

The contents of this document are meant to provide information which may be of use to potential EETS providers only. This domain statement does not constitute an offer to enter into an agreement.

General information

1.1.1 Geography subject to the toll or charge

Section	Notes
The legal basis by which a toll/charge can be levied in the Toll Domain	Severn Bridges Act 1992 (see http://www.opsi.gov.uk/acts/acts1992/ukpga_19920003_en_1)
The overall area to which the Scheme applies (i.e. the Toll Domain)	The toll is levied on vehicles using either of the two bridges as identified in the Severn Bridges Act 1992.
Charged roads/ infrastructure	M4 Second Severn Crossing – tolls are collected at the Rogiet Toll Plaza M48 Severn Bridge – tolls are collected at the Aust Toll Plaza

1.1.2 Nature of toll or charge

Section	Notes
Charging days	All
Charging hours	All
Type of Charge	A point charge for driving through a toll plaza.

1.1.3 Eligibility and exemptions

Section	Notes
Eligible vehicles to which the charge applies	See section 8 of the Severn Bridges Act 1992 which sets out three vehicle classes: Motor Cars and Motor Caravans. (Category 1) Small Goods Vehicles and Small Buses (Category 2) (Small Goods equals less than 3500kg GVW and Small Bus having between 9 and 17 seats including driver) Other Goods Vehicles and Buses (Category 3) These terms are further defined in the Severn Bridges Act 1992.
Exempt vehicles	Exemption is processed at a Manned Toll Booth by the Attendant. Exemptions can only be claimed by using a manned booth. Exempt vehicles are also set out in section 8 of the Severn Bridges Act 1992. See that Act for details but (in summary) there are exemptions for Emergency Vehicles, Vehicles exempt from duty under the Vehicles Excise Act 1971 – Civil defence, other vehicles used for the carriage of disabled persons by recognised bodies and vehicles of certain persons in receipt of disabled living allowance. Vehicles used in connection with the Tolls or maintenance of the crossings and vehicles driven by Staff of the Scheme Operator. Military Vehicles under the Army Act 2007

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Exempt Users	Disabled Persons presenting a valid Disabled Person's Badge to the Attendant at a Manned Tollbooth. See sub-section 8(5)(e) of the Severn Bridges Act 1992.
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1.1.4 Procedure where payment is not made

Section	Notes
Time limit for compliance	Tolls must be paid at the time of crossing at the Toll Plaza or by pre-payment to a Severn TAG Account
Penalty charge or fine levels	In exceptional circumstances, and entirely at the discretion of the Scheme Operator, drivers may be asked to sign a document that requires them to pay the Toll within 30 days with an additional charge of £85 as a condition of being allowed to use the crossing without pre-payment. Should the Toll remain unpaid after 30 days further charges can be imposed. Where a Toll is paid within 7 days a discount of £80 applies (so in effect drivers then pay the original toll plus £5). Also see section 14 of the Severn Bridges Act 1992.
Penalty charge or fine processes	Will be pursued through the Courts as necessary.
Channels and payment means for penalty charges or fines	By cash, cheque or BACS transfer.

1.2 Details of EETS payment methods

1.2.1 General definition of the EETS payment method

Section	Sub-section	Notes
Description of payment method		<p>The Severn Crossing is a barriered-scheme that uses DSRC-beacons for its electronic charging system. The charge is applied when vehicles enter the Aust or the Rogiet Toll Plazas in accordance with the Severn Bridges Act 1992.</p> <p>Charge process would be initiated by Severn River Crossing Plc following a successful 'read' of an EETS on-board unit (OBU).</p> <p>As Severn is a barriered scheme, payment by alternative means (e.g. cash) may be demanded if EETS OBU not successfully read or if the payment guarantee was invalid.</p> <p>Details of the vehicle classification system can be found in section 8 of the Severn Bridges Act 1992.</p>
Standard road User charges payable	For vehicle category 1	<p>Category 1 Vehicles £5.50 (for 2010)</p> <p>These are motor cars and motor caravans as defined by section 8 of the Severn Bridges Act 1992.</p>

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	For vehicle category 2	<p>Category 2 Vehicles £10.90 (for 2010)</p> <p>Category 2 tolls are payable by small goods vehicles and small buses as defined by section 8 of the Severn Bridges Act 1992 (but not by any vehicle that falls within category 1).</p> <p>A small goods vehicle is a goods vehicle which has an operating weight for the purposes of section 138 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 not exceeding 3,500 kilograms, and</p> <p>A small bus is a bus constructed or adapted to carry not more than sixteen passengers.</p>
	For vehicle category 3	<p>Category 3 Vehicles £16.40 (for 2010)</p> <p>This toll applies to vehicles not falling within either of the first two categories which are goods vehicles and buses as defined by section 8 of the Severn Bridges Act 1992.</p>

1.2.2 Requirements to be met by the Toll Charger

Section	Notes
Signs and signals	It is anticipated that all Lanes will be available to recognised EETS users.
Additional information	<p>www.severnbridge.co.uk</p> <p>customer.service@severnbridge.co.uk</p> <p>Severn River Crossing Plc Toll Administration Building Bridge Access Road Aust South Gloucestershire BS35 4BE</p>
Charge collection fee offered by Toll Charger to EETS Provider	none

1.2.3 Requirements to be met by EETS Providers

Section	Notes
Access fee levied by Toll Charger on EETS Provider	A monthly fee per EETS provider will be charged and probably a fee per transaction as well. Fees will be payable in Sterling
Bank Guarantees or equivalents	Bank guarantee required for the monthly level of transactions
Information on a particular User	As a minimum we will require the information needed to establish the vehicle category as set out in the legislation. Each OBU must be allocated to a specific vehicle or group of vehicles – if a group all of the vehicles must be within the same category of Toll Charge.
Authorisation parameters	To be determined.
Charging obligations	<p>For DSRC Schemes, the obligation on the EETS Provider is to ensure that its Users have mounted the OBU in a way that allows the DSRC component to be read from a Toll Charger's roadside beacons.</p> <p>Any other requirements to be determined.</p>

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Permanent changes in classification of User's Vehicle	To be determined.
Temporary changes in classification of User's Vehicle	n/a

1.2.4 Operation when there are problems with Users or data

Section	Notes
Black list(s)	Payment would be required / due from the EETs provider where the OBU was not black listed. Black list to be provided in a format / timescale to be agreed.
Charge Exceptions	Vehicles may be prevented from passing the barrier and payment demanded by alternative means if there is a vehicle classification mismatch. However, if the EETS OBU is used as the payment method (something it may not be possible to prevent if they use unmanned lanes) the EETs provider will be liable for the Toll for the vehicle class certified by the Scheme Operator.

1.2.5 Procedures and service levels (see Annex 1, para 2(b) of the Decision)

Section	Notes
Standards and specifications	To be determined.
Frequency of updates	TBA – but would be at least daily.
Accuracy	To be determined.
Operational availability performance	To be determined.
Other KPIs	To be determined.
Service level penalties	To be determined.
Dispute procedure	To be determined.

1.2.6 Invoicing and payment

Section	Notes
Toll Charger invoicing EETS Provider	Invoices will be sent weekly or otherwise by agreement. Toll charges will be inclusive of VAT at the prevailing rate.
EETS Provider paying Toll Charger	Payment will be expected within 7 days of receipt of the invoice and must be made in Sterling by BACS transfer quoting the Invoice number.
EETS Provider invoicing Toll Charger	By agreement
Toll Charger paying EETS Provider	By agreement

1.2.7 Procedure for agreeing a contract

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Initiating the contract process	Mr Michael Gudgeon Commercial Manager Severn River Crossing Plc Bridge Access Road Aust South Gloucestershire BS35 4BD 01454 635000 Mike.gudgeon@severnbridge.co.uk
	To be determined.
Commercial conditions	To be determined.
	To be determined.