2003 No. 3276

HIGHWAYS, ENGLAND

The Severn Bridges Tolls Order 2003

Made	-	-	-	-		15th December 2003
Coming i	nto f	force		-	-	1st January 2004

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(1) hereby makes the following Order:

1. This Order may be cited as the Severn Bridges Tolls Order 2003 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 2004.

2. The tolls leviable in respect of the 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	£4.60
Category 2 vehicles	£9.30
Category 3 vehicles	£13.90

3. The Severn Bridges Tolls Order 2002(**2**) is hereby revoked.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

David Jamieson Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Department for Transport

15th December 2003

^{(1) 1992} c. 3.

⁽**2**) S.I.2002/3004.

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 2004.

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 2003 and applying the rounding provisions of section 9(6).

The tolls levied in 2003 were as follows:

Category 1 vehicles	£4.50
Category 2 vehicles	£9.00
Category 3 vehicles	£13.50