

The Welsh Ministers, as traffic authority for the relevant length of the M4 motorway, are satisfied that traffic on specified lengths of the motorway 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<sup>(1)</sup>, make this Order.

**Title and commencement**

1. The title of this Order is the M4 Motorway (Junction 32 (Coryton) to Junction 33 (Capel Llanilltern), Cardiff) (Temporary Traffic Prohibitions & Restrictions) Order 2021 and this Order comes into force on 26 September 2021.

**Interpretation**

2. In this Order—

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

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

- (a) any vehicle being used for the purposes described in section 87 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(1); 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 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 motorway” (*“y draffordd”*) means the M4 London to South Wales motorway;

“works period” (*“cyfnod y gwaith”*) means intermittent periods commencing at 20:00 hours on 26 September 2021 and ending when the temporary traffic signs for each period of works are removed.

### **Prohibitions and restrictions**

3. No person may, during the works period, drive any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, on either the westbound or eastbound carriageway of the lengths of the motorway specified in Schedule 1 to this Order.

4.—(1) Whilst vehicle movement is, by article 3, prohibited on the westbound carriageway, but pursuant to article 10, not prohibited on the eastbound carriageway, no person may drive so as to cause or permit any motor vehicle to proceed in the offside lane of the eastbound carriageway in any direction other than westwards.

(2) Whilst vehicle movement is, by article 3, prohibited on the eastbound carriageway, but pursuant to article 10, not prohibited on the westbound carriageway, no person may drive so as to cause or

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(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).

permit any motor vehicle to proceed in the offside lane of the westbound carriageway in any direction other than eastwards.

5. No person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 30 miles per hour on the lengths of the motorway specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.

6. No person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour on the lengths of the motorway specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.

7. No person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the lengths of the motorway specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.

8. No person may, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle with a width of or exceeding 2.9 metres to proceed on the lengths of the motorway specified in Schedule 3 to this Order.

9. The hard shoulder adjacent to the lengths of motorway specified in Schedule 2 to this Order may be available for use as a traffic lane by all motor vehicles, except those vehicles with a width of or exceeding 2.9 metres.

### **Application**

10.—(1) The prohibitions and restrictions in articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 apply only at such times and to such extent as indicated by traffic signs.

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

### **Suspensions**

11. Any statutory provisions restricting the speed of vehicles on the relevant lengths of the motorway specified in Schedule 2 to this Order are suspended during such times as the restrictions specified in articles 5, 6 and 7 are in operation.

12. Regulation 5 of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982<sup>(1)</sup> 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 westbound and eastbound carriageways of the motorway specified in Schedule 2 to this Order and traffic is, by article 9, directed to use the specified hard shoulder.

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(1) S.I. 1982/1163.

### **Duration of this Order**

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

Signed on behalf of the Deputy Minister for Climate Change, acting under the authority of the Minister for Climate Change, one of the Welsh Ministers.

Dated 17 September 2021

*Nicci Hunter*  
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Welsh Government

### **SCHEDULE 1 Contraflow and no overtaking**

The length of the westbound carriageway of the motorway that extends from the crossover point 700 metres west of the westbound exit slip road at Junction 32 (Coryton) for a distance of approximately 2.6 kilometres.

The length of the eastbound carriageway of the motorway that extends from the crossover point 2.2 kilometres east of Junction 33 (Capel Llanilltern) for a distance of approximately 2.6 kilometres.

### **SCHEDULE 2 Temporary 30 mph, 40 mph or 50 mph speed limit and trafficking of the hard shoulder**

The length of the westbound carriageway of the motorway that extends from a point 500 metres east of westbound exit slip road at Junction 32 (Coryton Interchange) to a point 1.7 kilometres east of Junction 33 (Capel Llanilltern).

The length of the eastbound carriageway of the motorway that extends from the nosing of the eastbound entry slip road at Junction 33 (Capel Llanilltern) to a point 200 metres west of the nosing of the eastbound entry slip road at Junction 32 (Coryton).

### **SCHEDULE 3 Temporary prohibition of wide vehicles**

The length of the westbound carriageway of the motorway that extends from the nosing of the westbound exit slip road at Junction 32 (Coryton) to the nosing of the westbound entry slip road at Junction 33 (Capel Llanilltern).

The length of the eastbound carriageway of the motorway that extends from the nosing of the eastbound exit slip road at Junction 33 (Capel Llanilltern) to the nosing of the eastbound entry slip road at Junction 32 (Coryton).