



PORTS AND YACHTING DIRECTORATE

Transport Malta

## Port Notice No. 08 of 2025

**To: Ship Masters  
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### Amendment to the Towage (Tariff of Rates) Regulations

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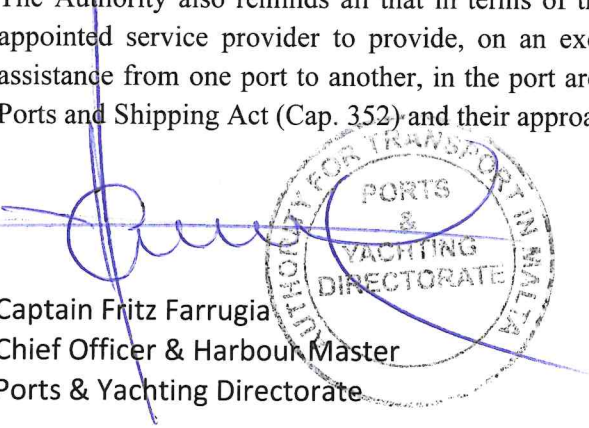
The Authority for Transport in Malta hereby notifies that the Towage (Tariff of Rates) Regulations (S.L. 499.49) will be amended to bring into force an increase in the statutory towage tariffs.

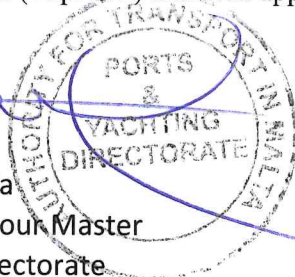
These amendments will incorporate an overall average increase of 7.81% on all the rates as prescribed in terms of the Regulations and listed in the Schedule thereto. The new tariffs shall be applicable with effective date 15<sup>th</sup> October 2025 and are being enclosed as an Annex to this Port Notice.

The relative Legal Notice amending the Schedule to the Towage (Tariff of Rates) Regulations (S.L. 499.49) will be published accordingly.

This increase is being implemented in terms of the Harbour Towage Agreement, 2006, which allows Tug Malta Ltd, as the provider of towage services, to recover the inflationary increases and investment costs taking place during a two-year period and which are directly related to the provision of harbour towage in local ports and their approaches.

The Authority also reminds all that in terms of the Harbour Towage Agreement, Tug Malta Ltd is the appointed service provider to provide, on an exclusive basis, harbour towage services, including tug assistance from one port to another, in the port areas defined in Part I and Part II of the Schedule to the Ports and Shipping Act (Cap. 352) and their approaches, and other emergency services.

  
Captain Fritz Farrugia  
Chief Officer & Harbour Master  
Ports & Yachting Directorate



30<sup>th</sup> September 2025

## ANNEX

### Tariff of Rates – Schedule (Regulation 2) Towage (Tariff of Rates) Regulations (S.L. 499.49)

(a) New Rates

“Rates per tug per hour or part thereof		
Column 1	Column 2 Normal Rates (Vide Note 2)	Column 3 Rates applicable between 6 p.m. of one day and 6 a.m. of the next following day and at any time on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays (vide Note 3)
	€	€
For vessels up to 3,000 gross tons (gt)	340	470
For vessels of gross tons (gt) between:		
3,001 and 6,000	425	615
6,001 and 10,000	540	775
10,001 and 13,000	645	935
13,001 and 16,000	755	1,095
16,001 and 20,000	920	1,330
20,001 and 24,000	1,060	1,545
24,001 and 35,000	1,205	1,755
35,001 and 45,000	1,310	1,925
45,001 and 60,000	1,440	2,120
60,001 and 80,000	1,595	2,365
80,001 and 100,000	1,755	2,605
100,001 and 150,000	1,890	2,785
150,001 and 200,000	2,070	3,055
For vessels exceeding 200,000 gross tons (gt)	2,250	3,330”.

- (b) the proviso to note (2) thereof shall be substituted by the following new proviso:

“Provided that when additional tugs are required over and above the tugs continuously manned in the Grand Harbour, Valletta, Malta or the Port of Marsaxlokk, Malta respectively, the charges for the additional tugs required shall be computed at the rates under Column 3 or the charges computed at the rates in Column 2 increased by €415 per tug, whichever rate is the greater.”;

- (c) note (3) thereof shall be substituted by the following new note:

“(3) For services given between 6 p.m. of one day and 6 a.m. of the next following day or at any time on a Saturday, Sunday or another public holiday, either the charges computed at the rates under Column 3 or the charges computed at the rates under Column 2 increased by €815 per tug shall apply, whichever rate is the greater.”;

- (d) the first paragraph and the first proviso to note (6) thereof shall be substituted by the following:

“(6) The rates payable for the assistance of disabled vessels shall be increased by fifty per cent, subject to a minimum of €1,615 per tug for vessels up to 3,000 gross tons (gt) and subject to a minimum of €2,715 per tug for vessels exceeding 3,000 gross tons (gt):

Provided that this additional charge shall not apply to non-self-propelled barges and other vessels, both under forty-five (45) metres in length.”; and

- (e) note 7 thereof, shall be substituted by the following:

“(7) Without prejudice to the provisions of regulation 4, when an additional tug is ordered for service, over and above the tugs continuously manned in the Grand Harbour, Valletta, Malta or the Port of Marsaxlokk, Malta respectively, at any time, without being given at least four (4) hours’ notice, an extra charge of €540 per tug shall be charged.”.