STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1999 No. 2207

HIGHWAYS, ENGLAND

The Dartford-Thurrock Crossing Tolls Order 1999

Made - - - -	*3rd August 1999*
Coming into force	*1st September 1999*

The Secretary of State for the Environment, Transport and the Regions in exercise of the power conferred by subsection (4) of section 17 of the Dartford-Thurrock Crossing Act 1988**(a)** and within the period of seven days next following 1st August 1999, which is the next revision date for the purposes of that subsection, as defined by subsection (3) of the said section 17, hereby makes the following Order:

1. This Order may be cited as the Dartford-Thurrock Crossing Tolls Order 1999 and shall, in accordance with section 17(11) of the Dartford-Thurrock Crossing Act 1988, come into force on 1st September 1999.

2.—(1) The toll leviable in respect of each of the classes of vehicles set out in column (1) of the Schedule to this Order shall be of the amount set out or described opposite thereto in column (2) of that Schedule.

(2) For the purposes of determining the class of vehicles to which a trailer belongs, a trailer which, when being drawn, is attached to the vehicle drawing it by partial superimposition shall be regarded as part of the vehicle drawing it and not as a separate vehicle.

3. The Dartford-Thurrock Crossing Tolls Order 1998**(b)** is hereby revoked.

Signed by authority of the
Secretary of State for the
Environment, Transport and the Regions

Larry Whitty
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,
Department of the Environment, Transport and the Regions

3rd August 1999

(a) 1988 c. 20.
(b) S.I. 1998/1907.

[DOT 8829]

SCHEDULE ARTICLE 2

TOLLS LEVIABLE IN RESPECT OF TRAFFIC USING THE CROSSING

(1) **Class of vehicles**		**(2)** **Tolls for a single journey using the crossing**
(1)	For each motor cycle or mechanically powered bicycle, with or without sidecar, and whether or not conveyed by any service provided under section 27 (services for transporting cycles and cyclists through the crossing) of the Dartford-Thurrock Crossing Act 1988.	30p
(2)	For each motor car, including motor car with three wheels, or taxi up to 1524 kgs. (30 cwts) unladen weight.	£1
(3)	For each light or medium goods vehicle, motor coach, omnibus or tractor having no more than two axles.	£1.70
(4)	For each heavy goods vehicle, motor coach or omnibus having more than two axles.	£2.80 1999
(5)	For each special type vehicle which is only permitted to be on the road under the authority of an order made by the Secretary of State under section 44 of the Road Traffic Act 1988**(a)**.	£2.80 1999
(6)	For each trailer.	The same amount as for the vehicle drawing it
(7)	For any vehicle not specified in the foregoing list, except a bicycle which is not mechanically powered.	The same amount as for the vehicle which is most comparable to it and in respect of which a toll is leviable

(a) 1988 c. 52; section 44(1) was amended by the Road Traffic Act section 48 and Schedule 4, paragraph 51.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order, which comes into force on the 1st September 1999, fixes the amounts of the tolls to be paid to use the Dartford-Thurrock Crossing.

The classes of vehicles in respect of which tolls may be levied under the Dartford-Thurrock Crossing Act ("the Act") are those established by the Dartford Tunnel Tolls (Revision) Order 1983**(a)**. As in previous years, a toll is levied in respect of all classes except that comprising bicycles which are not mechanically powered.

For each class of vehicle in respect of which a toll is levied, the amount of the toll has been calculated, in accordance with section 17(5) of the Act, by increasing the amount applicable in the case of that class on 1st January 1986 by the same percentage as the percentage increase in the retail prices index between December 1985 and June 1999 which is the base month in relation to the revision date in question. The percentage increase is 72.41% and after applying the rounding provisions in section 17(6) of the Act results in an increase in tolls as follows:

(a) for heavy goods vehicles, motor coaches or omnibuses having more than two axles, of 10 pence (from £2.70 to £2.80).

(b) for each special type vehicle which is only permitted to be on the road under the authority of an Order made by the Secretary of State under section 44 of the Road Traffic Act 1988, of 10 pence (from £2.70 to £2.80).

The tolls for all other classes of vehicle in respect of which tolls are leviable remain at the level prescribed by the Dartford-Thurrock Crossing Tolls Order 1998. That Order is now revoked.

(a) S.I. 1983/1692.

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