WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2023 No. 791 (W. 125)

ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

The A489 Trunk Road (Newtown to Caersws, Powys) (Temporary Speed Restrictions & No Overtaking) Order 2023

Made	*12 July 2023*
Coming into force	*18 July 2023*

The Welsh Ministers, as traffic authority for the A489 trunk road, are satisfied that traffic on a specified length of the trunk road should be restricted and/or 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 and commencement

1. The title of this Order is the A489 Trunk Road (Newtown to Caersws, Powys) (Temporary Speed Restrictions & No Overtaking) Order 2023 and this Order comes into force on 18 July 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 A489 Newtown to Aberystwyth trunk road that extends from the centre-point of its junction with the A483 at Dolfor Road, Newtown to the centre-point of its junction with the A470 at Moat Lane, Caersws, Powys;

"works period" ("*cyfnod y gwaith*") means intermittent periods commencing at 08:00 hours on 18 July 2023 and ending when the temporary traffic signs for each period of works are removed.

Restrictions and prohibition

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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 during such

(**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).

times as the restriction referred to in article 5 is in operation.

Application

7.—(1) The restrictions and prohibition in articles 3, 4, 5 and 6 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

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

Duration of this Order

9. 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 12 July 2023

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