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THE PORTS ACT, 1964  
(No. 56 of 1964)

THE PORTS AUTHORITY (MARINE RATES) REGULATIONS, 1992 Short title.

In exercise of the powers conferred upon it by sections 63, 78 and 79 of the Ports Act, 1964 as adapted by paragraph 5 of the Administration of Sierra Leone (National Provisional Ruling Council) Proclamation, 1992, the Ports Authority with the approval of the National Provisional Ruling Council makes the following regulations:—

1. These Regulations shall be deemed to have come into operation on the 7th day of September, 1989. Commencement.
2. The rates to be charged for any of the Authority's services shall be as prescribed in the Schedule. Marine Rates.
3. All charges raised according to the Schedule shall be payable to the Authority. To whom payable.
4. Under-charges and Over-charges when the amount on any one item does not exceed \$1,00 will not be adjusted. Under and over charges.
5. (a) Every ship of more than one hundred Gross Register Tonnage berthing and unberthing shall be in the charge of an Authority Pilot or a licensed Pilot as the Authority may determine and shall be attended by one or more tugs as the Authority may, in its discretion, direct. Compulsory Pilotage.
- (b) For the purpose of this Regulation, the Gross Register Tonnage, will be the highest GRT so appearing in the Ships' Certificate unless otherwise specified.
- (c) No ship shall proceed beyond an imaginary line bearing 180 degrees true to the Western point of Queen Elizabeth II Quay (Longitude 13° 13' W) without an Authority Pilot or a licensed Pilot, as the Authority may determine, on board.

(d) Every ship of more than 20,000 Summer Deadweight Tons or whose draft exceeds 9.10 meters proceeding to and from sea, to or from anchorage, shall be in the charge of an Authority Pilot or a licensed Pilot as the Authority may determine.

(e) Every ship of more than one hundred tonnes gross register tonnage proceeding to or from Sherbro area, to or from sea shall be in the charge of the Authority Pilot or a licensed Pilot as the Authority may determine.

6. The Ports Authority (Marine Rates) Regulations, 1970 are hereby revoked.  
 Revocation of P.N. 40 of 1970.

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SIERRA LEONE PORTS AUTHORITY

	Rate of Charge (a)	Rate of Charge (b)
<b>1. Pilotage fees for Freetown Area (Compulsory)</b>		
(a) Ships working cargo or embarking or disembarking more than 12 (twelve) passengers whilst at Jetties in Freetown Harbour or which work 30 tonnes of cargo or more		

in the Harbour before or after berthing alongside such Jetties for bunkers.

- (b) By ships calling in the Harbour only for oil bunkers and/or to embark or disembark labour and/or embark or disembark twelve passengers or fewer and/or working not more than 30 tonnes of cargo.

*Service:*

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| (i) Berthing or unberthing including the use of one tug, when considered necessary by the Harbour Master, in Normal working hours. | (a) \$25.00 per ft of vessel's draught or part hereof. | (b) \$12.00 per ft of vessel's draught or part thereof |
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	<i>Rate of Charge</i>	<i>Rate of Charge</i>
During normal overtime	(a) \$50.00 per ft of vessel's draught or part thereof.	(b) \$25.00 per ft of vessel's draught or part thereof

During extra overime	(a) \$70.00 per ft of vessel's draught or part thereof.	(b) \$35.00 per ft of vessel's draught or part thereof
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| (ii) For the use of an extra tug, if considered necessary by the Harbour Master at any time. | (a) \$270.00 flat | (b) \$270.00 flat |
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| (iii) Compulsory Mooring fees | (a) \$65.00 | (b) \$65.00 |
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- (iv) *Waiting time for Cancellation Charge*

When a pilot is ordered for berthing or unberthing of a vessel (which include the services of one tug) a period of one hour's grace will be allowed and thereafter there will be an hourly charge un-

buoyage fees (in and out inclusive) per gross register tonnage of vessel at the rate of:-

\$0.10 per tonne or part thereof.

### 3. Fees Payable for other Pilotage Services

(i) Pilotage to or from sea to, or from roads to anchorage or from anchorage to anchorage:

In Normal Working hours

\$18.00 per ft of vessel's draught or part thereof.

Normal Overtime

\$27.00 per ft of vessel's draught or part thereof.

Extra Overtime

\$36.00 per ft of vessel's draught or part thereof

(ii) *Double Banking*

Placing a vessel or removing a vessel from alongside another vessel in the Harbour including the use of one Tug when considered necessary:

In Normal Working Hours

\$24.00 per ft of vessel's draught or part thereof.

Normal Overtime

\$36.00 per ft of vessel's draught or part thereof.

Extra Overtime

\$48.00 per ft of vessel's draught or part thereof.

(iii) *Special Mooring Arrangements e.g*

*Mediterranean Mooring (vessel's Stern to Quay incl. the use of one tug):*

Normal Working Hours

\$48.00 per ft of vessel's draught or part thereof.

Normal Overtime

\$72.00 per ft of vessel's draught or part thereof.

## Extra Overtime

\$96.00 per ft of vessel's draught or part thereof.

## (iv) Waiting or Cancellation Charge

When a pilot is ordered to perform one of the foregoing services, (which necessarily also involves the use or readiness of the tug, pilot launch and mooring boat) a period of one hour's grace will be allowed and thereafter there will be an hourly charge until such time as the services of the pilot are utilised or cancelled (in the case of cancellation, this will be effective one hour after the Ports Authority has received notice that the services of the pilot will not be required). This is to be valid in all circumstances including rain or poor visibility:

Normal Working hours

\$56.00 per hour or part thereof.

Normal Overtime

\$84.00 per hour or part thereof.

Extra Overtime

\$112.00 per hour or part thereof.

## 4. Moves in Special Circumstances

(i) When a vessel is required to unberth before completion of discharge/loading for the convenience of the Port as may be required by the Authority such unberthing and subsequent re-berthing will be carried out free of charge.

(ii) When such moves are performed for the benefit of another vessel, such vessel will be liable for both unberthing and re-berthing charges for the vessel moved with the exception of vessels berthing for bunkers.

## 5. Tugs and Towage

(i) Towage, assisting or standing by to order within the Port limits other than berthing and unberthing for each hour or part or an hour per tug:

Normal Working Hours	\$225.00 per hour or part thereof.
Normal Overtime	\$340.00 per hour or part thereof.
Extra Overtime	\$450.00 per hour or part thereof.

- (ii) Special Services other than those provided for therein may be undertaken (including when requested and when practicable outside the Harbour limits) subject to the approval of the Authority and to payment of any special charge which may be fixed for such services, by the Authority.

#### 6. Launches

For the hire of a launch In Normal Working Hours	\$66.00 per hour or part thereof.
Normal Overtime	\$99.00 per hour or part thereof.
Extra Overtime	\$132.00 per hour or part thereof.

Where with the arrangement of the Authority a launch proceeds outside Harbour limits, the hire charge for the whole period will be doubled.

#### General

The Authority may agree to a waiving of or reduction in charges if in a particular case after written representations have been made to the Authority and she decides that in all circumstances a waiving of or reduction in charges would be justified.

In the event that any services of a special nature are undertaken and which are not provided for, or not fully provided for in this Tariff, the Authority may authorise the raising of such special or additional charges as she may deem reasonable.

#### 7. S.L.P.A. Ferry Services

Charges on Application.

### 8. Hire of Lighterage Tugs/Lighters

- (1) Hire of Lighterage Tug per hour or part thereof
- (2) Hire of Lighters per unit per 24 hours or part thereof at all times

Charges on Application.

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### 9. Embarking/Disembarking Labour (Minimum 2 Hours)

In the event of cancellation of a call, notification of the cancellation will be effective one hour after being received by the Ports Authority; minimum waiting charge in the event of cancellation being received too late to prevent craft, crew, etc. from standing by 2 hours.

See hire of Launches

### 10. Registration and Licensing of Boats

- (a) For annual survey of a boat and issuing the annual certificate of suitability and licence:
 

Commercial boats	Le1,000.00
Pleasure Boats	Le3,000.00

- (b) Boat licence (per annum)

Le500.00

### 11. Surveys

For surveys other than classification surveys of hulls, equipment, engines etc., of any vessel.

By Negotiation

### 12. Buoyage and Mooring Etc. of Buoys

AT ALL TIMES

- (a) Hire of heavy lift tug for work in connection with buoys and buoyage.

By Negotiation

- (b) Lifting, examination and relaying one buoy.

- (c) Laying one new buoy and mooring.

- (d) Cleaning and painting one buoy.

### 13. S.L.P.A.—Slipway charges

- A. The charges for the use of the main slipway shall be as follows :-

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| 1. Slipping or unslipping for craft up to 600 tonnes (single operation) | \$980.00 |
| 2. Charge for the use of the slipway per day or part thereof            | \$160.00 |

Days for slipping and unslipping of the vessel shall be free of charge.

*B. The Charges for the use of the Launch Slipway shall be as follows:-*

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| 1. Slipping or unslipping for Any Craft— (Single Operation)  | \$240.00 |
| 2. Charge for the use of the slipway per day or part thereof | \$40.00  |

Days for slipping and unslipping of the vessel shall be free of charge.

*C. The Charges for the use of the Kissy Lighter Slipway shall be as follows:-*

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| 1. Slipping or unslipping for any craft including lighters. (Single Operation) | Charges as per Main Slipway facilities |
| 2. Charge for the use of the slipway per day or part thereof                   | do.                                    |

Days for slipping and unslipping of the vessel shall be free of charge.

All materials required for preparation of the cradle, hauling up and launching vessels and also blocks and staging will be supplied by the Ports Authority without any additional charge.

Beaching of craft on beaches adjacent to Slipway (subject to prior approval of the Authority) Le500.00

The charges quoted for slipping and unslipping are applicable when the operation is performed in normal working hours; when the operation is performed in overtime period, the basic charge will be unchanged but labour overtime (and costs) will be payable in addition when work is undertaken by the Ports Authority on craft of any kind the owner shall pay for all labour employed by the Authority and also the cost of any material supplied and in addition to any current oncosts and/or surcharges shall also be payable.

The cost of labour and surcharges may be altered from time to time as the Authority may determine and owners should inquire as to the present rates before arranging for work to be performed. In the event that any craft owner requires an estimate for the cost of repairs to any craft and in the event that it proves necessary for the craft to be slipped for examination before an estimate is given, the owner will be required to make pre-payment of the cost of slipping and unslipping and a deposit to cover the estimated time necessary on the slipway for the purpose of making the estimate cost of labour, oncosts estimating fee etc.

The prepayment will not be refundable except for any part of the deposit in so far as the craft spends a shorter period on the slipway than had been allowed for.

Where application has been made to the Authority for the use of a slipway at specified time and the owner of the craft fails to make use of the slipway at that time, and he had not given the Authority a minimum of 24 hours notice that the craft would not make use of the slipway at the specified time, he will be charged for 24 hours use of the slipway at the appropriate rate.

MADE this 9th day of July, 1992.

H. FRIEDRICHS  
General Manager,  
For and on behalf of the  
Sierra Leone Ports Authority.

APPROVED this 16th day of July, 1992.

CAPTAIN VALENTINE E. M. STRASSER  
Chairman,  
National Provisional Ruling Council.