

2018 No. 659 (W. 125)

ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

**The A494/A550 Trunk Road
(Queensferry, Flintshire)
(Temporary 50 mph Speed Limit)
Order 2018**

Made 25 May 2018

Coming into force 1 June 2018

The Welsh Ministers, as traffic authority for the relevant length of the A494/A550 Dolgellau to South of Birkenhead Trunk Road, are satisfied that traffic on a specified length of the trunk road should be restricted because of the likelihood of danger to the public.

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, Commencement and Interpretation

1. The title of this Order is the A494/A550 Trunk Road (Queensferry, Flintshire) (Temporary 50 mph Speed Limit) Order 2018 and it comes into force on 1 June 2018.

2.—(1) In this Order:

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

- (a) any vehicle being used by the emergency services; 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—

⁽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.

(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 A494/A550 Dolgellau to South of Birkenhead Trunk Road.

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

Restriction

3. No person may drive or cause or permit any vehicle to proceed at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the length of the southbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from a point 1,389 metres north of the centre-point of Queensferry Interchange to a point 325 metres north of the centre-point of that Interchange.

Suspension

4. Any statutory provisions restricting the speed of vehicles on the length of the trunk road are suspended during such times as the restriction specified in article 3 is in operation.

Application

5.—(1) The restriction in article 3 applies only during such times and to such extent as indicated by traffic signs.

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

Duration of this Order

6. The maximum duration of this Order is 18 months.

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

Dated

25 May 2018

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