

2018 No. 1058 (W. 222)

ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

**The M4 Motorway (Junction 35
(Pencoed) to Junction 37 (Pyle),
Bridgend) (Temporary 50 MPH
Speed Limit) Order 2018**

Made 8 October 2018

Coming into force 15 October 2018

The Welsh Ministers, as traffic authority for the relevant length of the M4 London to South Wales Motorway, are satisfied that traffic on specified lengths of the motorway should be prohibited 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, Commencement and Interpretation

1. The title of this Order is the M4 Motorway (Junction 35 (Pencoed) to Junction 37 (Pyle), Bridgend) (Temporary 50 MPH Speed Limit) Order 2018 and it comes into force on 15 October 2018.

⁽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. (1) 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 Act(2) or in connection with the works giving rise to this Order;
- (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;

“works period” (*“cyfnod y gwaith”*) means intermittent periods commencing at 20:00 hours on 15 October 2018 and ending when the temporary traffic signs for each period of works are removed.

(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, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle to proceed at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the lengths of the motorway specified in the Schedule to this Order.

(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).

Suspension

4. Any statutory provisions restricting the speed of vehicles on the relevant lengths of the motorway specified in the Schedule to this Order 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 for this Order is 18 months.

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

Dated the 8 October 2018

Richard Morgan
Head of Planning, Asset Management and Standards
Welsh Government

SCHEDULE

TEMPORARY 50 MPH SPEED LIMIT

- 1) The lengths of the main westbound and eastbound carriageways that extend from the centre-point of Junction 35 (Pencoed) to the centre-point at Junction 37 (Pyle).
- 2) The entire length of the westbound entry slip road at Junction 35 (Pencoed).
- 3) The entire length of the eastbound exit slip road at Junction 35 (Pencoed).
- 4) The entire lengths of the westbound and eastbound exit and entry slip roads at Junction 36 (Sarn).
- 5) The entire length of the westbound exit slip road at Junction 37 (Pyle).

6) The entire length of the eastbound entry slip road at Junction 37 (Pyle).