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ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

**The A483 Trunk Road (Junction 1
(Ruabon Interchange) to the
Wales/England Border, Wrexham
County Borough) (Temporary
Traffic Prohibitions and
Restrictions) Order 2017**

Made

28 March 2017

Coming into force

1 April 2017

The Welsh Ministers, being the traffic authority for the relevant length of the Swansea – Manchester Trunk Road (A483) (“the trunk road”), are satisfied that traffic in specified lengths of the trunk road should be prohibited and/or restricted because of works proposed on or near the road.

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, Interpretation and Commencement

1. This Order comes into force on 1 April 2017 and its title is The A483 Trunk Road (Junction 1 (Ruabon Interchange) to the Wales/England Border, Wrexham County Borough) (Temporary Traffic Prohibitions and Restrictions) Order 2017.

2.—(1) In this Order:

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

⁽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 of Schedule 11 to the Government of Wales Act 2006, these powers are now exercisable by the Welsh Ministers in relation to Wales.

(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—

(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;

“the lengths of the trunk road” (*“y darnau o’r gefnffordd”*) means those lengths of the trunk road in the County Borough of Wrexham specified in the Schedule to this Order;

“works period” (*“cyfnod y gwaith”*) means intermittent periods commencing at 00:01 hours on 1 April 2017 and ending when the temporary traffic signs for each period of work are permanently removed.

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

Prohibitions and Restrictions

3. No person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, to proceed in the lengths of the trunk road.

4. No person shall, during the works period, ride or cause any pedal cycle to be ridden in the lengths of the trunk road.

5. No person shall, during the works period, proceed on foot in the lengths of the trunk road.

6. No person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle to proceed at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour in the lengths of the trunk road.

7. No person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle to proceed at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour in the lengths of the trunk road specified in paragraph 1 of the Schedule.

8. No person shall, during the works period, use or permit the use of a vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, in such a way that it overtakes any other vehicle in the lengths of the trunk road during such times as the restrictions referred to in articles 6 and 7 are in operation.

Suspension

9. Any statutory provisions restricting the speed of vehicles on the relevant lengths of the trunk road are suspended during such times as the restrictions specified in articles 6 and 7 are in operation.

Application

10.—(1) The prohibitions and restrictions in articles 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 apply only during such times and to such extent as indicated by traffic signs.

(2) No speed limits imposed by this Order apply to an exempted vehicle.

Duration of this Order

11. The maximum duration of this Order shall be 18 months.

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

Dated the

28 March 2017

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Head of Business Unit, Network Management
Welsh Government

SCHEDULE

1. The length of the trunk road that extends from a point 800 metres south of the centre-point of Junction 1 (Ruabon Interchange) to the Wales/England border, north of Junction 7 (Rossett Interchange).

2. The entire lengths of the northbound and southbound exit and entry slip roads at Junction 1 (Ruabon Interchange), Junction 2 (Johnstown Interchange), Junction 3 (Croesfoel Interchange), Junction 4 (Ruthin Road Interchange), Junction 5 (Mold Road Interchange), Junction 6 (Gresford Interchange) and Junction 7 (Rossett Interchange).