STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2017 No. 1303

HIGHWAYS, ENGLAND

The M4 and M48 Motorways (Severn Bridges Charging Scheme) Order 2017

Made - - - - 18th December 2017

Coming into force - - 8th January 2018

The Secretary of State makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 163(3)(d), 167(1)(a) and (2)(a), 168(1) and 171(1) and (2) of the Transport Act 2000(**1**).

Appropriate persons have been consulted in accordance with section 170(1C) of that Act and regulation 4 of the Trunk Road Charging Schemes (Bridges and Tunnels) (England) Procedure Regulations 2001(**2**).

Citation, commencement and period in force

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the M4 and M48 Motorways (Severn Bridges Charging Scheme) Order 2017.

(2) It comes into force on 8th January 2018 and remains in force indefinitely.

Interpretation

2. In this Order—

(a) "the scheme roads" means the roads in England carried by the bridges;

(b) the following have the same meaning as in the Severn Bridges Act 1992(**3**)—

"the bridges";

"the new bridge";

"the toll plaza areas";

"the new toll plaza area".

(**1**) 2000 c. 38. Section 167(1)(a) is amended by the Infrastructure Act 2015 (c. 7), paragraph 126 of Schedule 1. There are further amendments to sections 163, 167, 168 and 171 which are not relevant to this Order.

(**2**) S.I. 2001/2303, amended by 2004/3168.

(**3**) 1992 c. 3. See the definitions in section 39(1).

Designation of the scheme roads

3. The roads in respect of which charges are imposed under this Order are the scheme roads.

Imposition of charges

4.—(1) Subject to paragraph (2), from 8th January 2018 a charge is imposed in respect of any motor vehicle which is—

(a) of a class specified in column 1 of Schedule 1; and

(b) travelling from east to west on a scheme road.

(2) No charge is imposed in respect of the motor vehicles described in Schedule 2.

(3) The charge imposed for a given class of motor vehicle is determined by reference to column 2 of Schedule 1.

(4) Reference to a class of a motor vehicle in column 1 of Schedule 1 is to the class determined by reference to regulation 2 of, and Schedule 2 to, the Road User Charging and Workplace Parking Levy (Classes of Motor Vehicles) (England) Regulations 2001(**4**).

Advance payments

5.—(1) The Secretary of State may enter into agreements under which, on such terms as may be provided, persons make payments in advance with respect to charges for the use of a motor vehicle on the scheme roads.

(2) Agreements may relate to use on an agreed number of occasions or during an agreed period, and may provide for a reduction in the charges specified in Schedule 1.

(3) Agreements must be offered on the same terms to all persons seeking to enter into an agreement.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State for Transport

Jesse Norman
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State
Department for Transport

18th December 2017

(**4**) S.I. 2001/2793, amended by S.I. 2017/1141.