

**2013 No. 1586 (W. 148)**

**ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES**

The M48 Motorway (Mathern  
Bridge, Near Chepstow,  
Monmouthshire) (Temporary  
Prohibition of Vehicles) Order 2013

*Made* *21 June 2013*

*Coming into force* *1 July 2013*

The Welsh Ministers, as the traffic authority for the London – Fishguard Motorway (M48) (hereinafter referred to as “the motorway”), are satisfied that traffic in a specified length of the motorway should be prohibited by reason of the likelihood of danger to the public arising from the transportation of abnormal indivisible loads.

The Welsh Ministers, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 14(1) and (4) 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 1 July 2013. Its title is The M48 Motorway (Mathern Bridge, Near Chepstow, Monmouthshire) (Temporary Prohibition of Vehicles) Order 2013.

**2.** —(1) In this Order:

“exempted vehicle” (“*cerbyd esempt*”) means any vehicle being used by the emergency services or in connection with the transportation of the abnormal indivisible loads giving rise to this Order;

“the length of the motorway” (“*y darn o’r draffordd*”) means the length of the westbound carriageway of the M48 Motorway which extends from the centre-point of Junction 2 Interchange, at its junction with the A466, to a point 200 metres west of the centre-point of Mathern Bridge, near Chepstow in the County of Monmouthshire;

“transportation period” (“*cyfnod y cludo*”) means that period commencing at 00:01 hours on 1 July 2013 and ending when the movement of the abnormal indivisible loads has been completed.

(2) Any reference in this Order to a numbered article is a reference to the article bearing that number in this Order.

### **Prohibition**

3. Subject to the provisions of article 4, no person shall, during the transportation period, drive any vehicle or cause or permit any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, to proceed in the length of the motorway.

### **Application**

4. The provisions of article 3 shall apply only during such times and to such extent as the application of the prohibition referred to therein is indicated by traffic signs.

### **Duration of this Order**

5. The maximum duration for this Order shall be 12 months.

Signed under authority of the Minister for Economy, Science and Transport, one of the Welsh Ministers.

Dated the 21 June 2013

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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.

(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.