

**2015 No. 1909 (W. 280)**

**ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES**

The M4 Motorway (Junction 42  
(Earlswood) to Junction 43  
(Llandarcy), Neath Port Talbot) &  
The A465 Trunk Road (Llandarcy,  
Neath Port Talbot to Hirwaun,  
Rhondda Cynon Taf) (Temporary  
Prohibition of Vehicles) Order 2015

*Made* 2 November 2015

*Coming into force* 9 November 2015

The Welsh Ministers, as the traffic authority for the relevant length of the London – South Wales Motorway (M4) (“the motorway”) and the Neath – Abergavenny Trunk Road (A465) (“the trunk road”), are satisfied that traffic in specified lengths of the motorway and trunk road 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 9 November 2015 and its title is The M4 Motorway (Junction 42 (Earlswood) to Junction 43 (Llandarcy), Neath Port Talbot) & The A465 Trunk Road (Llandarcy, Neath Port Talbot to Hirwaun, Rhondda Cynon Taf) (Temporary Prohibition of Vehicles) Order 2015.

**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 an abnormal indivisible load giving rise to this Order;

“the length of the motorway” (*y darn o’r draffordd*) means the length of the westbound

carriageway of the motorway in the County Borough of Neath Port Talbot that extends from the nosing of the westbound entry slip road at Junction 42 (Earlswood) to the nosing of the westbound exit slip road at Junction 43 (Llandarcy);

“the length of the trunk road” (“*y darn o’r gefnffordd*”) means the length of the trunk road that extends from its junction with the M4 westbound exit slip road at Llandarcy Interchange, Neath Port Talbot to its junction with the A4059/A4061 at Hirwaun, including the circulatory carriageway of Hirwaun Roundabout, Rhondda Cynon Taf;

“transportation period” (“*cyfnod y cludo*”) means that period commencing at 00:01 hours on 9 November 2015 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 lengths of the motorway and trunk road.

### **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 18 months.

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

Dated the

2 November 2015

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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.