
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 1316

The Severn Bridges Regulations 1996

PART I
PRELIMINARY

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Severn Bridges Regulations 1996 and shall come into force on 5th June 1996.

Revocation

2. The Severn Bridge Regulations 1993(1), and the Severn Bridge (Amendment) Regulations 1995(2) are hereby revoked.

Interpretation

3. In these Regulations—

- (a) “defence vehicle” means a vehicle of a kind referred to in section 21(4) of the 1992 Act;
- “hard strip” means that part of a road which is immediately adjacent to and situated on the left hand or near side of the left hand or near side traffic lane when facing in the direction in which vehicles may be driven in accordance with the Motorways Regulations;
- “the Motorways Regulations” means the Motorways Traffic (England and Wales) Regulations 1982(3);
- “the 1992 Act” means the Severn Bridges Act 1992;
- “pre-payment agreement” means an agreement entered into by the Secretary of State or the concessionaire pursuant to section 13(1) of the 1992 Act;
- “registered keeper” in relation to a vehicle means the person in whose name the vehicle is registered under the Vehicle Excise and Registration Act 1994(4);
- “the specified roads” means the road carried by the existing bridge and those parts of the eastbound carriageway and westbound carriageway of the road within the existing toll plaza area which lie respectively 400 metres and 500 metres east of the outer edge of the east abutment of the Aust Viaduct; and
- “toll-booth” means a toll-booth situated on one of the toll plaza areas;

(1) S.I. 1993/1595.

(2) S.I. 1995/1677.

(3) S.I. 1982/1163; relevant amending instruments are S.I. 1983/374, S.I. 1984 and S.I. 1992/1364.

(4) 1994 c. 22.

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- (b) a reference to a regulation followed by a number is a reference to the regulation so numbered in these Regulations and a reference to a paragraph followed by a number is a reference to the paragraph so numbered in the regulation in which the reference occurs.

Application

4. These Regulations shall apply to the bridges and the toll plaza areas.