



HARBOUR DUES (MERCHANT VESSELS) REGULATIONS 2015

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The Department of Infrastructure makes the following Regulations under section 38(1) and (2) of the Harbours Act 2010.

1 Title

These Regulations are the Harbour Dues (Merchant Vessels) Regulations 2015.

2 Commencement

If approved by Tynwald, these Regulations come into operation on 1 April 2015¹.

3 Interpretation

In these Regulations —

“**the Act**” means the Harbours Act 2010;

“**articulated motor vehicle**” means a combination of a motor vehicle and a trailer in which the trailer is a semi-trailer partially superimposed on the motor vehicle which bears a portion of the semi-trailer’s weight;

“**crew**” in relation to a vessel, means a person who is employed on the vessel but does not include vehicle crew; or, in relation to a pleasure craft or a training vessel, means any person carried on the vessel;

“**cycle**” means a passenger-carrying vehicle steered by handlebars;

“**fishing vessel**”, “**work boat**” and “**construction barge**” have the same meaning as in the Harbour Dues (Fishing Vessels, Work Boats and Construction Barges) Regulations 2015²;

¹ Tynwald approval is required by section 38(3) of the Act

² SD 2015/0083

- “**goods vehicle**” means a vehicle other than a vehicle which is constructed or adapted as a passenger carrying vehicle;
- “**heavy passenger vehicle**” means a motor vehicle which is a passenger carrying vehicle other than a minibus, a motor car, a light passenger vehicle, or a motor cycle;
- “**light passenger vehicle**” means a motor vehicle which is a passenger carrying vehicle not exceeding 550kg unladen weight, other than a motor cycle;
- “**minibus**” means a motor vehicle which is a passenger carrying vehicle having not more than 17 seats including the driver’s seat, not being a motor car, a light passenger vehicle or a motor cycle;
- “**moped**” means a motor cycle not exceeding 50cc engine capacity;
- “**motor car**” means a motor vehicle which is a passenger carrying vehicle having not more than 9 seats including the driver’s seat, not exceeding 6 metres in overall length, not exceeding 2 metres in overall height and not being a light passenger vehicle or a motor cycle;
- “**motor cycle**” means a motor vehicle which is a cycle (including any sidecar or trailer which is attached) having two, three or four wheels; it includes a moped but does not include a motor-assisted pedal cycle;
- “**motor vehicle**” means a mechanically propelled vehicle; it includes an articulated motor vehicle but does not include a pedal cycle or a motor-assisted pedal cycle;
- “**overall height**” in relation to a vehicle, container, tank, pallet or other unitised cargo means its height including road wheels and any load, being the distance between the lowest point of the lowest fixed permanent structure or of road-wheels (if they are or could be attached) and the highest point of the fixed permanent structure or of the load, whichever is the higher;
- “**overall length**” in relation to a vessel or a vehicle or other unitised goods carried on a vessel, means the distance between the foreside of the foremost fixed permanent structure and the afterside of the aftermost fixed permanent structure;
- “**passenger**” in relation to a vessel, means any person carried on the vessel, other than the crew of the vessel;
- “**passenger carrying vehicle**” means a road vehicle constructed or adapted for the carrying of passengers and their personal effects; it includes a motor-caravan used as living accommodation, and if the vehicle is a trailer it includes a caravan used as living accommodation;
- “**pleasure ferry**” means a vessel licensed to ply for hire as a pleasure boat or a ferry boat under the Harbour Bye-Laws 1905³ if any person on the vessel is employed to navigate the vessel;

³ Made 19 May 1905

“**pleasure vessels**”, “**large commercial yachts**” and “**tall ships**” have the same meaning as in the Harbour Dues (Pleasure Vessels, Large Commercial Yachts and Tall Ships) Regulations 2015⁴;

“**ton**” means a ton of the gross tonnage of a vessel where a ton is equal to a volume of 100 cubic feet;

“**tonne**” means a unit of weight equivalent to 1,000 kilograms;

“**unaccompanied**” in relation to a vehicle, means a vehicle which is not accompanied by any vehicle passenger carried on the vessel;

“**unladen weight**” means the unladen weight of the vehicle stated in the manufacturer’s specification for the vehicle or, if the vehicle is registered in any country or territory for use on a road, the unladen weight of the vehicle stated in the vehicle’s registered particulars;

“**vehicle**” means a motor vehicle, a trailer, a pedal cycle or a motor-assisted pedal cycle;

“**vehicle crew**” in relation to a goods vehicle, minibus or heavy passenger vehicle means a person carried on a vessel who is the vehicle driver or any person who is employed on the vehicle;

“**vehicle driver**” means a passenger carried on a vessel who is a driver in charge of a vehicle carried on the vessel; and

“**vehicle passenger**” means a passenger carried on a vessel, other than vehicle crew, who is accompanying a vehicle which is carried on the vessel.

4 Application

- (1) These Regulations apply to all vessels entering, using or leaving a harbour.
- (2) But Part 2 (vessel dues) of the Schedule does not apply to –
 - (a) fishing vessels, work boats and construction barges in respect of which vessel dues are specified in the Harbour Dues (Fishing Vessels, Work Boats and Construction Barges) Regulations 2015; or
 - (b) pleasure vessels, large commercial yachts and tall ships in respect of which vessel dues are specified in the Harbour Dues (Pleasure Vessels, Large Commercial Yachts and Tall Ships) Regulations 2015.
- (3) Part 3 (goods dues) and Part 4 (passenger dues) of the Schedule apply to vessels specified in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of paragraph (2) only to such extent as is specified in the Harbour Dues (Fishing Vessels, Work Boats and Construction Barges) Regulations 2015 or, as the case may be,

⁴ SD 2015/0082

in the Harbour Dues (Pleasure Vessels, Large Commercial Yachts and Tall Ships) Regulations 2015.

5 Harbour dues

The Schedule sets out the harbour dues prescribed in respect of merchant vessels.

6 Revocation

The Harbour Dues (Merchant Vessels) Regulations 2014⁵ are revoked.

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Minister for Infrastructure

⁵ SD 2014/0060

SCHEDULE

(Regulation 5)

HARBOUR DUES

PART 1 – VESSEL DUES, GOODS DUES AND PASSENGER DUES**1 General**

- (1) No dues shall be charged in accordance with Part 2 (vessel dues), Part 3 (goods dues) or Part 4 (passenger dues) if a vessel is obliged to enter a harbour to –
 - (a) land a crew member or a passenger for urgent medical treatment; or
 - (b) obtain emergency services with respect to safety of life on board, provided that the vessel leaves the harbour as soon as is practicable in the circumstances.
- (2) If by virtue of provisions in this Schedule dues may be charged –
 - (a) in respect of a vehicle, either in accordance with Part 3 (goods dues) or in accordance with Part 4 (passenger dues); or
 - (b) in respect of a vehicle driver or any other person, either in accordance with Part 3 (goods dues) or in accordance with Part 4 (passenger dues),

the dues shall be charged in accordance with only one of those Parts, as provided in paragraph 3.
- (3) If the circumstances referred to in paragraph 2(a) in respect of a vehicle or paragraph 2(b) in respect of a person apply to the charging of dues, the dues in respect of the vehicle, the vehicle crew and any vehicle passenger shall be charged –
 - (a) in accordance with Part 3 (goods dues) if the vehicle exceeds 6 metres in overall length, and is carrying any goods or burden which are not the personal effects of the vehicle crew or passengers; or
 - (b) in any other case, in accordance with Part 4 (passenger dues).

PART 2 – VESSEL DUES

2 Application

- (1) This Part applies to vessels entering or using a harbour (including remaining in, or being laid up or lying in, a harbour).
- (2) Tonnage dues shall not be charged in respect of any vessel, not conveying goods for hire, that –
 - (a) belongs to or is employed in the service of Her Majesty's forces;
 - (b) is in the service of the Northern Lighthouses Board, the Corporation of Trinity House or the Commissioners of Irish Lights;
 - (c) is a lifeboat; or
 - (d) is in the service of, or under detention or seizure by, the Treasury.
- (3) Subject to sub-paragraphs (4), (5) and (6), in the case of a vessel entering harbour vessel dues shall be calculated by reference to the gross registered tonnage of the vessel and charged in accordance with Table 1 if –
 - (a) the vessel is entering harbour for loading or unloading goods and the aggregate of the weights of the goods loaded and unloaded does not exceed 40 tonnes; or
 - (b) the vessel is not entering harbour for embarking or disembarking passengers or for loading or unloading goods.
- (4) No vessel dues shall be charged in respect of a vessel entering harbour if –
 - (a) the vessel is entering harbour for loading or unloading goods and the aggregate of the weights of the goods loaded and unloaded exceeds 40 tonnes; or
 - (b) the vessel is entering harbour for embarking or disembarking passengers.
- (5) Vessel dues in respect of a vessel laid up or lying in a harbour undergoing repairs or maintenance, predominantly by an Isle of Man-based company shall be calculated by reference to the number of days or part of thereafter.
- (6) If a vessel is laid up or lying in a harbour and undergoing repairs or maintenance, predominantly by an Isle of Man-based company for more than 14 days, vessel dues of 15p per ton or part of ton.

TABLE 1

Vessel Dues charged for entry of a vessel to harbour for 14 days or part thereof and for every 14 days or part of thereafter

Per ton or part of a ton for each entry up to 14 days or part thereof and for every 14 days or part thereafter.	0.30
Minimum charge for each entry up to 14 days or part thereof and for every 14 days or part thereafter.	£35.11

PART 3 – GOODS DUES

3 Application

- (1) This Part applies in respect of any vessel entering or leaving a harbour and which is carrying goods.
- (2) Goods dues shall not be charged in respect of –
 - (a) naval, victualling or Ordnance stores, or other stores or goods for the service of or being the property of her Majesty;
 - (b) stores or goods for the service of, or being the property of the Northern Lighthouses Board, the Corporation of Trinity House or the Commissioners of Irish Lights;
 - (c) the outfit, stores or provisions of any vessel;
 - (d) any apparatus for saving life; and
 - (e) any goods under detention or seizure by the Treasury.
- (3) Goods dues shall be charged in respect of goods landed from or loaded onto a vessel in addition to vessel dues calculated in accordance with Part 2 and passenger dues calculated in accordance with Part 4, except where otherwise provided.
- (4) Subject to sub-paragraph (5) goods dues shall be calculated and charged in accordance with Tables 2, 3, 4 or 5.
- (5) No goods dues shall be charged in respect of –
 - (a) a pedal cycle or motor-assisted pedal cycle; or
 - (b) fish landed from a Manx registered fishing vessel to which the Harbour Dues (Fishing Vessels, Work Boats and Construction Barges) Regulations 2015 apply.

In this paragraph –

“**pedal cycle**” means a cycle propelled by traction pedals which is not otherwise mechanically propelled; and

“**motor-assisted pedal cycle**” means a pedal cycle which is assisted by an engine not exceeding 50cc capacity.

4 Large unitised goods

- (1) This paragraph applies to a trailer, container, tank, pallet or other unitised cargo which, at the time it is cargo of a vessel entering or leaving harbour, does not form part of a motor vehicle, an articulated motor vehicle or a motor vehicle and trailer combination, and which exceeds 6 metres in overall length.

For the purposes of this paragraph, goods dues shall be calculated by reference to the length of the goods at the rate of £4.74 per metre (or part of a metre) and subject, in the case of a container that is fully laden with scrap metal or waste material for environmental recycling, and is shipped onto a vessel, a maximum charge of £20.15.

5 Large motor vehicles

- (1) Table 2 applies to:
- (a) a goods vehicle or a combination of goods vehicles which exceeds 6 metres in overall length; or
 - (b) an unaccompanied heavy passenger vehicle.
- (2) For the purposes of the Table –
- (a) goods dues shall be calculated by reference to the length of the motor vehicle and any trailer which it draws and, in addition, shall include dues in respect of the vehicle driver and other vehicle crew (if any);
 - (b) the overall length of an articulated motor vehicle includes both the motor vehicle tractor unit and the semi-trailer, and the overall length of a combination of any other motor vehicle and a trailer is the overall length of the drawing motor vehicle and the drawn trailer including the draw-bar which joins the vehicles;
 - (c) any person carried in a goods vehicle shall be deemed to be vehicle crew and not a vehicle passenger; and
- (3) If the vehicle is a heavy passenger vehicle accompanied by any person other than the vehicle crew, the dues in respect of the vehicle driver, vehicle and other persons carried shall be calculated in accordance with Part 4 (passenger dues) and not in accordance with this Table.

TABLE 3 GOODS DUES (SMALLER MOTOR VEHICLES) Smaller goods vehicles, minibuses, motor cars, and motorcycles not accompanied by passengers	
(a) An unaccompanied motor cycle or light passenger vehicle:	£2.37
(b) An unaccompanied motor car or minibus:	£7.27
(c) A goods vehicle which is a motor vehicle under 6 metres in length:	£7.27
(d) Any other motor vehicle to which this Table applies not elsewhere specified in this Table:	£7.27
(e) A driver or other vehicle crew carried, per person:	£1.69
(f) A trailer (other than a trailer drawn by a motor cycle)	£4.74

7 Bulk ship cargo

- (1) Table 4 applies to bulk or general cargo, not being any vehicle or other goods which is chargeable in accordance with the preceding provisions of this Schedule.
- (2) For the purposes of the Table, goods dues shall be calculated by reference to the weight of the goods.

TABLE 4 GOODS DUES (BULK CARGO) Bulk Ship Cargo Goods Dues calculated by weight:	
(a) Liquid petroleum products, per tonne or part of a tonne:	£3.52
(b) Dangerous explosive substances for which special handling arrangements or precautions are required at harbour (not including liquid petroleum products referred to in entry (a)), for each tonne loaded or unloaded, per tonne or part of a tonne:	£19.69
(c) Bulk or general cargo, not elsewhere specified in this Table per tonne or part of a tonne:	£1.88

PART 4 – PASSENGER DUES

8 General

- (1) This Part applies in respect of a merchant vessel entering or leaving a harbour and which is carrying passengers.
- (2) Passenger dues shall not be charged in respect of any person using a lifeboat, or a person employed –
 - (a) in the service of Her Majesty or the Northern Lighthouse Board, the Corporation of Trinity House or the Commissioners of Irish Lights, or
 - (b) on any pilot boat,embarking or disembarking in the execution of his or her duty.
- (3) Passenger dues shall be charged in respect of passengers (including any passenger carrying vehicle which they are accompanying) disembarked from or embarked on a vessel, and such charge shall be in addition to vessel dues calculated in accordance with Part 2 and goods dues calculated in accordance with Part 3, except where otherwise provided.
- (4) Subject to sub-paragraphs (5) and (6) passenger dues shall be calculated in accordance with Tables 5 to 7.
- (5) No passenger dues shall be charged in respect of a child under 5 years of age.
- (6) A person embarking on or disembarking from –
 - (a) a pleasure vessel, large commercial yacht or tall ship shall be charged passenger dues under the Harbour Dues (Pleasure Vessels, Large Commercial Yachts and Tall Ships) Regulations 2015.
 - (b) a fishing vessel, work boat or construction barge shall be charged passenger dues under the Harbour Dues (Fishing Vessels and Work Boats) Regulations 2015.

9 Ordinary Passengers (other than day-excursion passengers)

- (1) Table 5 applies to a passenger who is not (or a passenger and the vehicle he or she is driving which are not) travelling in accordance with the conditions of carriage attached to a day-return ticket issued by or for the carrier.
- (2) Passenger dues shall be charged in respect of passengers disembarked from, or embarked on, a vessel in accordance with item (a), item (b) and item (c) in the Table which shall be added together in each case.

TABLE 5 PASSENGER DUES (ORDINARY PASSENGERS) Other than Day-Excursion Passengers	
(a) Driver of the vehicle One driver	£1.69
(b) A passenger vehicle, where no goods dues are charged in respect of the vehicle— (i) A motor cycle or a light passenger vehicle: (ii) A motor car or a minibus: (iii) A motor car or a minibus with trailer: (iv) A heavy passenger vehicle: (v) A heavy passenger vehicle with trailer:	£2.37 £7.27 £11.96 £9.84 £14.66
(c) Passengers who are not— (i) the driver of, or accompanying, a vehicle, described in (b); or (ii) accompanying any vehicle (i) An adult: (ii) A child over age 5 but under age 16:	£1.69 0.83 0.42

10 Day-excursion passengers

- (1) Table 6 applies to a passenger (or a passenger and the vehicle they are driving) travelling in accordance with the conditions of carriage attached to a day-return ticket issued by or for the carrier.
- (2) Passenger dues shall be charged in respect of passengers disembarked from, or embarked on, a vessel in accordance with item (a), item (b) and item (c) in the Table which shall be added together in each case.

TABLE 6 PASSENGER DUES (DAY-EXCURSION) Day-Excursion Return-Fare Passengers	
(a) Driver of the vehicle One driver	0.83
(b) A passenger vehicle, where no goods dues are charged in respect of the vehicle (i) A motor cycle or a light passenger vehicle: (ii) A motor car or a minibus: (iii) A motor car or a minibus with trailer: (iv) A heavy passenger vehicle:	£1.18 £3.65 £5.99 £4.92



(v) A heavy passenger vehicle with trailer:	£7.27
(c) Passengers who are not the driver of, or accompanying, a vehicle, described in (b); or accompanying any vehicle	
(i) An adult:	0.83
(ii) A child over age 5 but under age 16:	0.42

11 Visiting pleasure cruise passengers

- (1) Table 7 applies in respect of passengers disembarked from and embarked on a pleasure cruise vessel, a pleasure ferry or a pleasure excursion vessel visiting the Island.
- (2) A single passenger due shall be charged in respect of all passengers who both disembark from and embark on the vessel.
- (3) In this paragraph “pleasure excursion vessel” means a vessel used to carry passengers for pleasure, recreation, hire or reward on journeys that return to their starting point.

TABLE 7	
Pleasure Cruise Passengers (PLEASURE CRUISE)	
Per vessel	£782.79
plus per passenger landed	0.49

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations increase harbour dues for merchant vessels by 2.5%. The Regulations are in respect of tonnage dues (vessel dues) for merchant vessels entering or lying in harbour in specified circumstances, goods dues on goods landed or shipped, and passenger dues on passengers embarked or disembarked.

These Regulations replace the Harbour Dues (Merchant Vessels) Regulations 2014 (SD 2014/0060).