WELSH STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2012 No. 5 (W. 1)

ROAD TRAFFIC, WALES

The M4 Motorway (Brynglas Tunnels, Newport) (Temporary Traffic Restriction & Prohibitions) Order 2012

Made	*3 January 2012*
Coming into force	*6 January 2012*

The Welsh Ministers, being the traffic authority for the relevant lengths of the London - South Wales Motorway (M4) (hereinafter referred to as "the motorway"), are satisfied that traffic in specified lengths of the motorway should be restricted or prohibited by reason of works proposed to be executed thereon.

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)** and of all other enabling powers**(2)**, make this Order.

1. This Order comes into force on 6 January 2012 and its title is The M4 Motorway (Brynglas Tunnels, Newport) (Temporary Traffic Restriction & Prohibitions) Order 2012.

2. —1) In this Order:

"exempted vehicle" *("cerbyd esempt")* means any vehicle being used 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 motorway specified in Schedules 1 to 4 to this Order;

"works period" ("*cyfnod y gwaith")* means that period commencing at 20:00 hours on each of the days specified in Schedule 5 to this Order and ending at 06:00 hours the day following each of those days.

(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.

3. Subject to the provisions of article 11, no person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit to be driven any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, in either the eastbound or westbound carriageway of the length of the motorway specified in Schedule 1 to this Order.

4. Whilst movement of traffic is, by article 3, prohibited in the eastbound carriageway, but pursuant to article 11, not prohibited in the westbound carriageway, no person shall cause or permit any vehicle to proceed in the offside lane of the westbound carriageway of the motorway in any direction other than eastwards.

5. Whilst movement of traffic is, by article 3, prohibited in the westbound carriageway, but, pursuant to article 11, not prohibited in the eastbound carriageway, no person shall, during the works period, cause or permit any vehicle to proceed in the offside lane of the eastbound carriageway in any direction other than westwards.

6. Subject to the provisions of article 11, no person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, to travel along the length of the slip road specified in Schedule 2 to this Order.

7. Subject to the provisions of article 11, no person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle, other than an exempted vehicle, to travel along the length of the slip road specified in Schedule 3 to this Order.

8. Subject to the provisions of article 11, no person shall, during the works period, drive or cause or permit any vehicle to proceed at a speed exceeding 40 miles per hour in the length of the motorway specified in Schedule 4 to this Order.

9. Regulation 6(3) of the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982**(3)** is hereby suspended:

(a) insofar as it relates to the offside lane of the westbound carriageway of the length of the motorway specified in Schedule 1 during such times as the prohibition specified in article 4 is in force; and

(b) insofar as it relates to the offside lane of the eastbound carriageway of the length of the motorway specified in Schedule 1 during such times as the prohibition specified in article 5 is in force.

10. The provisions of regulation 3 of the Motorway Traffic (Speed Limit) Regulations 1974**(4)** insofar as they apply to the length of motorway specified in Schedule 4, are hereby suspended during such times as the restriction specified in article 8 is in operation.