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ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

The A470 Trunk Road (Swansea Road Roundabout, Merthyr Tydfil to Taffs Well, Rhondda Cynon Taf) (Temporary Traffic Prohibition & Restriction) Order 2021

Made 30 June 2021

Coming into force 5 July 2021

The Welsh Ministers, as traffic authority for the A470 trunk road, are satisfied that traffic on 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 and commencement

1. The title of this Order is the A470 Trunk Road (Swansea Road Roundabout, Merthyr Tydfil to Taffs Well, Rhondda Cynon Taf) (Temporary Traffic Prohibition & Restriction) Order 2021 and this Order comes into force on 5 July 2021.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

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

(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 trunk road” (*“y gefnffordd”*) means the A470 Cardiff to Llangurig trunk road;

“works period” (*“cyfnod y gwaith”*) means intermittent periods commencing at 20:00 hours on 5 July 2021 and ending when the temporary traffic signs for each period of works are removed.

Prohibition and restriction

3. No person may, during the works period, drive any vehicle on the lengths of the trunk road lay-bys and the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 1 to this Order.

4. No person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.

Application

5. The prohibition and restriction in articles 3 and 4 apply only during such times and to such extent as indicated by traffic signs.

(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).

Suspension

6. Any statutory provisions restricting the speed of vehicles on the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 2 to this Order are suspended during such times as the restriction specified in article 4 is in operation.

Duration of this Order

7. 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

30 June 2021

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Welsh Government

SCHEDULE 1 Temporary prohibition of vehicles

The lengths of all lay-bys adjacent to the southbound carriageway of the trunk road between Swansea Road Roundabout, Merthyr Tydfil and Taffs Well junction.

The length of the southbound abandoned slip road between Pontypridd South junction and Glyntaff junction.

The length of the lay-by adjacent to the northbound carriageway of the trunk road located between Abercynon Roundabout and Abercanaid Roundabout.

SCHEDULE 2 Temporary 50 mph speed limit

The length of the southbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from Rhydycar Roundabout to Abercanaid Roundabout.