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ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

**The A470 Trunk Road (Abercanaid
Roundabout to Rhydycar
Roundabout, Merthyr Tydfil)
(Temporary Traffic Prohibitions and
Restrictions) Order 2024**

Made 29 April 2024

Coming into force 6 May 2024

The Welsh Ministers, as traffic authority for the A470 trunk road, are satisfied that traffic on a specified length 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 (Abercanaid Roundabout to Rhydycar Roundabout, Merthyr Tydfil) (Temporary Traffic Prohibitions and Restrictions) Order 2024 and this Order comes into force on 6 May 2024.

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

- (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 A470 Cardiff to Llangurig trunk road;

“works period” (“*cyfnod y gwaith*”) means intermittent periods commencing at 00:01 hours on 6 May 2024 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 the length of the trunk road specified in the Schedule to this Order.

4. No person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour on the length of the trunk road specified in the Schedule to this Order.

5. No person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, at a speed exceeding 10 miles per hour on the length of the trunk road specified in the Schedule to this Order.

6. No person may, during the works period, use or permit the use of a vehicle, other than an exempted

(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).

vehicle, in such a way that it overtakes any other vehicle on the length of the trunk road specified in the Schedule to this Order during such times as the restriction referred to in article 5 is in operation.

Suspension

7. Any statutory provisions restricting the speed of vehicles on the length of the trunk road specified in the Schedule to this Order are suspended during such times as the restrictions specified in articles 4 and 5 are in operation.

Application

8.—(1) The prohibitions and restrictions in articles 3, 4, 5 and 6 apply 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

9. 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

29 April 2024

Nicci Hunter
Business Team Leader
Welsh Government

SCHEDULE

Temporary Prohibition of Vehicles, 40 mph and 10 mph Speed Limits and Prohibition of Overtaking during Convoy Working

The length of the trunk road that extends from the northern side junction with the circulatory carriageway of Abercanaid Roundabout to the southern side junction with the circulatory carriageway of Rhydycar Roundabout.