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SOLOMON ISLANDS MARITIME AUTHORITY (FEES, CHARGES AND LEVIES) MARITIME ORDER (NO.2) (AMENDMENT) 2024**Table of provisions**

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SOLOMON ISLANDS MARITIME AUTHORITY ACT 2018

(No. 9 of 2018)

SOLOMON ISLANDS MARITIME AUTHORITY (FEES, CHARGES AND LEVIES) MARITIME ORDER (NO.2) (AMENDMENT) 2024

The Solomon Islands Maritime Authority, under section 66 of the *Solomon Islands Maritime Authority Act 2018*, make the following maritime order:

1 Citation

This Maritime Order may be cited as the *Solomon Islands Maritime Authority (Fees, Charges and Levies) Maritime Order (No.2) (Amendment) 2024*.

2 Commencement

This Maritime Order commences 1 August 2024.

3 Amendment to Principal Order

The *Solomon Islands Maritime Authority (Fees, Charges and Levies) Maritime Order (No. 2) 2022* (“**Principal Order**”) Legal Notice No. 277 of 2022.

4 Paragraph 3 amended

Paragraph 3 of the Principal Order is amended:

- (a) in the definition of “*hourly rate*” by substituting “\$91.71” with

“\$288.00”;

- (b) by inserting the following definition in alphabetical order;
 “**Solomon Islands Waters**” means the internal waters, archipelagic waters, territorial seas and the exclusive economic zone of Solomon Islands as defined in the *Delimitation of Marine Waters Act* (Cap.95), and include the waters of any inlet, river, lagoon or bay located within any of these marine waters.”.

5 Paragraph 5 amended

Paragraph 5 is amended:

- (a) in sub paragraph (1)(a), by substituting “enters a port” with “for the first time enters a port”;
- (b) in sub paragraph (1)(b), by substituting “port” with “port for the first time”;
- (c) by substituting sub paragraph (1)(b)(iii) with the following:
 “(iii) engaging in other commercial activities; or
 (iv) engaging in scientific research;”;
- (d) by inserting a new sub paragraph after sub paragraph (1)(b) as follows:
 “(c) The owner or operator of the vessel is liable to pay, per week or part thereof after the first port of entry, the fee that is the marine aids to navigation dues, if the vessel remains in Solomon Islands waters or enters more than one port or berths, anchors, stops or drifts at more than one place.”;
- (e) by deleting sub paragraph (3).

6 Insertion of Paragraph 8A

The Principal Order is amended by inserting after paragraph 8 the following:

“8A Maritime development levies

- (1) The levy relating to maritime development specified in column 2 of the table in Part A or Part B of Schedule 3A is payable by the person specified in column 1 of the table in the same row.
- (2) The owner or operator of a Solomon Islands vessel must, each year, pay the levy specified in Schedule 3A as payable by the owner or operator:
- (a) on a day determined by the Director by notice published in the Gazette;
 or
- (b) at the time of the periodic survey of the vessel.
- (3) The owner or operator of a vessel that is not a Solomon Islands vessel must pay the levy specified in Schedule 3A as payable by the owner or operator when the owner or operator pays the marine aids to navigation dues under paragraph 5.”.

7 Paragraph 19 replaced

Paragraph 19 is repealed and replaced with the following:

“19. Waiver and extension of time for payment of fee, charge of levy

- (1) The Director may, if satisfied that payment of a fee, charge of levy would cause financial hardship to a person required to pay the fee, charge of levy:
 - (a) waive payment of all or part of the fee, charge or levy; or
 - (b) extend the time for payment of the fee, charge of levy.
- (2) The Director may reduce the hourly rate top half of the defined hourly rate if satisfied that the fee, charge or levy will have an impact on the costs carrying passengers and goods within Solomon Islands.”.

8 Schedule 2 amended

Schedule 2 of the Principal Order is amended by inserting after the row “Ordinary copy of a certificate or other document” the following:

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Levy for detention, reinspection and release of vessel	\$5 000.00
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9 Insertion of Schedule 3A

The new following schedule is inserted:

“SCHEDULE 3A

(Section 8A)

MARITIME DEVELOPMENT LEVIES**PART A**

Column 1	Column 2
Description of the maritime development levy	Levy (SBD)
Levy payable under paragraph 8A (2) by owner or operator of Solomon Islands vessel:	Levy per gross tonnage of vessel: 0-to less than 50 GT \$215.00 50-less than 100 GT \$258.00 100-less than 150 GT \$344.00 150-less than 200 GT \$430.00 200-less than 300 GT \$537.50 300-less than 400 GT \$645.00 400-less than 500 GT \$860.00 500 or more GT \$1,182.50.00 plus \$215.00 per 100 GT or part thereof more than 500 GT

PARTB

Column 1	Column 2
Description of the maritime development levy	Levy (USD)

Levy payable under paragraph 8A (3) by owner or operator of vessel that is not Solomon Islands vessel	\$3.22 per meter of LOA
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10 Schedule 4 amended

Schedule 4 of the Principal Order is amended by inserting after the row “Application for dispensation from manning requirements” the following:

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Application fee for dispensation of qualification of seafarer	\$5,000.00
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11 Schedule 8 amended

Schedule 8 of the Principal Order is amended by inserting after the row “Registration of employment contract” the following:

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Management costs 10%	of the direct costs under paragraphs 13 and 14
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Made by the Board of the Solomon Islands Maritime Authority
on fifth-day of July 2024.

ROBERT BOKELEMA
CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD
