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ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

**The A494 Trunk Road (Ewloe
Green, Flintshire to Dolgellau,
Gwynedd) (Temporary Traffic
Restrictions & Prohibitions) Order
2023**

Made 28 February 2023

Coming into force 5 March 2023

The Welsh Ministers, as traffic authority for the relevant length of the A494 trunk road, are satisfied that traffic on a specified length 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 A494 Trunk Road (Ewloe Green, Flintshire to Dolgellau, Gwynedd) (Temporary Traffic Restrictions & Prohibitions) Order 2023 and this Order comes into force on 5 March 2023.

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, and section 162 of, 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⁾;
- (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 A494 Dolgellau to South of Birkenhead trunk road that extends from its junction with the A55 trunk road at Ewloe Green Interchange, Flintshire to its junction with the A470 trunk road at Dolgellau, Gwynedd;

“works period” (*“cyfnod y gwaith”*) means intermittent periods commencing at 08:00 hours on 5 March 2023 and ending when the temporary traffic signs for each period of works are permanently removed.

Restrictions and prohibitions

3. No person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the length of the trunk road specified in article 2.

4. No person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour on the length of the trunk road specified in article 2.

5. No person may, during the works period, drive any motor vehicle at a speed exceeding 30 miles per hour on the length of the trunk road specified in article 2.

(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).

6. 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 article 2.

7. No person may, during the works period, drive any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, on the length of the trunk road specified in article 2.

8. No person may, 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 on the length of the trunk road specified in article 2 during such times as the restriction referred to in article 6 is in operation.

Application

9.—(1) The restrictions and prohibitions 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.

Suspension

10. Any statutory provisions restricting the speed of vehicles on the length of the trunk road in article 2 are suspended during such times as the restrictions specified in articles 3, 4, 5 and 6 are in operation.

Duration of this Order

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

Signed on behalf of the Deputy Minister for Climate Change, acting under the authority of the Minister for Climate Change, one of the Welsh Ministers.

Dated

28 February 2023

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