



# GHANA PORTS AND HARBOURS AUTHORITY

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Dear Sir/Madam,

### RE: REVISION OF THE GHANA PORTS TARIFFS

We refer to our letter DG/HQ/TARIFF/V.5/270 of November 14, 2017 regarding the above subject and the series of meetings we held with your Members.

We wish to inform you that based on our assessment of the issues raised in the series of engagements with your organisation and other key industry stakeholders; and in particular agreements reached with the Ghana Shippers' Authority, the state agency with the legal mandate to approve tariffs of maritime service providers, we hereby announce the following as the new elements of the revision of the Port Tariffs:

- a. All the tariffs items denominated in United States Dollars and which we had proposed to increase by five percent will now be increased by four percent. This revision covers, among other things, rates set out in Schedule, 1 – Port Dues; Schedule 2 – Vessel Handling, and Schedule 3 – Stevedoring.
- b. The proposed zero increase in the Port Dues and Stevedoring tariffs for Exports and Transit Outbound will be maintained.
- c. All the tariff items denominated in Ghana Cedis which we had proposed to increase by 20 percent have now been increased by 16 percent. These cover tariff items for Imports set out in the Fourth Schedule of the Tariffs.
- d. Similarly, all the Export tariff items that we had proposed to increase by 15 percent will be increased by 10 percent. These cover Export items set out in the Fourth Schedule of the Port Tariffs.
- e. The proposed zero increase in the tariffs proposed for Receipt and Delivery of Transit Transshipment consignments will be maintained.
- f. The implementation of the ISPS Code Implementation Dues and the Port Infrastructure Development Dues are suspended until further consultation and discussions with key industry stakeholders have been concluded.

- g. The Tariffs for Light Dues will be maintained at the current rates i.e. no increase in the tariffs for Light Dues.
- h. The current structure of the Vessel Handling Tariffs will be maintained and the tariff rates increased by four percent.
- i. The current Anchorage Charges will be reduced by 20 percent. The minimum Anchorage Charges have been retained at the current rates.
- j. The proposed differential Terminal Handling Charge for Reefer Containers will be put on hold. This means that the existing practice of apply the Terminal Handling rates for dry containers to Reefer Containers shall continue to apply.
- k. GPHA may consider a revision of the Port Tariffs in 2019 if economic conditions so warrant. This revision will involve the restructuring of the Vessel Handling Tariffs.
- l. Full details of the tariff revision and the limited restructuring are outlined in the attached Report.

The new effective date for the implementation of the Revised Port Tariffs is **April 1, 2018**.

We count on your usual support and cooperation.

Yours faithfully,

FOR: GHANA PORTS AND HARBOURS AUTHORITY



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