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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2003 No. 2186**

**The M6 Toll (Collection of Tolls) Regulations 2003**

**PART II**

*Payment of tolls*

**Place and manner of payment**

**3.—**(1) Except where paragraph (2) applies, all tolls leviable by virtue of the Birmingham Northern Relief Road Toll Order 1998<sup>(1)</sup> in respect of a vehicle shall be paid by the driver of the vehicle by a recognised means of payment—

- (a) to an appointed person at a toll-booth, or
- (b) into a machine provided near a toll-booth for the purpose of collecting tolls,

not being in either case a toll-booth at which a sign is displayed indicating that its use is restricted to either—

- (i) vehicles of a class which does not include the relevant vehicle, or
- (ii) vehicles in respect of which the toll leviable has been paid in advance.

(2) Where, pursuant to a pre-payment scheme, the toll leviable in respect of a vehicle has been paid in advance, the driver shall present or display such evidence of payment in such manner and at such place within a toll lane area as the pre-payment scheme may provide.

(3) Subject to paragraph (5), every driver of a vehicle reaching a toll lane area shall stop the vehicle in a position where he can, in accordance with this regulation, pay any toll leviable in respect of the vehicle or present or display evidence of payment of the toll in compliance with any pre-payment scheme without leaving the vehicle.

(4) When a red light is displayed at a toll-booth or a barrier is blocking the exit from a toll-booth, the driver of a vehicle shall not allow the vehicle to proceed beyond the toll-booth until a green light is displayed and any barrier blocking the exit is raised or a constable or an appointed person allows or directs him to proceed.

(5) Where a vehicle, its trailer or its load exceeds 2.9 metres in width at any point along its length the driver shall—

- (a) use the wide load route;
- (b) stop the vehicle where indicated to do so by a sign;
- (c) pay any toll leviable in respect of the vehicle or present or display evidence of payment of the toll in compliance with any pre-payment scheme.

(6) For the purpose of this regulation, “recognised” means recognised and accepted by the concessionaire or the Secretary of State.

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(1) S.I.1998/124.

**Duty to give name and address**

4. Where a driver of a vehicle is unable or refuses to pay a toll in accordance with regulation 3 he shall, on being required to do so by a constable or an appointed person, give his name and address to such constable or appointed person, subject to the production by the appointed person of his credentials, if so requested.

**Charges in relation to the removal of vehicles where tolls are unpaid**

5. For the purpose of section 15(5) of the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991, the “prescribed charge” shall be calculated—

- (a) according to the class of vehicle; and
- (b) as being the reasonable cost of removal of a vehicle of that class.

**Traffic directions**

6. Where it appears to an appointed person to be necessary or expedient for the collection of tolls to regulate traffic, he may direct the driver of a vehicle to stop the vehicle or to cause it to proceed forwards or backwards in, or keep to, a particular line or direction and the driver shall comply with such direction.

**Obstruction of appointed persons**

7. No person shall obstruct or otherwise interfere with any action taken by an appointed person under these Regulations in connection with the collection of tolls.

**Toll-booth out of use**

8. No person shall drive any vehicle, or cause or permit it to be driven, into or through the lane alongside any toll-booth which is shown by a barrier or sign to be out of use unless instructed to do so by a constable or an appointed person.