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Dear Denis

M6 Toll – Classification of Land Rovers

I write to you as chairman of the Association of Land Rover Clubs with the aim to provide you with some information which I am hopeful you will be able to disseminate to all of your members.

On the M6 Toll, vehicles are automatically classified into a price category dependant upon two physical criteria, these being height at the point of the first axle and also the number of axles. The height measurement is set at 1.3 metres and is in the form of an invisible infrared light beam which, if broken, measures the vehicle as being above this 1.3 metre threshold, therefore placing it into a higher pricing category.

Generally speaking, vehicles such as Land Rovers fall into our "Class 2" category (the same as a saloon car and most MPVs), however in the cases when a Land Rover arrives in one of our lanes with the spare wheel attached to the bonnet, this causes the Automatic vehicle Classification system (AVC) to measure the vehicle as a "Class 4" vehicle (similar to most LGV and larger private vehicles).

To ensure fairness to all of our Customers we will endeavour to ensure that any Land Rover in this situation will be manually re-classified to the lower rate. To enable us to do this most efficiently it would be preferable if vehicles of this nature use, wherever possible, the lanes displaying the manned symbol (always bottom right on our overhead canopy signs) as this allows the quickest resolution of the issue.

I trust that this information will be of interest to yourselves and hope that you will be able to pass this on to your members.

Yours sincerely

Simon Greaves
Head of Traffic & Administration

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