

DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF COASTAL SAFETY

TARIFF FOR LIGHTHOUSE AND RESCUE DUES

MISSION AND SCOPE

ARTICLE 1

a) Mission:

Directorate General of Coastal Safety is responsible for lighthouses, radio beacons, seamarks, foghorns as well as coastal safety equipment and rescue stations already established or to be established on Turkish coasts and Turkish Straits for the purpose of safety of navigation. The organization shall establish and operate any systems and facilities at Turkish Straits as monopoly for the purpose of ensuring safe navigation, make necessary investments for achieving such purpose, and also fulfill any construction, repair, revision, expansion, and outfitting of those facilities.

Against these services, ships shall pay dues for lighthouses and rescue services as per this tariff, on basis of NT, according to their voyage status.

b) Scope:

Provisions of this tariff shall apply for any Turkish or foreign flag ships as well as any vessels towed by them, and their masters, ship-owners, and agencies whether they conduct a commercial operation or not, for ships having entered to or exited from the Strait of Canakkale or the Strait of Istanbul, or having passed through Turkish Straits and Marmara Sea so as to make non-stopover passage from a foreign port to sail for another foreign port, without entering any Turkish port, or without changing their non-stopover status under legislation, regulations, and other directives, or for ships having entered to or exited from any Turkish ports or wharves located between or outside of the Straits, or operating within the boundaries of any Turkish port.

Tables indicating dues and fees are integral part of this tariff in implementing any and all provisions thereof.

DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ARTICLE 2

For the purpose of this tariff:

a) Organization:

means Directorate General of Coastal Safety (KEGM),

b) Tariff:

means the tariff for Lighthouse and Rescue Dues,

c) Certificate of Seagoing:

means the document issued by Harbour Master regarding the permission of sailing of the ship.

ç) Berthing Order:

means the document issued by Harbour Master for the acceptance of ships and marine vehicles to coastal facilities and anchorage areas,

d) Vessel:

means any vehicle on the sea moving by power other than sculling,

e) Sea Vehicle:

means all type of powered or non-powered vehicles such as dummy barge, buoy, floating crane, platform and other similar vehicles,

f) 1969 Convention:

means "International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships" adopted by IMO in 1969,

g) Transitlog:

means "Sailing Permit" issued for the entry / exit of foreign flagged yachts to Turkish waters and ports,

ğ) Vessel Traffic Service Center (VTSC):

means Vessel Traffic Service Centers of Istanbul, Canakkale, İzmir, İzmit and Mersin ,

h) Deposit:

means a sum of TL or the United States (US) Dollar, which is provided as guarantee for the Lighthouses and Rescue fees for the vessel receiving the respective service,

ı) Day:

means a calendar day,

i) Public Holiday:

means the days specified in Law No. 2429,

j) Turkish Straits:

means the Straits of İstanbul and Canakkale,

k) Net Tonnage (NT):

means the remaining volume of a ship after the ship's units that do not allow transportation of cargo and passengers are deducted from gross tonnage,

l) Owner:

means the owner or charterer of a ship,

m) Non-stopover Passage:

means the sailing from a foreign port to another foreign port by passing through both of the Straits without calling at any Turkish port and returning again in the same way,

n) Stopover passage:

means the calling at Turkish ports,

o) Lighthouse Service:

means lighthouse services and similar Aids to Navigation services including radio beacons, foghorns, lighted- unlighted buoys, passage(fairway) buoys etc.

ö) Rescue Services:

means the services given by Rescue vessel or boats, rocket stations and / or similar services provided for the rescue of the ship's passengers and crew,

p) Regulation:

means Turkish Straits Maritime Traffic Regulation,

r) Dues-payer:

means ship owners, ship masters, agents and their representatives or the persons acting on their behalf.

DUES FOR LIGHTHOUSE AND RESCUE SERVICES

ARTICLE 3

Please find below the services being subject to dues payable for lighthouse and rescue services.

a) Light Dues:

Vessels are subject to the following 11 kinds of light due and the light due rates are shown in the tables at the end of the tariff:

- 1- Dues for non-stopover voyage,
- 2- Dues for entry to the Strait of Çanakkale,
- 3- Dues for exit from the Strait of Çanakkale,
- 4- Dues for entry to the Strait of İstanbul,
- 5- Dues for exit from the Strait of İstanbul,
- 6- Dues for entry to ports or berths,
- 7- Dues for exit from ports or berths,
- 8- The Annual fee for ships operating within the boundaries of a port,
- 9- The Annual fee for Turkish Flag ships, with a tonnage of up to 100 – 300 NT (excluding 300 NT), operating between Turkish ports and berths,
- 10- The annual fee of the vessels that receive line permission,
- 11- Fees to be applied for ships that receive a Transitlog (Sailing Permit).

b) Rescue Dues:

Vessels are subject to the following 3 kinds of rescue due and the rescue due rates are shown in the tables at the end of the tariff:

- 1- Dues for non-stopover voyage.
- 2- Dues for entry to the strait of İstanbul
- 3- Dues for exit from the strait of İstanbul.

NON-STOPOVER VOYAGES

ARTICLE 4

a) The light and rescue dues written in the first row of columns A and B in the fee tables 1, 2 and 3 at the end of the tariff are for two passages through the Straits. (A passage from the Aegean Sea to the Black Sea and return to the Aegean Sea or a passage from the Black Sea to the Aegean Sea and returning back to the Black Sea)

b) Nevertheless, if a commercial vessel passes through the straits again to return to Aegean Sea or Black Sea, as the case may be, more than 6 months after the date of its entry to the Straits for one passage, fees shall be paid for the second time and in full, regardless of the flag difference for this vessel.

c) If it is declared in its non-stopover passage that a commercial vessel would not return as non-stopover during payment period, even if the invoice is issued, half of the tariff shall be paid. Contrary to this declaration, vessels that make their return voyages as non-stopover are subject to full non-stopover fees again.

d) For a vessel that has initially passed as non-stopover, but not returned so, a difference fee shall be paid according to its voyage status.

e) If a vessel does not return as non-stopover, despite of the fact that it had initially passed as non-stopover, any of non-stopover dues shall not be giving back. If a vessel completed its stopover voyage which has initially passed as non-stopover and in case that it has already made a payment for its stopover passage, half of such non-stopover dues shall be paid back to such vessel.

f) If the vessels sailing from a foreign port to another foreign port without calling at any port within the Straits and Marmara Sea, as non-stopover, get permission from the Vessel Traffic Service Center for the purpose of providing their vital needs, they can stay at anchorage areas specified in article 23 of the Regulation for 168 hours. If their activities such as deaths, illnesses, changes of seamen, leave or agency contact, bunkering, provision supply, repairs of faults and deficiencies and the activities concerning similar necessities are certified by an official document during this time (for vessels that a Certificate of Seagoing has not been issued by the Harbour Master, in this context.), then their non-stopover status shall not become invalid.

EXEMPTIONS

ARTICLE 5

The following vessels are held exempted from dues for lighthouses and rescue services:

- a) Foreign flag vessels with a Net Tonnage of up to 30 tons (excluding NT of 30 tons).
- b) Turkish flag vessels with a Net Tonnage of up to 100 tons (excluding NT of 100 tons).
- c) Turkish flag fishing and sponge vessels with a Net Tonnage of up to 300 tons (excluding NT of 300 tons).
- d) War ships, ships with pennant, as well as scientific research and training (school) ships.
- e) Floating dock equivalents not counted as ships.
- f) Sea vehicles towed by ships operating within the boundaries of a port and being subject to annual fee.
- g) Dues payable for such vessels with a tonnage exceeding tonnage of exemption shall be calculated on basis of their total net tonnage.
- h) Those ships that have sheltered or called at ports and dockyards for such reasons as bearing away to leeward, accident, or breakdown; that have entered into shipyard for any kind of repair – maintenance works; and that would not intend to conduct any commercial activities in this context, shall become exempted from port light dues. VTSC report shall be taken as basis in the implementation of the exemption related to bearing away to leeway.
- i) Those ships that have lost their non-stopover status due to bearing away to leeward, breakdown, and accident shall be exempted from port dues, but only tariff difference shall be paid for such ships.
- i) Those ships that have to enter into the straits or taken refuge in any ports, due to bad weather conditions, shall be held exempted from the straits and port dues, upon submitting related documents (VTSC Strait Record, Meteorology Report, Certificate of Seagoing, Anchorage Order), on condition that they obtain necessary permissions from relevant authorities. Any documents requested in connection with the exemption must be forwarded not later than 7 (seven) calendar days, otherwise the matter will not be handled as an exemption case and provisions of Article 13 hereof shall apply.
- j) For the vessels that receive a line permit, their voyages between the ports specified in the permits shall be exempted from the port due until the end of the permit period.
- k) Ships that become unusable due to sinking, dismantling, burning or similar or appear dead in the Lloyd records shall not be charged an annual fee even if they are included in the ship's registry.
- l) The annual fee shall not be accrued to the lying (inactive) ships unless the Harbour Master issues a Certificate of Seaworthiness.

BASIS OF NET TONNAGE

Article 6

- a) Calculation of dues for light and rescue service shall be based on such net tonnage as indicated in the International Tonnage Measurement Certificate, 1969, or in the records of Lloyd Register.
- b) In case of any change in the ship information subject to fee accrual, the documents showing this situation shall be submitted within the payment period.
- c) The vessels which are not registered in the system because the tonnage certificate is not submitted or sent, shall be complied with the tonnage of collection that is basis for the dues or fees accrued and collected by the relevant official authorities.
- d) Any remainder weights including and exceeding half a ton (except the exemption limit) shall be rounded up.

PAYMENT OF DUES

Non-Stopover Voyages

Article 7

The vessels passing through in non-stopover as defined in this tariff, shall pay non-stopover dues within 7 (seven) calendar days from the date of their first entry (including the date of entry) from the Strait of Canakkale or the Strait of İstanbul.

ENTRANCES TO THE STRAITS

Article 8

Vessels calling at any Turkish port after entering the Strait of Canakkale or the Strait of İstanbul or the vessels sailing to a foreign port without calling at any Turkish port after entering the Strait of Canakkale or the Strait of İstanbul shall pay relevant dues for entrance to the straits within 7 (seven) calendar days from the date of entry to Strait (including the date of entry).

EXITS FROM THE STRAITS

Article 9

Vessels that have exited the Strait of Canakkale or the Strait of İstanbul shall pay their dues for exit within 7 (seven) calendar days from the date of exit (including exit date).

ENTRIES INTO/EXITS FROM PORTS

Article 10

Port entry and exit dues shall be paid within 7 (seven) calendar days from the exit date in the Certificate of Seagoing (including the exit date).

ANNUAL FEES

Article 11

- a) Annual fees become due at the end of June every year.
- b) The fees of the vessels subject to annual fees shall be paid according to Table 6.
- c) Those vessels that have been put into service during the period of payment of annual fees shall pay such amount in full. However, those vessels that have been put into service after the period of payment of annual fees had elapsed shall pay no fees for that year.
- d) If Turkish flagged ships operating between Turkish ports and wharves, and having paid their annual fees for 100 to 300 NT (excluding 300 NT) reach in any foreign port, they shall make payments as per Table 3;
- e) If Turkish flagged ships operating within the boundaries of a port, and having paid their annual fees for including and over 300 NT, reach in any Turkish port they shall make payments as per Table 4, or if having reached in any foreign port as per Table 3.
- f) The port entry-exit fees of the vessels receiving line permission and having paid their annual fees shall be paid according to table 4 if they go to a Turkish port outside of line and if they go to a foreign port, according to table 3.

PROCEDURES AND CONDITIONS OF PAYMENT

Article 12

- a) Dues must be paid within the period indicated in the tariff. However, if the deadline coincides with a public holiday, it shall be paid on the first working day thereafter.
- b) Dues shall be paid to the Organization account via the bank.
- c) Dues shall be paid in accordance with the tariff tables on the basis of NT according to the flag, voyage and type of the ship.
- d) **Deposit:** Owners, agents or other interested parties may pay in TL or US Dollars on behalf of the ship as a deposit to cover the light and rescue dues. If the deposit amount meets the debt accrued to the ship, the collection or accounting shall be made without penalty. If the amount of the deposit does not meet the debt accrued to the ship, the accrual or deduction shall be made with penalty.
- e) **Currency Unit for the Fees:**
The currency unit used for the dues indicated in this tariff is the United States Dollar (US Dollar). Service fees are collected after accrual of such fees by converting into Turkish Lira basing on US dollar buying exchange rate announced by the Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey on the service completion date.

PENALTY CLAUSE

Article 13

Practice

Ships that their light and rescue dues are not paid within the period indicated in the tariff or in accordance with the tariff provisions shall be considered as penalized for not paying their debts and the following transactions shall be made:

- a) Payments made within 30 calendar days following the date of service for non-stopover passage, strait entry and exit, and following the date of exit in Certificate of Seagoing for the entrance and exit of the port, shall be collected with an addition of 1.60% to the basic fee.
- b) An addition of 50% shall be applied to the basic fee for payments made within the period of duration of 31 up to 60 days following date of service, and an additional 1,60 % shall be applied to basic fee together with the penalty of 50% for payments up to every subsequent 30 days.
- c) If the ships, which are considered as penalized previously, make their payments in their new voyages within the prescribed period of duration as specified in the tariff, then no penalty clause shall apply.
- d) The fees not paid in full amount by the dues-payer according to the actual voyage status must be completed and paid within the time indicated in the tariff. Otherwise, the penalty provisions in the tariff shall be applied.
- e) If it is found that an incomplete or incorrect payment has been made despite of the fact that the dues-payer had provided information and submitted the required documents in accordance with the provisions of the tariff, the basic fee shall be collected without penalty. However, if the payment is not made within the period indicated in the notification made to the dues-payer, the penalty provisions in the tariff shall be applied.
- f) Refund requests to be made for ships with overdue debts shall not be met unless their debts are paid.

DEFAULT OF PAYMENT

Article 15

- a) Provisions of Decree with number 233 and Main Status of Organization shall apply for those ships, their ship-owners, masters, and agents that have not paid up dues for lighthouse and rescue services, in accordance with the stipulations of this tariff. Masters, ship-owners, and agencies shall be severally liable for dues and penalties.
- b) The master, owner and agent shall be severally responsible for damage caused by vessel to all kinds of aids to navigation and the facility belonging to the Organization.

(Table of Dues No: 1)

**TABLE 1 : TABLE OF DUES FOR LIGHTHOUSES AND RESCUE SERVICES
FOR FOREIGN FLAGGED COMMERCIAL VESSELS**

A-LIGHTHOUSES	Foreign Currency	Per Net Tonnage	
		Up to 800 NT	Over 800 NT
1- Non-stopover voyages (Entry-Exit)	\$	0,338646	0,169323
2-Through The Strait of Çanakkale (Entry)	\$	0,216	0,108
3-Through The Strait of Çanakkale (Exit)	\$	0,216	0,108
4-Through The Strait of İstanbul (Entry)	\$	0,216	0,108
5-Through The Strait of İstanbul (Exit)	\$	0,216	0,108
6-To Ports or Quays (Entry)	\$	0,192	0,096
7-From Ports or Quays (Exit)	\$	0,192	0,096

B -RESCUE	Foreign Currency	Per Net Tonnage
1- Non-stopover voyages (Entry – Exit)	\$	0,08063
2- Through the Strait of Istanbul (Entry)	\$	0,108
3- Through the Strait of Istanbul (Entry)	\$	0,108

(Table of Dues No: 2)

TABLE 2 : TABLE OF DUES FOR LIGHTHOUSES AND RESCUE SERVICES FOR FOREIGN FLAGGED PASSENGERS SHIPS

A- LIGHTHOUSES			
	Foreign Currency	Per Net Tonnage	
		Up to 800 NT	Over 800 NT
1- Non-stopover voyages (Entry-Exit)	\$	0,338646	0,169323
2-Through The Strait of Çanakkale (Entry)	\$	0,1728	0,0864
3-Through The Strait of Çanakkale (Exit)	\$	0,1728	0,0864
4-Through The Strait of İstanbul (Entry)	\$	0,1728	0,0864
5-Through The Strait of İstanbul (Exit)	\$	0,1728	0,0864
6-To Ports or Quays (Entry)	\$	0,1536	0,0768
7-From Ports or Quays (Exit)	\$	0,1536	0,0768

B -RESCUE	Foreign Currency	Per Net Tonnage
1- Non-stopover voyages (Entry – Exit)	\$	0,08063
2- Through the Strait of Istanbul (Entry)	\$	0,0864
3- Through the Strait of Istanbul (Entry)	\$	0,0864

TABLE 3 : TABLE OF DUES FOR LIGHTHOUSES AND RESCUE SERVICES FOR TURKISH FLAG (EXCLUDING CABOTAGE) SHIPS

A- LIGHTHOUSES	Foreign Currency	Per Net Tonnage	
		Up to 800 NT	Over 800 NT
1- Non-stopover voyages (Entry-Exit)	\$	0,338646	0,169323
2-Through The Strait of Çanakkale (Entry)	\$	0,1728	0,0864
3-Through The Strait of Çanakkale (Exit)	\$	0,1728	0,0864
4-Through The Strait of İstanbul (Entry)	\$	0,1728	0,0864
5-Through The Strait of İstanbul (Exit)	\$	0,1728	0,0864
6-To Ports or Quays (Entry)	\$	0,10752	0,05376
7-From Ports or Quays (Exit)	\$	0,10752	0,05376

B -RESCUE	Foreign Currency	Per Net Tonnage
1- Non-stopover voyages (Entry – Exit)	\$	0,08063
2- Through the Strait of İstanbul (Entry)	\$	0,0864
3- Through the Strait of İstanbul (Entry)	\$	0,0864

(Table of Dues No :4)

TABLE 4 : TABLE OF DUES FOR LIGHTHOUSES AND RESCUE SERVICES FOR TURKISH FLAG SHIPS OPERATING UNDER TURKISH CABOTAGE

A- LIGHTHOUSES			
	Foreign Currency	Per Net Tonnage	
		Up to 800 NT	Over 800 NT
1-Through The Strait of Çanakkale (Entry)	\$	0,060	0,030
2-Through The Strait of Çanakkale (Exit)	\$	0,060	0,030
3-Through The Strait of İstanbul (Entry)	\$	0,060	0,030
4-Through The Strait of İstanbul (Exit)	\$	0,060	0,030
5-To Ports or Quays (Entry)	\$	0,0336	0,0168
6-From Ports or Quays (Exit)	\$	0,0336	0,0168

B -RESCUE	Foreign Currency	Per Net Tonnage
1- Through the Strait of İstanbul (Entry)	\$	0,030
2- Through the Strait of İstanbul (Entry)	\$	0,030

TABLES OF DUES FOR LIGHTHOUSES AND RESCUE SERVICE

TABLE OF DUES FOR FOREIGN FLAGGED YACHTS

TABLE OF DUES NO: 5

NET TONNAGE	TO BE COLLECTED (\$)
30-50	60
51-100	72
101 and above, per ton	1,2

1- This tariff shall be applied to the foreign flagged yachts which obtain a Sailing Permit Certificate (Transitlog) from Turkish Ports, whenever they receive this certificate.

2- These dues include the fees for the yachts entering the straits to get the Sailing Permit Certificate (Transitlog) at the port and the fees for strait exit of yachts departing from the straits after the certificate expires.

TABLE OF DUES FOR VESSELS SUBJECT TO ANNUAL FEES

TABLE OF DUES NO: 6

UNIT PRICE PER NET TONNAGE (\$)
0,72