WELSH
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 753 (W. 60)

ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

The M4 Motorway (Junction 42, Earlswood, Neath Port Talbot to West of Junction 44, Lonlas, Swansea) (Temporary 50 MPH Speed Limit, Prohibitions and Trafficking of Hard Shoulder) Order 2015

Made	*13 March 2015*
Coming into force	*23 March 2015*

The Welsh Ministers, being the traffic authority for the relevant lengths of the London to South Wales Motorway (M4) ("the motorway"), are satisfied that traffic in specified lengths of the motorway should be restricted and prohibited because of works proposed on or near the motorway.

The Welsh Ministers, in exercise of the powers conferred upon them by section 14(1), (4) and (7) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**(1)** and of all other enabling powers **(2)** make this Order.

Title, Interpretation and Commencement

1. This Order comes into force on 23 March 2015. Its title is The M4 Motorway (Junction 42, Earlswood, Neath Port Talbot to West of Junction 44, Lonlas, Swansea) (Temporary 50 MPH Speed Limit, Prohibitions and Trafficking of Hard Shoulder) Order 2015.

2. (1) In this Order

"exempted vehicle" *("cerbyd esempt")* means any vehicle being used by the emergency services or in connection with the works giving rise to this Order;

"the lengths of the motorway" *("y darnau o'r draffordd")* means those lengths of the M4 motorway specified in the Schedules to this Order;

"works period" ("*cyfnod y gwaith*") means intermittent periods commencing at 20.00 hours on 23 March 2015 and ending when the temporary traffic signs for each period of works are removed.

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

Restrictions and Prohibitions

3. Subject to the provisions of article 6, 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 motorway specified in Schedule 1.

4. Subject to the provisions of article 6, 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 motorway specified in Schedule 2.

5. Subject to the provisions of article 6, the hard shoulder adjacent to the eastbound and westbound carriageways of the lengths of motorway specified in Schedule 2 i) and 2 ii) shall be available for use as a traffic lane with the exception of vehicles of or greater than 2.9 metres wide.

Application

6. The provisions of articles 3, 4 and 5 of this Order shall apply only during such times and to such extent as the application of the restrictions and prohibitions referred to therein are indicated by traffic signs.

Suspensions

7. The provisions of Regulation 3 of the Motorway Traffic (Speed Limit) Regulations 1974**(3)** insofar as they apply to the lengths of the motorway specified in Schedule 1, are hereby suspended during such times as the restriction specified in article 3 is in operation.

8. Regulation 5 of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982**(4)** and the provisions of Regulation 9 of those Regulations relating to the driving of vehicles are suspended insofar as they apply to the hard shoulder which is contiguous with the lengths of the eastbound and westbound carriageways of the motorway specified in article 6 and traffic is directed to use the specified hard shoulder.

Duration of this Order

9. The maximum duration for this Order shall be 18 months.

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

Dated the 13 March 2015.

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(**1**) 1984 c.27: Section 14 was substituted by the Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991 (c.26), section 1(1) and Schedule 1.
(**2**) 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.
(3) S.I. 1974/502
(4) S.I. 1982/1163

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1

EXTENT OF TEMPORARY 50 MPH SPEED LIMIT

i) The length of the motorway which extends from a point 350 metres south of the centre-point of Red Jacket Pill Viaduct, Junction 42, Earlswood, Neath Port Talbot westwards to the centre-point of Gwernllwynchwyth Road Underbridge, north-west of Junction 44, Lonlas, Swansea.

ii) The length of the eastbound off slip road at Junction 42, Earlswood which extends from its junction with the main carriageway of the motorway to a point 500 metres north of its junction with the A48/A483 Earlswood Junction.

iii) The entire length of the westbound on slip road at Junction 42, Earlswood.

iv) The entire lengths of the westbound and eastbound on slip and off slip roads at Junction 43, Llandarcy and Junction 44, Lonlas

SCHEDULE 2

EXTENT OF PROHIBITION OF ALL VEHICLES

i) The length of the westbound carriageway of the motorway which extends from the physical nosing of the westbound off slip road at Junction 43, Llandarcy to the physical nosing of the westbound on slip road at Junction 44, Lonlas.

ii) The length of the eastbound carriageway of the motorway which extends from the physical nosing of the eastbound off slip road at Junction 44, Lonlas to the physical nosing of the eastbound on slip road at Junction 43, Llandarcy.

iii) The entire length of the westbound on slip road of the motorway at Junction 43, Llandarcy.

iv) The entire length of the eastbound on slip road of the motorway at Junction 44, Lonlas.

v) The length of the westbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 43, Llandarcy which extends from the physical nosing of the westbound off slip road to the physical nosing of the westbound on slip road.

vi) The length of the eastbound carriageway of the motorway at Junction 43, Llandarcy which extends from the physical nosing of the eastbound off slip road to the physical nosing of the eastbound on slip road.