WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2025 No. 928 (W. 158)

ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

The A494 Trunk Road (Between Bethel and Glan Yr Afon, Gwynedd) (Temporary Traffic Prohibitions and Restriction) Order 2025

Made	*23 July 2025*
Coming into force	*25 July 2025*

The Welsh Ministers, as traffic authority for the A494 trunk road, are satisfied that traffic on a specified length of the trunk road should be prohibited and 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 (Between Bethel and Glan Yr Afon, Gwynedd) (Temporary Traffic Prohibitions and Restriction) Order 2025 and this Order comes into force on 25 July 2025.

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 powers 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 Act(**1**) or in connection with the works giving rise to this Order;

(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;

"length of the trunk road" ("*darn o'r gefnffordd*") means that length of the A494 Dolgellau to South of Birkenhead trunk road that extends from a point 580 metres north-east of its junction with the B4402 county road near Bethel to a point 1890 metres north-east of its junction with the B4402 county road, which is adjacent to the western layby at Llwyn Braich Ddu Forest, near Glan yr Afon;

"works period" ("*cyfnod y gwaith*") means that period commencing at 00:01 hours on 25 July 2025 and ending when the temporary traffic signs are permanently removed.

Prohibitions and restriction

3. No person may, during the works period, drive any vehicle bearing a load greater than 3.5 metres wide, other than an exempted vehicle, on the length of the trunk road.

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.

5. 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

(**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).

vehicle on the length of the trunk road during such times as the restriction referred to in article 4 is in operation.

Suspension

6. Any statutory provisions restricting the speed of vehicles on the lengths of the trunk road are suspended during such times as the restriction specified in article 4 is in operation.

Application

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

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

Duration of this Order

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

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

Dated 23 July 2025

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