



**MARITIME CIRCULAR No. 11**

**To:**

**Owners / Operators/ Managers, Registration Officers (RegOffs), Recognized Organizations (ROs)**

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**Subject:**

**Incentives, Fines and Penalties Program for Ship Owners and Ship Managers.**

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**Date:**

**30<sup>th</sup> of April 2015**

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**Reference:**

**N/A**

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**Purpose**

This Maritime Circular is to inform parties concern on the applicable discounts and fines related to vessels either indenting to be registered or currently registered with Sierra Leone flag.

**Application**

**1. Transfer of Ship Incentives Scheme**

This Incentives scheme applies to ships aiming to be registered under Sierra Leone that meet the criteria presented in the table below. Owners may contact their nearest Registration Officer who can provide quotation through our online fee calculator.

The discount applies to:

- Initial Registration Fee
- Casualty Investigation and Emergency Response
- Flag Safety Inspection

Vessel's age:	GT		
	Up to 10,000	10,001 – 30,000	30,001 and above
Up to 10 years old	80%	90%	100%
Between 11 to 15 years old	40%	60%	90%
Between 16 to 20 years old	20%	40%	80%

## 2. Group Owner Incentives Scheme

This scheme aims to provide incentives to ship owners who will register 3 or more ships under Sierra Leone flag.

The registration should be completed within 12 months from the date of registration of the first vessel.

Group Owners are entitled to discounts both on Initial and Annual Registration fees.

The application form for Group Owners (AFGO01) must be submitted to your nearest Registration Officer for obtaining our quotation.

## 3. No Detention Incentives Scheme

No detention incentives scheme aims to provide discounts to existing vessels under Sierra Leone that had recorded a good Port State Control (PSC) performance without any detention.

The discounts are shown in the table below and apply to:

- Annual Tonnage Dues
- Casualty Investigation and Emergency Response
- Flag Safety Inspection
- Renewal of Registry Fee, if applicable

Item	Discounts
No detention for 3 years	15%
No detention for 2 years	10%
No detention for 1 year	5%

#### 4. Detention and Late Payment Penalties Scheme

This scheme aims to improve the performance on Port State Control inspections of Sierra Leone flag. Also this scheme aims to ensure that all payments of annual dues and consequently renewal of flag certificates are done on time.

Penalty applies to total fees paid on Annual Registration or Renewal of Registry

Item	Discounts	Penalties
1 detention within 1 year	--	10%
2 detentions within 3 years	--	20%
2 detentions within 1 year	--	30% + US\$ 3,500
Up to 3 months late payment of Annual Dues	--	10%
More than 3 months late payment of Annual Dues	--	20%

#### 5. Other Fines & Penalties

This scheme aims to ensure that any fraudulent certificate is brought to the attention of the Administration. Also, this scheme aims to penalize those ship Owners involved in smuggling, human trafficking and other illegal transportation.

Item	Fine in USD (\$)
Issuance of fraudulent certificate issued by SL Flag	1,500
Fishing Vessels conducting illegal fishing or transshipment	8,500
Vessels involved in smuggling, human trafficking and other illegal transportation.	10,000

The above discounts and penalties are valid from **1<sup>st</sup> May 2015** until **31<sup>st</sup> December 2015**.

Revision

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