

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

Decree No. 124 for the year 2023

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In respect of charging foreign tourism vessels

Minister of Transport

Following perusal of the Constitution;

The General Authorities' Law promulgated by Law No.61 for the year 1963;

The Law No.12 for the year 1964 establishing the Egyptian Authority for Maritime Transport as amended by Law No.1 for the year 1998;

The Law No.6 for the year 1967 establishing the General Authority for Alexandria Port;

The Law concerning pilotage dues, compensations, ports and lighthouses dues and those of anchorage and occupancy promulgated by Law No. 24 for the year 1983;

The Law No.232 for the year 1989 in respect of vessels safety;

The Maritime Trade Law promulgated by Law No.8 for the year 1990;

The Presidential decree No.3293 for the year 1966 setting the purviews and responsibilities of the General Authority for Alexandria Port;

The Presidential Decree No. 217 for the year 1978 regarding the establishment of the General Authority for Red Sea Ports;

The Presidential Decree No. 317 for the year 1985 regarding the establishment of the Damietta Port Authority;

The Presidential Decree No. 57 for the year 2002 organizing the Ministry of Transport;

The Presidential Decree No. 399 for the year 2004 regarding the establishment of the Egyptian Authority for Maritime Safety;

The Decree of the Minister of Transport No.95 for the year 1987 in respect of determining the equivalent of foreign currency for the categories, pilotage dues, compensations, ports and lighthouses dues and those of anchorage and occupancy to charge foreign vessels owners and Egyptian vessels owners that receive the same financial treatment as foreign vessels;

The Decree of the Minister of Transport No. 33 for the year 1994 (Maritime Transport);

The Decree of the Minister of Transport No. 35 for the year 1995 (Maritime Transport);

The Decree of the Minister of Transport No. 73 for the year 1995 (Maritime Transport);

The Decree of the Minister of Transport No. 33 for the year 1996 in respect of operation under the decisions of the Cabinet of Ministers issued on 17th January, 7th February and 20th March 1966 related to the Maritime Transport in Egyptian ports;

The Decree of the Minister of Transport No.85 for the year 1997 in respect of dealing with tourist and passengers' foreign vessels that call upon Egyptian ports in the same financial way as national vessels.

The Decree of the Minister of Transport No. 623 for the year 2008;

The Decree of the Minister of Transport No. 373 for the year 2014;

The Decree of the Minister of Transport Decree No. 488 for the year 2015 regarding the fees for the services provided to vessels at Egyptian ports, the usage fee of the fixed and floating facilities and constructions of the Port Authorities and the Egyptian Authority for Maritime Safety (EAMS) and the fee for the electronic services provided by the Port Authorities;

The Decree of the Minister of Transport Decree No. 800 for the year 2016 regarding the issuance of a regulation organizing the activities and works related to maritime transport and their usage fees;

Following the approval of the Supreme board for ports in its session held on 24/1/2023;

What has been submitted before the head of the Maritime Transport Sector;

DECIDED:

(Article One)

Foreign Tourism vessels calling Egyptian seaports shall be charged in U.S. dollars and according to the fees and the usage fee stipulated in the abovementioned Ministerial Decree No. 488 for the year 2015.

(Article Two)

Taking into consideration the reduction stipulated in paragraph one of Article (19) of the mentioned Law No.24 for the year 1983, the foreign tourism vessels shall be granted the following incentives and reductions:

- 1- “50%” of the usage fee of tugboats and mooring units for the purpose of pilotage.
- 2- “100%” of the compensation fee due to the competent port authority of the pilot as stipulated in item (5) of Article (2) of the mentioned Ministerial Decree No.488 for the year 2015.
- 3- “50%” of the maritime agency fees stipulated in chapter ten of the list annexed to the mentioned decree of the Minister of Transport No.800 for the year 2016.
- 4- “50%” of the usage fee of the fixed and floating facilities and constructions of the Port Authorities and the Egyptian Authority for Maritime Safety.

(Article Three)

The Foreign Tourism vessels shall be exempted from payment of shifts fees for carrying out the procedures after business hours and on official holidays.

(Article Four)

The port pilot shall be allowed to coordinate with the competent authorities to travel to accompany the foreign tourist vessel from one of the foreign ports for reasons associated with navigational safety of the vessel that calls upon Egyptian ports provided that the vessel bears all travel costs and actual accommodation of the pilot.

(Article Five)

No fees or usage fees shall be collected under any name unless it corresponds with real and actual service that is provided to the client.

(Article Six)

Upon the request of the maritime tourism agent and at its own expense, the following may be requested:

Finalizing the procedures (arrival / departure). The official authorities may form a committee / joint team (where the relevant departments shall be represented depending on the work needs) to specialize in finalizing the arrival and the departure procedures of foreign tourism vessels according to the laws and the decisions regulating the work of these authorities. The coordinator of the said committee shall be the competent port authority.

(Article Seven)

The competent port authority, all service providers and suppliers to foreign tourism vessels – each in its own field – shall commit to declare the service data, its characteristics and the comprehensive price for obtaining the said service. The Maritime Transport Sector shall be notified annually with the price lists for the services and the supplies and any amendments thereto to be published on the official electronic website of the sector.

(Article Eight)

The competent port administration shall commit to provide the following logistics services:

Tourism Information Desk inside the port.

Coordination with transport companies to provide tourist buses to transport tourists to touristic attractions and areas.

Periodical maintenance of the services facilities at the tourism port.

Coordination with banks to provide ATMs at the waiting halls.

Providing WIFI service.

Preparing waiting halls with entertainment (Television screens – activities – entertainment games – artistic performances – bazaars – etc...).

Wastes reception utilities (dry – liquid)

(Article Nine)

This decree shall be reviewed whenever necessary and in light of the results of the assessment of the financial effect and the call rates of foreign tourist vessels.

(Article Ten)

All competent departments shall implement this decision, all in its jurisdiction, and all previous provisions in contradiction of this decree shall be cancelled.

(Article Eleven)

This decree shall be published in the Egyptian Gazette and shall come into force as of the next day of its publication.

Minister of Transport
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