### STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

### 1995 No. 3254

# HIGHWAYS, ENGLAND AND WALES

## The Severn Bridges Tolls Order 1995

Made - - - - 8th December 1995 Coming into force - - 1st January 1996

The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 9(2)(b) of the Severn Bridges Act 1992(1) (in this Order referred to as "the Act") and of all other powers enabling him in that behalf, hereby makes the following Order:—

- 1. This Order may be cited as the Severn Bridges Tolls Order 1995 and shall, in accordance with section 9(2)(b) of the Act, come into force on 1st January 1996.
- 2. The tolls leviable in respect of vehicles within the categories referred to in section 8(1) of the Act using the existing bridge shall be as follows:—

| Category 1 vehicles | £3.80,  |
|---------------------|---------|
| Category 2 vehicles | £7.70,  |
| Category 3 vehicles | £11.50, |

**3.** The Severn Bridges Tolls Order 1994(2) is hereby revoked.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

John Watts
Minister of State,
Department of Transport

8th December 1995

<sup>(1) 1992</sup> c. 3.

<sup>(2)</sup> S.I.1994/3158.

### **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 Severn Bridge to be fixed by annual orders made in December of each year. This Order fixes the tolls payable for use of the Severn Bridge during the year 1996.

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 the 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 1995 and applying the rounding provisions of section 9(6).