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ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

**The A40 Trunk Road (Raglan
Roundabout to Hardwick
Roundabout, Abergavenny,
Monmouthshire) (Temporary 50
mph Speed Limit) Order 2023**

Made 31 August 2023

Coming into force 12 September 2023

The Welsh Ministers, as traffic authority for the A40 trunk road, are satisfied that traffic on a specified length of the trunk road should be restricted because of the likelihood of danger to the public.

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 A40 Trunk Road (Raglan Roundabout to Hardwick Roundabout, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire) (Temporary 50 mph Speed Limit) Order 2023 and this Order comes into force on 12 September 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 A40 Raglan to Llandovery trunk road.

Restriction

3. No person may drive any motor vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, at a speed exceeding 50 miles per hour on the length of the trunk road that extends from its junction with the western side of Raglan Roundabout to its junction with the southern side of Hardwick Roundabout, Abergavenny, Monmouthshire.

Application

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

Suspension

5. Any statutory provisions restricting the speed of vehicles on the length of the trunk road are suspended during such times as the restriction specified in article 3 is in operation.

(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).

Duration of this Order

6. 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

31 August 2023

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