WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2025 No. 809 (W. 143)

ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

The M48 Motorway (Severn Bridge, Monmouthshire) (Temporary Prohibition of Large Vehicles) Order 2025

Made	*6 July 2025*
Coming into force	*8 July 2025*

The Welsh Ministers, as traffic authority for the relevant lengths of the M48 motorway, are satisfied that traffic on the specified lengths of the motorway specified in the Schedule to this Order, should be prohibited for works to be undertaken on or near the road and because of the likelihood of danger to the public or of serious damage to the road, which is not attributable to such works.

The Welsh Ministers have had regard to the existence of alternative routes suitable for the traffic which will be affected by this Order in accordance with section 14(3) of the Act.

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

Title and commencement

1. The title of this Order is the M48 Motorway (Severn Bridge, Monmouthshire) (Temporary Prohibition of Large Vehicles) Order 2025 and this Order comes into force on 8 July 2025.

(**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.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

"appointed person" has the meaning given in section 23 of the Severn Bridges Act 1992(**1**);

"exempted vehicle" ("*cerbyd esempt*") means any vehicle being used by the emergency services, for works and maintenance purposes or authorised by a uniformed police officer, traffic officer or appointed person and by bus or coach service operators;

"the motorway" ("*y draffordd*") means the M48 London to South Wales Motorway;

"works period" ("*cyfnod y gwaith*") means the period commencing at 00:01 hours on 8 July 2025 and ending when the temporary traffic signs are permanently removed.

Prohibition

3. No person may, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, with a weight exceeding 7.5 tonnes on the lengths of the M48 Motorway described in the Schedule to this Order.

Application

4. The prohibition in article 3 applies only during such times and to such extent as indicated by traffic signs.

Duration of this Order

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

Signed on behalf of the Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales, one of the Welsh Ministers.

Dated 6 July 2025

Nicci Hunter
Business Team Leader
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Welsh Government

(**1**) 1992 c. 3.

SCHEDULE

The eastbound carriageway which extends from a point adjacent to the nosing of the eastbound exit slip road at Junction 2 to a point 47 metres east of the mechanical joint on the western end of the Severn Bridge.

The eastbound on slip from the Newhouse Roundabout at Junction 2 to the merge with the main M48 Carriageway.