

**Messrs. The Chambers of Shipping**

**Dear Sir,**

**In light of the fruitful and constructive cooperation between the Authority and your kind selves;**

With reference to the new instructions received from the Maritime Transport Sector regarding the Ministerial Decree No. 416 for the year 2020 related to reducing the port fees for vessels transiting the Suez Canal.

The new instructions for granting the reduction:

- 1- With a percentage of 10% of the lighthouses fee in case of entering a single port earlier or later to the transit.
- 2- With a percentage of 20% of the lighthouses fee in case of entering a second port or more earlier or later to the transit.

Item (2) of the second article of the Decree of the Minister of Transport No. 416 for the year 2019 has provided for that:

“The lighthouse fee stipulated in items (3-5) and (6-5) of the regulation issued by the mentioned decree No. 488 for the year 2015 shall be reduced by (10%) in case of entry of a single port of the ports of the Arab Republic of Egypt for vessels transiting the Suez Canal and by (20%) in case of entry of two or more ports.”

Bearing in mind that the procedures of work facilitation in case the maritime agent requested a deduction to the port invoice for a vessel that has transited the Suez Canal as follows:

- 1- Submission of a request by the Maritime Agent to be granted the stipulated discount percentage pursuant to the decree No.416 for the year 2019 before the issuance of the berthing invoice for the first port or the second port attached thereto a copy of the transit invoice of the Suez Canal issued by the Authority within a period of maximum 5 working days of the date of transit.
- 2- In case of a difference between the date of transit and the date of berthing at the first port or the difference between the date of berthing at the first port and the second port is more than 24 hours, a certificate by the maritime agent shall be attached indicating the vessel's route and that the vessel did not berth at any port outside the Arab Republic of Egypt.

With respect to the new procedures of work facilitation in case the maritime agent asked for a reduction to the port invoice for a vessel that will transit the Suez Canal later on as follows:

- 1- The maritime agent should immediately after the vessel enter the port submit an application to obtain the reduction before the revenues department at the port attached thereto a copy of the vessel's route indicating that the vessel shall transit the Suez Canal later on without entry of any non-Egyptian ports.
- 2- No invoice with the deduction shall be issued except after the maritime agent provides a copy of the invoice covering the transit of the Suez Canal within a maximum of 5 working days.
- 3- The duration between entering the port and transiting later on shall not exceed 24 hours.
- 4- The new instructions related to the application of reduction made by the maritime agents in the port invoice for a vessel that shall transit the Suez Canal later on shall be executed as of 12/1/2020.
- 5- The duration for objection against the issued invoices is 5 working days only as of the date of their issuance. No objections shall be decided upon after the mentioned period.

**The aforementioned has been sent for your kind knowledge and to send your instructions to be abided by accordingly.**

**Kind regards,**

**Signature /**

**Admiral / Hussein Moustafa Elgezeiry  
Chairman  
of the General Authority for Maritime Safety**