

SL(5)741 – The M4 Motorway (Junction 28 (Tredegar Park) to Junction 24 (Coldra)) (50 mph Speed Limit) Regulations 2021

Background and Purpose

These Regulations impose a maximum speed limit of 50 miles per hour (in place of the national speed limit) on the lengths of the M4 motorway specified in the Schedule to these Regulations.

These Regulations also revoke the M4 Motorway (West of Junction 23A (Magor) to East of Junction 29 (Castleton)) (Variable Speed Limits) Regulations 2015.

Procedure

Negative

The Regulations were made by the Welsh Ministers before they were laid before the Senedd.

The Senedd can annul the Regulations within 40 days (excluding any days when the Senedd is: (i) dissolved, or (ii) in recess for more than four days) of the date they were laid before the Senedd.

Technical Scrutiny

No points are identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.2 in respect of this instrument.

Merits Scrutiny

The following point is identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.3 in respect of this instrument.

1. Standing Order 21.3(ii) – that it is of political or legal importance or gives rise to issues of public policy likely to be of interest to the Senedd

The Explanatory Memorandum and the Regulatory Impact Assessment have been laid in English only.

Standing Order 15.4 requires documents to be laid bilingually where reasonably practicable.

This point has been raised recently in relation to other statutory instruments. The Welsh Government responded by explaining that, whilst an increasing proportion of these documents are being laid bilingually, they are having to prioritise a limited translation resource very strictly at the moment. Covid and Brexit related legislation and guidance for the public are the top priority.



It was also explained that they have considered the relevant Welsh language standard and have considered guidance provided by the Welsh Language Commissioner's office.

Welsh Government response

A Welsh Government response is not required.

Committee Consideration

The Committee considered the instrument at its meeting on 22 February 2021 and reports to the Senedd in line with the reporting point above.

