2005 No. 3461

HIGHWAYS, ENGLAND

The Severn Bridges Tolls Order 2005

Made - - - - -	*14th December 2005*
Coming into force - -	*1st January 2006*

The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 9(1)(2)(b), (3)(b), (4) and (6) of the Severn Bridges Act 1992(**a**) hereby makes the following Order:

1. This Order may be cited as the Severn Bridges Tolls Order 2005 and shall, in accordance with section 9(2)(b) of the Severn Bridges Act 1992 (in this Order referred to as "the Act"), come into force on 1st January 2006.

2. The tolls leviable in respect of vehicles within the categories referred to in section 8(1) of the Act using either of the bridges shall be as follows:

Category 1 vehicles	£4.90
Category 2 vehicles	£9.80
Category 3 vehicles	£14.70.

3. The Severn Bridges Tolls Order 2004(**b**) is hereby revoked.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

S. J. Ladyman
Minister of State,
Department for Transport

14th December 2005

(**a**) 1992 c. 3.
(**b**) S.I. 2004/3414.

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Section 9(2)(b) of the Severn Bridges Act 1992 ("the Act") provides for the tolls for the use of the bridges to be fixed by annual orders made in December of each year. This Order fixes the tolls payable for use of the two bridges, commonly known as the Severn Bridge and the Second Severn Crossing, during the year 2006.

The tolls will be payable only for traffic travelling from east to west and for vehicles (other than those exempted by section 8(5) of the Act) within the categories specified in section 8(1) of the Act. These are (1) motor cars and motor caravans, (2) small goods vehicles and small buses and (3) other goods vehicles and buses.

In accordance with section 9 of this Act, the toll for each category has been fixed by adjusting the amounts shown in the table in section 9(3) by the percentage increase in the Retail Prices Index between March 1989 and September 2005 and applying the rounding provisions of section 9(6).

The tolls levied in 2005 were as follows:

Category 1 vehicles	£4.80
Category 2 vehicles	£9.60
Category 3 vehicles	£14.30.

£3.00

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