

2021 No. 389 (W. 125)

ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

**The A55 Trunk Road (Junction 12
(Tal-y-bont) to Junction 13
(Abergwyngregyn), Gwynedd)
(Temporary Traffic Restriction &
Prohibitions) Order 2021**

Made 24 March 2021

Coming into force 27 March 2021

The Welsh Ministers, as traffic authority for the relevant length of the A55 trunk road, are satisfied that traffic on 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 and commencement

1. The title of this Order is the A55 Trunk Road (Junction 12 (Tal-y-bont) to Junction 13 (Abergwyngregyn), Gwynedd) (Temporary Traffic Restriction & Prohibitions) Order 2021 and this Order comes into force on 27 March 2021.

Interpretation

2. 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 (c.32), these functions are now exercisable by the Welsh Ministers in relation to Wales.

- (a) any vehicle being used for the purposes described in section 87 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984(1); 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 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 A55 Chester to Bangor trunk road;

“works period” (“*cyfnod y gwaith*”) means the period commencing at 20:00 hours on 27 March 2021 and ending when the temporary traffic signs are permanently removed.

Restriction and Prohibitions

3. No person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 10 miles per hour on the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 1 to this Order.

4. No person may, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle to proceed through the gaps in the central reservation of the lengths of the trunk road specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.

5. No person may, during the works period, use or permit the use of a vehicle in such a way that it overtakes any other vehicle on the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 1 to this Order during such times as the restriction referred to in article 3 is in operation.

Application

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

(1) 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).

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

Suspension

7. Any statutory provisions restricting the speed of vehicles on the length of the trunk road specified in Schedule 1 to this Order are suspended during such times as the restriction specified in article 3 is in operation.

Duration of this Order

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

Signed under authority of the Minister for Economy, Transport and North Wales, one of the Welsh Ministers.

Dated

24 March 2021

Nicci Hunter
Business Team Leader
Welsh Government

SCHEDULE 1

Temporary 10 mph Speed Limit & No Overtaking

The length of the trunk road that extends from the centre of Junction 12 (Tal-y-bont) to the centre of Junction 13 (Abergwyngregyn).

SCHEDULE 2

Closure of Central Reservation Gaps

The length of the eastbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from a point 1.6 kilometres west of Junction 12 (Tal-y-bont) to the centre of Junction 13 (Abergwyngregyn).

The length of the westbound carriageway of the trunk road that extends from a point 1.6 kilometres east of Junction 13 (Abergwyngregyn) to the centre of Junction 12 (Tal-y-bont).