



## DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF COASTAL SAFETY



### VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICES FEE TARIFF

#### I.GENERAL PRINCIPLES

##### PURPOSE

**ARTICLE 1-(1)**The purpose of this Tariff is to regulate the procedures and principles regarding the determination and collection of the fee for the Vessel Traffic Service provided within the principles specified in the Law, regulations and instructions.

##### SCOPE AND BASIS

###### ARTICLE 2-

**a) Scope:** This tariff covers the vessels to which Vessel Traffic Service is provided, along with their masters, owners, agents, and interests, whether or not they are engaged in commercial activity, in the Izmit (Kocaeli, Tuzla, Yalova), Izmir (Dikili, Ayvalık, Çeşme, Aliağa, İzmir, Edremit, Foça), and Mersin (Taşucu, Mersin, Karataş, Ceyhan, İskenderun) Vessel Traffic Service areas, as well as other Vessel Traffic Service areas to be operated by the Organization.

**b) Basis:** This tariff has been prepared in accordance with Article 35 of the Decree Law on State Economic Enterprises, the Regulation on the Establishment and Operation of Vessel Traffic Services Systems, and the Main Statute of the Directorate General of Coastal Safety (DGCS).

##### DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

**ARTICLE-3-**For the purpose of this tariff;

**Organization** means Directorate General of Coastal Safety (DGCS),

**Passenger vessel** means a vessel designed to carry more than 12 passengers,

**Other vessels** means the vessels other than passenger vessels specified in this Tariff,

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

**VTS** means Vessel Traffic Service,

**Net Tonnage (NT)** means the net tonnage stated in the tonnage certificate issued in accordance with the International Convention on Tonnage Measurement of Ships adopted by IMO in 1969,

**CoS** means the Certificate of Seagoing issued by Harbour Master.



## **VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICE ARTICLE 4-**

Within the scope of this tariff, Vessel Traffic Service is the traffic organization, navigational assistance and information service provided through the Vessel Traffic Services System to vessels arriving at or departing from ports or anchorage areas within the Vessel Traffic Service area.

## **II. FEES**

### **CURRENCY UNIT FOR FEES AND ACCRUAL ARTICLE 5-**

- a) The currency unit for the fees is the United States Dollar (US Dollar).
- b) The fees expressed according to the Net Ton range in the Fee Table of the Annex of this tariff shall be accrued by multiplying them by Turkish Lira equivalent of the daily US Dollar foreign exchange buying rate announced by the Central Bank of the Republic of Türkiye, taking into account the departure date specified in the CoS.
- c) These fees are accrued separately for port entry and port exit.
- d) During the fee accrual, the net tonnage of the vessels in the records of the Organization is taken as basis.

### **PROCEDURES AND PRINCIPLES REGARDING THE PAYMENT OF FEES ARTICLE 6-**

- a) The fee must be paid within 7 (seven) calendar days from the departure date specified in the CoS. If the last day of payment coincides with an official holiday, payment is made on the first business day following.
- b) Fees are paid online via bank.
- c) The master, owner, agency and interests of the vessel are jointly and severally responsible for the payment of the VTS fee under this tariff.

## **III- OTHER ISSUES**

### **PENALTY CONDITIONS: ARTICLE 7-**

- a) Vessels not paying within the period specified in the tariff are considered illegal.



**b)** With regard to the new voyages of the ships treated as illegal, the provisions of the tariff shall be applied without penalty if payment is made within the period shown in the tariff.

**c)** Payments made within 30 calendar days from the date of service are collected with the addition of the default interest rate specified in Article 51 of the Law No. 6183 on the Procedure for Collection of Public Receivables, payments made between 31-60 days from the date of service are collected with the addition of 50% to the base fee, and payments made for each subsequent period up to 30 days are collected with the addition of a 50% penalty on the base fee plus a default interest.

**d)** In case the net tonnage in the organization's records and the net tonnage on the date of service are different in a way that affects the fee;

**1)** If the net tonnage of the vessel on the date of the service is greater than the net tonnage in the records of the Organization, the difference shall be paid in accordance with the tariff provisions from the date taken as the basis for determining the fee.

**2)** If the net tonnage of the vessel on the date of the service is less than the net tonnage in the records of the Organization, the difference shall be refunded upon request.

## **EXEMPTIONS**

### **ARTICLE 8-**

- a)** Turkish and foreign flag vessels up to 300 NT (except 300 NT.),
- b)** Warships, ships with pennant, scientific research and school ships,
- c)** Turkish flagged fishing vessels,
- d)** Vessels with a line permit,

## **DISCOUNTS**

### **ARTICLE 9-**

**a)** A 25% discount is applied to the fees specified in the fee tables for the ships that take refuge in ports and shipyards due to bearing away to leeward, accidents, breakdowns, or newly built ships, or the vessels that enter the shipyard for all kinds of repair and maintenance and do not carry out any commercial operations in this regard.

**b)** The documents requested for discounts must be sent within 7 (seven) calendar days at the latest. Otherwise, no discount will be made and the provisions of Article 7 of the tariff will be applied.

## **NON-PAYMENT**

### **ARTICLE 10-**

Ships and their owners, masters and agents who fail to pay the VTS fees and penalties in accordance with the provisions of this tariff shall be subject to the Decree Law No. 233 along with the general provisions.



## ENTRY INTO FORCE

**ARTICLE 11-** This tariff shall enter into force on July 1, 2024.

### VESSEL TRAFFIC SERVICES FEE TABLES

**TABLE 1**

<b>FEEES APPLIED TO FOREIGN FLAGGED COMMERCIAL VESSELS</b>	
<b>NET TON RANGE</b>	<b>USD</b>
<b>300-2000</b>	<b>88</b>
<b>2001-5000</b>	<b>176</b>
<b>5001-10000</b>	<b>330</b>
<b>10001-20000</b>	<b>495</b>
<b>20001-50000</b>	<b>660</b>
<b>50001 NT and above</b>	<b>990</b>

**TABLE 2**

<b>FEEES APPLIED TO FOREIGN FLAGGED PASSENGER SHIPS</b>	
<b>NET TON RANGE</b>	<b>USD</b>
<b>300-2000</b>	<b>70,4</b>
<b>2001-5000</b>	<b>140,8</b>
<b>5001-10000</b>	<b>264</b>
<b>10001-20000</b>	<b>396</b>
<b>20001-50000</b>	<b>528</b>
<b>50001 NT and above</b>	<b>792</b>





**TABLE 3**

<b>FEEES APPLIED TO TURKISH FLAGGED (EXCLUDING CABOTAGE) VESSELS</b>	
<b>NET TON RANGE</b>	<b>USD</b>
300-2000	22
2001-5000	44
5001-10000	82,5
10001-20000	123,75
20001-50000	165
50001 NT and above	247,5

**TABLE 4**

<b>FEEES APPLIED TO THE VESSELS OPERATING IN TURKISH CABOTAGE</b>	
<b>NET TON RANGE</b>	<b>USD</b>
300-2000	8
2001-5000	16
5001-10000	30
10001-20000	45
20001-50000	60
50001 NT and above	90