STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1973 No. 120

HIGHWAYS, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Severn Bridge Tolls (Amendment) Order 1973

Made - - -	*26th January* 1973
Laid before Parliament	*12th February* 1973
Coming into Operation	*13th March* 1973

The Secretary of State for the Environment makes this Order in exercise of powers conferred by section 2 of the Severn Bridge Tolls Act 1965(**a**) and now vested in him(**b**) and of all other enabling powers:—

1. This Order may be cited as the Severn Bridge Tolls (Amendment) Order 1973 and shall come into operation on 13th March 1973.

2. In this Order the expression "the principal order" means the Severn Bridge Tolls Order 1966(**c**) and any other expressions have the same meanings as in that Order.

3. The Interpretation Act 1889(**d**) shall apply for the interpretation of this Order as it applies for the interpretation of an Act of Parliament.

4. The principal order is hereby amended as follows:—

(*a*) in Article 5—

after the words, "Save as aforesaid", there shall be inserted the words, "and subject to Article 6 of this Order,"; and
for the words, "two shillings and sixpence" there shall be substituted "12p";

(*b*) in Article 6—

in paragraph (1), after the words, "payment of tolls leviable under this Order in respect of", there shall be inserted the words, "the use by him of"; and

for paragraphs (2) and (3) there shall be substituted the following paragraphs:

"(2) If the said Council make any such agreement, they shall issue prepaid vouchers to any person so compounding, in books each consisting of 50 vouchers.

(**a**) 1965 c. 24.
(**b**) S.I. 1970/1681 (1970 III, p. 5551).
(**c**) S.I. 1966/813
(**d**) 1889 c. 63.

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(3) Payment of tolls under any composition agreement entered into under the preceding provisions of this Article shall be made in advance and at the rate of £5·40 for each book consisting of 50 vouchers. All other terms of any such agreement shall be the same for every person in like circumstances."

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State

John Peyton,
Minister for Transport Industries,
Department of the Environment.

26th January 1973.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This Note is not part of the Order.)

This Order amends the Severn Bridge Tolls Order 1966 by substituting a toll of 12p for the toll of 12½p leviable under that Order in respect of a vehicle other than a solo motor cycle and by amending the provisions of that Order relating to arrangements for the compounding in advance for the payment of such tolls so as to make clear that a composition agreement may apply to the use of any such vehicle by the person entering into the agreement and so as to require such agreements to be effected by the issue of books each consisting of 50 prepaid vouchers at the rate of £5·40 for each book.

(NOTE: The Severn Bridge Tolls (Temporary Reduction) Order 1971 reduced the 12½p toll to 12p but only for a limited period expiring on 12th March 1973.)

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