

[Legal Notice No.175]

THE PORTS ACT  
(Cap. 99)

THE LEVY OF RATES AND DUES  
(PORTS OF HONIARA AND NORO) RULES 1997

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 72 of the Ports Act and with the approval of the Minister, the Authority hereby makes the following rules:

1. These Rules may be cited as the Levy of Rates and Dues (Ports of Honiara and Noro) Rules 1997.
  2. The rates and dues set out on the Schedule shall be levied by or paid to the Authority in respect of the various matters specified in it, when the works or appliances so specified are provided or the services so specified are performed at the Ports of Honiara and Noro.
  3. Notwithstanding anything in these Rules it shall be lawful for the Authority to enter into any special agreement in respect of any matter in accordance with the charges specified on the Scheduled of Rates and Dues hereto.
  4. The Levy of Rates and Dues (Ports of Honiara and Noro) Rules 1995 are hereby revoked.
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## SCHEDULE

A currency adjustment factor linked to the Central Bank's "basket" of currencies is applied to all charges levied on overseas vessels under PARTS I AND II of the Schedule. The factor applied is advised by public notice from time to time.

PART I  
SHIPS DUES  
pursuant to section 57

The Master of the vessel shall be liable to pay the following ships dues.

NATURE OF CHARGES	AMOUNT OF CHARGE
<b>OVERSEAS SHIPS DUES</b>	
All charges levied under this part shall be payable by vessels principally employed in voyages involving calling at ports outside the Solomon Islands.	
1. Pilotage: Inward and Outward pilotage	Combined in and out fee calculated at \$6.50 per metre of the ship's registered overall length.
Harbour Removal within the Compulsory pilotage district.	\$4.90 per metre of the ship's registered overall length for each removal.
Surcharge	(a) A surcharge of 50% of the appropriate charge is made for any pilotage between the hours of 1600 and 0000 on weekdays and on weekends and public holidays.

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NATURE OF CHARGES	AMOUNT OF CHARGE
	b) A surcharge of 100% is applied for pilotage between the hours of 0000 and 0730 on any day.
Facilities	All the above charges include the provision of mooring launches and linesmen.
2. Delay Fees:	
(i) Any vessel arriving more than sixty after the notified time of arrival shall be charged for the time spent waiting for the vessel's arrival.	\$100.00 per hour or part thereof.
(ii) Any vessel detaining a pilot more than sixty minutes beyond its notified time of departure or removal shall be charged for the whole period of the pilots detention.	\$100.00 per hour or part thereof.
3. Port Dues	
For the first entry into the Port during each quarter and for the purposes of this charge quarters shall commence on 1st January, 1st April, 1st July and 1st October.	\$3.90 per metre of over rall length of vessell
	The above rate shall be charged for vessels calling for orders, customs clearance, in distress, bunkers, water or stores.
4. Berthage	
(a) For occupancy of any wharf, jetty, or landing ramp under the jurisdiction of	

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|     | the Authority.                             | \$1.17 cents/per metre length overall/hour.  |
| (b) | Reservation of Berth (7 days clear notice) | \$750.00 per occasion<br>No refund if the ship is unable to take up the reservation. |
| (c) | Subsequent amendments to reserved date.    | \$300.00 per occasion.   |

#### LOCAL SHIPS DUES

All charges levied under this Part shall be payable by vessels licensed in the Solomon Islands and principally employed in voyages involving calling at port in the Solomon Islands.

##### 1. Port Dues

For the first use in the Port of Honiara of any Authority facility or land to which the Authority holds title during each quarter and for the purposes of this charge quarters shall commence on 1st January, 1st April, 1st July and 1st October.	40 cents per metre of overall length of the vessel.
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##### 2. Berthage

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| (a) For the occupancy of any wharf, jetty or land barge ramp other than a lay-up berth under the jurisdiction of the Authority either directly or in tier. | 25 cents per metre per hour (length overall) ALL VESSELS                                   |
| (b) For the occupancy of any lay-up berth under the jurisdiction of the Authority either directly or in tier.  | 40 cents per metre of overall length of vessel per period of twelve hours or part thereof. |
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PART II  
LEVY OF RATES  
(pursuant to Section 60)

Levies shall be calculated in accordance with the weights and measurements appearing in ship's manifests (or amendments thereto) on hundred weights to the nearest hundredweight or cubic feet to the nearest two cubic feet or metric tonnes to the nearest twentieth whichever produces the greater charge on the basis that one ton shall equal forty cubic feet.

1. Rates levied on the master or owner of the vessel (excluding overtime for weekends/public holidays).

OVERSEAS VESSELS

(i) Non-containerised Cargo

(a) Incoming and Outgoing cargo      \$10.40 per tonne

(ii) Containerised Cargo

(a) Loading containers  
(full or empty)      \$138.00/Unit  
wharf to vessel.

Unloading containers  
(full/empty)      \$138.00/Unit  
vessel to wharf.

(b) Moving containers on  
board vessel from cell  
to cell - Full      \$138.00/Unit  
- Empty      \$138.00/Unit

(c) Moving containers from  
cell to cell via wharf  
- full      \$155.00/Unit  
- empty      \$155.00/Unit

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2. Storage of Containers,  
& Empties (all sizes)      That free storage period is 28 days in total calculated from the date of unloading exclusive of the period when delivered out of the port.
- Thereafter storage shall accrue at the rate of \$6.30/Unit/day
3. Cleaning a wharf after departure of a vessel      At cost with a maximum of \$345.00 and minimum of \$175.00 per occasion.
4. Supply of Fresh Water      At cost plus a connection fee of \$15.00 and an overtime fee, if applicable, of \$5.00 per hour.
5. Delay Fees shall be charged
- (a) In the case of late arrival, for any personnel made ready for arrival of a vessel at the notified time of arrival of the vessel until redeployed or the arrival of the vessel provided that this charge shall not apply to any personnel or      First half hour free thereafter all personnel at \$5.00 per hour or part thereof per person and equipment at hourly hire rates for each hour or part thereof.

to any personnel  
or equipment connected  
with pilotage.

- (b) In the case of the working of a vessel being delayed for any personnel and equipment made ready by the Authority to work the vessel at the time notified to work by the authority until redeployed or work
- As above except the first half hour shall also be charged.

6. Pollution Cleaning Costs shall be charged for any materials, labour and equipment used in containing and cleaning up any pollution occurring in any waters or on any land under the jurisdiction of the Authority.

Materials - cost plus ten per cent  
Labour - \$10.00 hour or part thereof.  
Equipment - hourly hire rates.

7. Costs for Disposal of Cargo condemned by either health or customs authorities shall be charged.

Labour -\$5.00 per hour or part thereof.  
Equipment - hourly rates  
Materials - cost plus ten percent.

8. Tonnage Dues

- (a) For cargo handled by the Authority
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| (i) Incoming cargo       | \$3.50 per tonne |
| (ii) Outgoing cargo      | \$1.85 per tonne |
| (iii) Transhipment cargo | Nil              |
- (b) For cargo not handled by the Authority
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| (i) Incoming cargo | \$3.00 per tonne |
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(ii) Outgoing cargo	\$1.85 per tonne
9. Passenger Levy for passenger ships principally engaged in cruising which enter the declared limits of any port.	\$1.00 per passenger manifested on arrival with a minimum of \$250.00 and a maximum of \$1,000.00.
10. Transhipped Cargo	
(a) Stevedoring	
(i) Non-containerised	\$8.75 per tonne unloading and \$8.75 per tonne reloading \$110.00 per Unit unloading and \$110.00 per unit reloading
(ii) Containerised (Full/Empty)	
(b) Storage	
(i) Non-containerised	
- deposited in yard	25 % of the general rate
- deposited in godowns	50% of the general rate
(ii) Containerised	25% of the general rate
(c) Tonnages dues	NIL

Note: Overtime shall be recharged to vessels which request services on weekends and public holidays on a per shift basis. The shift costs shall be advised by notice to agents from time to time.

2. Rates levied on the consignee/consignor of incoming or outgoing cargo.
- A. Cargo imported from or exported to overseas.
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I STORAGE - Incoming or Outgoing (a) There is a free storage of seven (7) calendar days from the date of inward clearance of ship from which cargo is discharged in the case of incoming cargo or for the first seven (7) calendar days from date of delivery in port area in the case of outgoing cargo.

cargo deposited in all transit sheds and warehouse excluding copra

Thereafter storage accrues as follows:  
Day

Per tonne or cubic measurement

8	\$2.15/pay or part thereof
9	\$2.50
10	\$2.90
11 - 14	\$3.45
15- 19	\$4.30
20 - 30	\$5.40
31 & subsequent days	\$5.75

Cargo deposited in storage yard or within the portlimits including containerised cargo.

Storage shall be charged in accordance with the above provisions with exception that the rates applicable shall be 50% thereof.

Cargo deposited in a Bonded warehouse

Storage shall be charged in accordance with the provisions above plus 20 cents per ton, tonne or part thereof per day or part thereof plus Customs and Excise Department attendance fee.

## .2 HANDLING

- (i) Delivery/receiving of all cargo including tally, sorting, stacking and clearance.

Per ton/tonne/m3 or part thereof

	<u>Incoming</u>	<u>Outgoing</u>
(a) All break-bulk cargo and Less than Container Loads (LCL) cargo	\$ 14.30	\$ 11.40
Palm Kernel		13.20
Bulk grain	5.70	
Minimum charge less than 0.5 tonne	8.65	8.65
1.0 tonne	10.00	10.00
(b) Palletised/Unitised-flour, fertiliser & cement.	14.30	14.30
(c) Motor Cars, lorries and tractors	11.40	11.40
(d) Heavy lifts other than motor car, lorries & tractors	22.20	22.20
(e) Bundled timber in uniform length	12.25	12.25
(ii) Full container load (FCL)	9.50	9.50

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## .3 WHARFAGE

	<u>Incoming</u>	<u>Outgoing</u>
All cargo transferred to or from ship	\$ 4.30	\$ 4.30

4 CARTAGE STACKING & REMOVAL  
TO QUEENS WHAREHOUSE

For removal of cargo to the Queens Warehouse on request of the consignee	Charge	\$ 9.50
	Minimum charge	\$ 5.15

## (B) Inter-island cargo

## 1 .STORAGE -

- (a) With the Authority's permission on the Authority's facilities or property

Charges shall be levied after the first two calendar days from either the date of deposit or also for .22 cents incoming goods the date of departure of the vessel from which discharged as the Authority decides at the rate per ton day or part thereof.

and if seized -

- (1) A seizure fee of \$100.00
  - (2) Labour at \$5.00 per hour or part thereof.
  - (3) Equipment at hourly rates.
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## 2 CARGO HANDLING

For incoming and outgoing  
containerised and palletised  
general cargo delivery to or  
from ship, sorting, delivery  
receiving (upon request)

(a) Minimum charge - to .5m/tonne	\$ 7.20
.5m/tonne to 1.00m/tonne	\$ 8.40
(b) General cargo - over 1.0m/tonne	\$11.90
(c) Heavy lifts	\$14.40
(d) Bundles of timber, vehicles	\$10.20

## C. Hiring of Equipment and surface Craft

When hiring any item under this Part,  
hirers who do not have recognised  
account with the Authority must lodge  
a deposit requested.

1. For the hire of the Authority's equipment during normal working hours including drivers/crew	* hourly rate	Unit/single lift (applies only in the Port area)
	\$	\$
1. Launches	90.00	
2. Forklifts to 2.5	45.00	15.00
3. Forklifts 3 tonnes	55.00	35.00

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4.	Forklifts 6 tonnes	80.00	35.00
5.	Forklifts 8 tonnes	90.00	35.00
6.	Toplifter 26 tonnes	470.00	125.00
7.	Hyster 28 tonnes	350.00	100.00
8.	Hyster 32 tonnes	380.00	120.00
9.	Crane 25 tonnes	400.00	
10.	Compressor	100.00	
11.	Front end Loader	195.00	
12.	Tiptrucks	90.00	
13.	Sidelifter	250.00	
14.	Bulldozer Timmer	120.00	
15.	Heavy Trailer	25.00	
16.	Welder	90.00	

17. Other equipment not listed above at rates to be negotiated before hire commences.

\*A surcharge of 50% is levied on all plant hired outside official working hours. The hirer shall be charged for any part of the first hour as one hour thereafter the charge is calculated on a pro-rata basis.

2. Miscellaneous Equipment Hire

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| 1. | Fire Pump                      | \$12.00 per hour or part thereof |
| 2. | Weightbridge (up to 25 tonnes) | \$15.00 per lift                 |
| 3. | Pallets                        | \$3.00 per day or part thereof.  |

3. Supply of Fresh Water At cost plus a connection fee of \$5.00 plus an overtime fee, if applicable, of \$5.00 per hour provided that the minimum charge for any water taken shall be \$3.00 in addition to the connection and an overtime fee.

Made pursuant to a resolution of the Authority at Honiara  
this second day of July 1997.

CHARLES DAUSABEA  
Chairman  
Solomon Islands Ports Authority

Dated at Honiara this sixteenth day of December 1997.

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