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ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

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<i>Made</i>	<i>12 October 2016</i>
<i>Coming into force</i>	<i>18 October 2016</i>

The Welsh Ministers, being the traffic authority for the relevant lengths of the Chester – Bangor Trunk Road (A55) (“the trunk road”) are satisfied that traffic on specified lengths of the trunk road should be prohibited and restricted because of the likelihood of a danger to the public on or near the road during essential periodic emergency and safety exercises.

The Welsh Ministers, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by sections 14(1), (4) and (7) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(1), make this Order.

Title, Interpretation and Commencement

1. This Order comes into force on 18 October 2016 and its title is The A55 Trunk Road (Conwy Tunnel, Conwy) (Temporary Traffic Prohibitions and Restrictions) (No. 2) Order 2016.

2. (1) In this Order:

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

(a) any vehicle being used by the emergency services or in connection with the exercises giving rise to this Order; and

(b) any vehicle being used for naval, military or air force purposes and are being driven by a person for the time being subject to the orders of the 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 home 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;

“length(s) of the trunk road” (*“y darn(au) o’r gefnffordd”*) means those lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedules 1 to 4 to this Order;

“exercise period” (*“cyfnod yr ymarfer”*) means intermittent periods commencing at 01:00 to 06:00 hours between 18 October 2016 to 20 October and ending when the temporary traffic signs for each exercise period are removed.

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

Prohibitions and Restrictions

3. No person shall, during the exercise period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, to be driven in the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 1.

4. No person shall, during the exercise period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle to proceed at a speed exceeding 10 miles per hour in the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 2.

5. No person shall, during the exercise period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle to proceed at a speed exceeding 30 miles per hour in the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 3.

6. No person shall, during the exercise period, ride or cause to be ridden, any pedal cycle in the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 4.

7. No pedestrian shall, during the exercise period, proceed in the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 4.

Suspension

8. Any statutory provisions restricting the speed of vehicles on the relevant length(s) of trunk road specified in article 2 are hereby suspended during such times as the restriction specified in article 4 and 5 is in operation.

Application

9. (1) The provisions of articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 shall apply only at such times and to such extent as the application of the prohibitions and restrictions referred to therein are indicated by traffic signs.

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

Duration of this Order

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

Signed under authority of the Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Infrastructure, one of the Welsh Ministers.

Dated the 12 October 2016

Nina Ley
Head of Business Unit, Network Management
Welsh Government

(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, article 2 and Schedule 1 and paragraph 30(1) of Schedule 11 to the Government of Wales Act 2006, these powers are now conferred upon the Welsh Ministers in relation to Wales.

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

Temporary Prohibition of vehicles

The length of the westbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from the centre-point of Junction 17 (Conwy Morfa Interchange over-bridge) through Conwy Tunnel to the start of the nosing of the

westbound off slip road at Junction 18 (Llandudno Junction Interchange).

The length of the eastbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from the centre-point of Junction 18 (Llandudno Junction Interchange) through Conwy Tunnel to the start of the nosing of the eastbound off slip road at Junction 17.

The entire lengths of the westbound off slip road and eastbound on slip road at Junction 17 (Conwy Morfa Interchange).

The entire lengths of the westbound on slip road and eastbound off slip road at Junction 18 (Llandudno Junction Interchange).

SCHEDULE 2

Temporary 10 mph speed limit

The entire length of the eastbound off slip road at Junction 17 (Conwy Morfa Interchange).

The entire length of the westbound off slip road at Junction 18 (Llandudno Junction Interchange).

SCHEDULE 3

Temporary 30 mph speed limit

The length of the eastbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from the centre-point of Junction 17 interchange over-bridge to a point 787 metres east of the eastern portal of the Penmaenbach eastbound headland tunnel.

The length of the westbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from the start of the nosing of the westbound off slip road at Junction 18 eastwards for a distance of 250 metres.

SCHEDULE 4

Temporary prohibition of cyclists and pedestrians

The length of the cycleway/footpath that extends from a point 787 metres east of the eastern portal of the Penmaenbach Eastbound Headland Tunnel, including the length of cycleway/footpath adjacent to the

Junction 17 eastbound exit slip road, to its abutment with the A457 at the end of the said slip road.