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To: The Malta Chamber of Commerce, Enterprise and Industry
The Association of Ship Agents
GRTU – General Retailers & Traders Union
ATTO – Association of Tractors & Trailers Operators
Association of Groupage Operators
ACIM – Association of Car Importers Malta

Port Workers Miscellaneous Regulated Charges

Dear Sir / Madam,

The Single Tariff System adopted by our Company in 2006 has always provided that other regulated charges will be billed as appropriate.

To date these additional bills for miscellaneous services as provided for in Part V of the Second Schedule of the Port Workers Regulations were always passed on and paid by the shipping line.

However, we, together with Transport Malta, upon requests by some shipping agents, are now viewing the possibility of including these charges within the Single Tariff System, as the understanding is that all Local Cargo is on a "Free In / Out" basis.

For example, traditionally, Heavy Plant Driver allowances were normally paid by the Shipping Line. This may now be directly charged to or borne by specific consignees. In addition, additional services for certain cargo, like Heavy Forklifters for damaged trailers, were charged to Line upon berthing. This may also be seen as being chargeable directly to consignee.

Transport Malta has tentatively agreed to this new arrangement subject to feedback by the stakeholders involved.

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We would therefore appreciate your prompt feedback on this issue within the coming week in order to implement any changes smoothly for a minimum impact to the local market.

Yours faithfully,



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