
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

1996 No. 2047

HIGHWAYS, ENGLAND AND WALES

**The Dartford-Thurrock Crossing
(Amendment) Regulations 1996**

Made - - - - *5th August 1996*
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Coming into force - - *1st September 1996*

The Secretary of State for Transport, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by sections 25(1) and (2), 26, 44(3) and 46(1)(1) of the Dartford-Thurrock Crossing Act 1988(2), hereby makes the following Regulations:

Citation and commencement

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Dartford-Thurrock Crossing (Amendment) Regulations 1996 and shall come into force on September 1996.

Abnormal loads

2. For Parts I and II of the Table to Regulation 2 of the Dartford-Thurrock Crossing (Amendment) Regulations 1995(3) (“the 1995 Regulations”) there shall be substituted the following: —

PART I

	<i>Time of Commencement of Passage</i>	<i>Charge</i>
<i>Overall width</i>		
Greater than 2.75 metres and not more than 6.1 metres	Passage commencing after 06.00 hours and before 22.00 hours	£38

(1) See the definitions of “prescribed” and “regulations”.
(2) 1988 c. 20.
(3) S.I. 1995/2060.

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	<i>Time of Commencement of Passage</i>	<i>Charge</i>
Greater than 2.75 metres and not more than 6.1 metres	Passage commencing on or after 22.00 hours and on or before 06.00 hours	£18
Greater than 6.1 metres	At any time	£173
<i>Overall length</i>		
Greater than 18.3 metres and not more than 27.4 metres	Passage commencing after 06.00 hours and before 22.00 hours	£38
Greater than 18.3 metres and not more than 27.4 metres	Passage commencing on or after 22.00 hours and on or before 06.00 hours	£18
Greater than 27.4 metres	At any time	£173
<i>Total weight of vehicle</i>		
Greater than 150,000 kilograms	At any time	£173

PART II

	<i>Time of Commencement of Passage</i>	<i>Charge</i>
<i>Overall width</i>		
Greater than 3.65 metres and not more than 6.1 metres	Passage commencing after 06.00 hours and before 22.00 hours	£38
Greater than 3.65 metres and not more than 6.1 metres	Passage commencing on or after 22.00 hours and on or before 06.00 hours	£18
Greater than 6.1 metres	At any time	£173
<i>Overall length</i>		
Greater than 27.4 metres	At any time	£173
<i>Total weight of vehicles</i>		
Greater than 150,000 kilograms	At any time	£173

Dangerous goods

3. In regulation 3 of the 1995 Regulations for the reference to the booklet entitled “Dangerous Traffic”, 8th edition issued in 1995, there shall be substituted a reference to the 9th edition of that booklet issued in 1996.

Removal of statutory vehicles

4. For the table to regulation 4 of the 1995 Regulations there shall be substituted the following table:

	(1) <i>Minimum Charge</i>	(2) <i>Additional Charge</i>
Motor cycle & combinations	£8	£3
Vehicles with two axles — which could not be removed otherwise than by a large breakdown vehicle	£53	£17
in any other case	£31	£10
Vehicles with more than two axles	£105	£35

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Department of Transport
5th August 1996

John Bowis
Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State,

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations increase the charges payable to the crossing operator (in addition to tolls) for the passage of abnormal loads through the tunnels or across the bridge and for removing or assisting broken down vehicles.

The crossing operator (as defined in section 12(4) of the Dartford-Thurrock Crossing Act 1988) is Dartford River Crossing Limited (whose address is given below).

The booklet entitled “Dangerous Traffic” referred to in regulation 3 may be obtained in person or by post from either Dartford River Crossing Ltd., Crossing Offices, South Orbital Way, Dartford, Kent, DA1 5PR, or the Mersey Tunnels, Merseyside Passenger Transport Authority, Georges Dock Building, Georges Dock Way, Pier Head, Liverpool, L3 1DD, or the Tyne Tunnel, Wallsend, Tyne and Wear NE28 0PD.