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ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

**The M4 Motorway (Junction 41
(Pentyla) to Junction 42
(Earlswood), Neath Port Talbot)
(Temporary 50 mph Speed Limit)
Order 2018**

Made 14 June 2018

Coming into force 18 June 2018

The Welsh Ministers, as traffic authority for the relevant length of the M4 Motorway, are satisfied that traffic on specified lengths of the trunk road should be restricted because of the likelihood of a danger to the public.

The Welsh Ministers, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 14(1)(b) 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 M4 Motorway (Junction 41 (Pentyla) to Junction 42 (Earlswood), Neath Port Talbot) (Temporary 50 mph Speed Limit) Order 2018 and it comes into force on 18 June 2018.

2. In this Order:

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

- (a) any vehicle being used for the purposes described in section 87 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(2); and

(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.

(2) 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).

(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—

(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 motorway” (*“y draffordd”*) means the M4 London to South Wales Motorway.

Restriction

3. No person may drive any motor vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the lengths of the motorway specified in the Schedule to this Order.

Application

4. The restriction in article 3 applies only during such times and to such extent as indicated by traffic signs.

Suspension

5. Any statutory provisions restricting the speed of motor vehicles on the lengths of the motorway described in the Schedule to this Order are suspended during such times as the restriction specified in article 3 applies.

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

14 June 2018

Richard Morgan

Head of Planning, Asset Management and Standards
Welsh Government

SCHEDULE

The length of the motorway that extends from the central pier of the westbound exit slip road over-bridge at Junction 41 (Pentyla) to a point 4.66 kilometres north-west of that central pier.

The lengths of the westbound exit slip road and eastbound entry slip roads at Junction 42 (Earlswood).