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Final Authorization

**Inter-Island Shipping Fares and Freight Charges
in the Maritime Islands in Fiji**



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Authorization of Inter Island Shipping Fares and Freight Charges in the Maritime Islands in Fiji

1. (a) In recognition of the Cabinet Decision No: 93 dated 4th May 2015, **Commerce (Control of Freight Rates and Passenger Fares) Order 2014** and Section 41 of the Commerce Commission Decree 2010, the Commission hereby makes the following authorization to take into effect the Value Added Tax (VAT) rate decrease from 15.0 percent to 9.0 percent as was announced in the 2016 National Budget.

(b) This authorisation follows the previous authorisation released on 3 June 2015.

Citation and commencement

2. This Authorization may be cited as Authorization of Inter Island Shipping Fares and Freight Charges in the Maritime Islands in Fiji and is effective from **1 January 2016**.

Commission's Authorisation

3.1 The authorised passenger fares are for boat/ship passage only.

3.2 The authorised fares are for the economy class only and are not applicable for any other classes of services, provided that economy class seats are made available to the travelling public for all voyages.

Schedule 1: Commission's Maximum Authorized Passenger Fares for Economical Routes

Route	Category	Current Passenger Fares	VAT Change (\$)	Authorised Passenger Fares (VIP) 01 Jan 2016
Economical Routes				
Suva- Kadavu	Adult	\$46.00	(\$2.40)	\$43.60
	Student	\$35.00	(\$1.80)	\$33.20
	Child	\$28.00	(\$1.45)	\$26.55
	Persons under 2 Years	Free		Free
Buresala- Natovi	Adult	\$22.00	(\$1.15)	\$20.85
	Student	\$16.00	(\$0.80)	\$15.20
	Child	\$13.00	(\$0.70)	\$12.30
	Persons under 2 Years	Free		Free
Natovi- Nabouwalu	Adult	\$47.00	(\$2.45)	\$44.55
	Student	\$35.00	(\$1.80)	\$33.20
	Child	\$28.00	(\$1.45)	\$26.55
	Persons under 2 Years	Free		Free

Schedule 1: Commission's Maximum Authorized Passenger Fares for Economical Routes (cont...d)

Route	Category	Current Passenger Fares	VAT Change (\$)	Authorised Passenger Fares (VIP) 01 Jan 2016
Economical Routes				
Suva - Koro	Adult	\$55.00	(\$2.85)	\$52.15
	Student	\$41.00	(\$2.15)	\$38.85
	Child	\$33.00	(\$1.70)	\$31.30
	Persons under 2 Years	Free		Free
Suva - Savusavu	Adult	\$52.00	(\$2.70)	\$49.30
	Student	\$39.00	(\$2.00)	\$37.00
	Child	\$31.00	(\$1.60)	\$29.40
	Persons under 2 Years	Free		Free
Suva - Taveuni	Adult	\$71.00	(\$3.70)	\$67.30
	Student	\$53.00	(\$2.80)	\$50.20
	Child	\$43.00	(\$2.20)	\$40.80
	Persons under 2 Years	Free		Free
Koro- Savusavu	Adult	\$49.00	(\$2.60)	\$46.40
	Student	\$37.00	(\$1.90)	\$35.10
	Child	\$30.00	(\$1.60)	\$28.40
	Persons under 2 Years	Free		Free
Koro - Taveuni	Adult	\$55.00	(\$2.85)	\$52.15
	Student	\$41.00	(\$2.15)	\$38.85
	Child	\$33.00	(\$1.70)	\$31.30
	Persons under 2 Years	Free		Free
Savusavu -Taveuni	Adult	\$30.00	(\$1.55)	\$28.45
	Student	\$22.00	(\$1.15)	\$20.85
	Child	\$18.00	(\$0.95)	\$17.05
	Persons under 2 Years	Free	Free	Free
Natovi-Savusavu	Adult	\$58.00	(\$3.00)	\$55.00
	Student	\$43.00	(\$2.25)	\$40.75
	Child	\$35.00	(\$1.80)	\$33.20
	Persons under 2 Years	Free		Free
Lautoka-Malau	Adult	\$70.00	(\$3.65)	\$66.35
	Student	\$53.00	(\$2.75)	\$50.25
	Child	\$42.00	(\$2.20)	\$39.80
	Persons under 2 Years	Free		Free

Schedule 2: Commission's Maximum Authorized Passenger Fares for Uneconomical Routes

Route	Category	Current Passenger Fares	VAT Change (\$)	Authorised Passenger Fares (VIP) 01 Jan 2016
Uneconomical Routes				
Suva - Yasayasa Moala	Adult	\$98.00	(\$5.10)	\$92.90
	Student	\$49.00	(\$2.55)	\$46.45
	Child	\$25.00	(\$1.30)	\$23.70
	Persons under 2 Years	Free		Free
Suva - Rotuma	Adult	\$175.00	(\$9.10)	\$165.90
	Student	\$87.00	(\$4.55)	\$82.45
	Child	\$44.00	(\$2.30)	\$41.70
	Persons under 2 Years	Free		Free
Suva - Upper Southern Lau	Adult	\$116.00	(\$6.05)	\$109.95
	Student	\$58.00	(\$3.00)	\$55.00
	Child	\$29.00	(\$1.50)	\$27.50
	Persons under 2 Years	Free		Free
Suva - Lower Southern Lau	Adult	\$116.00	(\$6.05)	\$109.95
	Student	\$58.00	(\$3.00)	\$55.00
	Child	\$29.00	(\$1.50)	\$27.50
	Persons under 2 Years	Free		Free
Suva - Lomaiviti	Adult	\$71.00	(\$3.70)	\$67.30
	Student	\$35.00	(\$1.80)	\$33.20
	Child	\$18.00	(\$0.95)	\$17.05
	Persons under 2 Years	Free		Free
Suva - Northern Lau II	Adult	\$120.00	(\$6.25)	\$113.75
	Student	\$60.00	(\$3.15)	\$56.85
	Child	\$30.00	(\$1.60)	\$28.40
	Persons under 2 Years	Free		Free
Suva - Northern Lau I	Adult	\$119.00	(\$6.20)	\$112.80
	Student	\$60.00	(\$3.15)	\$56.85
	Child	\$30.00	(\$1.60)	\$28.40
	Persons under 2 Years	Free		Free
Suva - Kadavu	Adult	\$36.00	(\$1.90)	\$34.10
	Student	\$18.00	(\$0.95)	\$17.05
	Child	\$9.00	(\$0.50)	\$8.50
	Persons under 2 Years	Free		Free
Lautoka- Yasawa/Malolo	Adult	\$50.00	(\$2.60)	\$47.40
	Student	\$25.00	(\$1.30)	\$23.70
	Child	\$12.00	(\$0.65)	\$11.35
	Persons under 2 Years	Free		Free

Schedule 3: Commission's Maximum Authorized General Cargo Freight Rates

	Current General Cargo Freight Rates			Authorized General Cargo Freight Rates 01 Jan 2016		
	Per KG (\$)	Per Tonne (\$)	Per Cubic Meter (\$)	Per KG (\$) (VIP)	Per Tonne (\$) (VIP)	Per Cubic Meter (\$) (VIP)
Economical Routes						
Suva- Kadavu	0.12	117.00	106.00	0.11	110.90	100.47
Suva- Levuka	0.10	103.00	93.00	0.10	97.63	88.15
Natovi- Buresala	0.02	20.00	18.00	0.02	18.96	17.06
Natovi- Nabouwalu	0.08	84.00	75.00	0.08	79.62	71.09
Suva- Koro	0.16	163.00	147.00	0.15	154.50	139.33
Suva- Savusavu	0.22	223.00	200.00	0.21	211.37	189.57
Suva- Taveuni	0.26	268.00	242.00	0.25	254.02	229.37
Koro- Savusavu	0.08	78.00	70.00	0.07	73.93	66.35
Koro- Taveuni	0.12	113.00	102.00	0.11	107.10	96.68
Savusavu- Taveuni	0.10	99.00	89.00	0.09	93.83	84.36
Natovi-Savusavu	0.15	151.00	136.00	0.14	143.12	128.90
Lautoka-Malau	0.35	350.00	315.00	0.33	331.74	298.57
Uneconomical Franchise Routes						
Yasayasa Moala	0.08	79.00	71.00	0.07	74.88	67.30
Rotuma	0.08	77.00	69.00	0.07	72.98	65.40
Upper Southern Lau	0.07	70.00	63.00	0.07	66.35	59.71
Lower Southern Lau	0.10	99.00	89.00	0.09	93.83	84.36
Lomaiviti	0.14	140.00	126.00	0.13	132.70	119.43
Northern Lau II	0.08	84.00	76.00	0.08	79.62	72.03
Northern Lau I	0.08	85.00	76.00	0.08	80.57	72.03
Kadavu	0.07	70.00	63.00	0.07	66.35	59.71
Yasawa/Malolo	0.10	100.00	90.00	0.09	94.78	85.30

Goods Measurement Criteria for Freight Rates

The current price control order allows vessel operators to charge prices for general freight based on either the volume or weight. The vessel operators, at their preference, measure freights in volume or weight, whichever would yield a higher rate.

For equitable and dynamic pricing system that is just and fair to both consumers and traders, the Commission recommends that a defined list of items and measuring method need to be developed and enforced to ensure consistency and fairness in application by various operators.

A classified list of items of commonly transacted and its corresponding measure are provided below:

Table 1: List of General Cargo Items with Measurement Criteria

General Cargo Type	Unit of Measure
All goods packed in Bags or sacks	Tonne
All goods packed in cartons	Tonne
Empty container, cylinder and drums	Tonne
Petroleum products filled in container, drums	Tonne
LPG cylinder filled	Tonne
Copra	Tonne
Yaqona in Bales, bags, sacks, or other container	Tonne
Hardware Items	
Timber	Cubic Meters
Blocks	Tonne
Cladding and Boards	Cubic Meters
Plumbing Pipes	Cubic Meters
Cement	Tonne
Nails and Fasteners	Tonne
Electrical Items (Cartons)	Tonne
Roofing	Cubic Meters
Steel	Cubic Meters
Paint	Tonne
Automobile	
Cars, Vans, Truck of all types	Each
Other Goods	
Frozen Goods of all type	Tonne
Trocas Shell, beche de mer	Tonne
Livestock	Tonne/ Cubic Meters

The Commission mandates the shipping operators to install weighing machine to measure proper weights of the goods in order to have appropriate pricing for the consumers as well for the shipping operator's records.

Conditions of this Authorization

- 4.1** For the purpose of *Commerce (Control of Freight Rates and Passenger Fares) Order 2014* the prices for the supply of all Maritime Shipping Services, passenger fares and freight rates in Fiji are controlled.
- 4.2** Application of Section 41 of CCD2010 requires that passenger fares and freight rates for all routes in Fiji be authorized by the Commission before implementation.

- 4.3 For any routes which are not included in this authorization or new routes that may evolve in future, the shipping companies are to make submissions to the Commission for the authorization of the passenger fares and freight rates before implementation of any rates or fares.
- 4.4 All operators are required to use and maintain the standard manifest for all cargoes as per Schedules 5, 6 and 7 of this authorization.
- 4.5 The Fiji Commerce Commission and Maritime Safety Authority of Fiji will carry out joint operations to ensure the implementation and compliance with this authorization.
- 4.6 The authorised rates must be charged by the service providers and will remain the same and no new charges should be introduced unless authorized by the Commission.
- 4.7 As per the requirement under Section 54 of CCD2010 and for the purpose of this authorization, operators are required to clearly display for the information of the public the authorized passenger fares and freights rates for each routes being serviced by the operator.

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Schedule 5: PASSENGER MANIFEST

LOGO Company Name:
 Address: Phone No:
 Phone No: Fax No.
 Email:

PASSENGER MANIFEST

Vessel:	Route Serviced:		Master:						
	Date:	Voyage No.	Mate:						
<i>(Tick the relevant category)</i>									
No.	Passenger Name	Adult	Student (specify age group)	Child (specify age group)	Infant (1 year old or less)	From	To	Fare	Ref No.
1	John Singh	V				Suva	Kadavu	\$65	Receipt No. 123

I certify that this is true and accurate list of passengers on the above vessel

Prepared by:	..... Name	..... Signature	Master:	..... Name	..... Signature
	..... Name	..... Signature	MSAF Officer:	..... Name	..... Signature

Schedule 6: GENERAL CARGO MANIFEST

LOGO	Company Name: Address: Phone No: Email :	Fax No.	Voyage No. ETD: ETA:	Page No:
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GENERAL CARGO MANIFEST

Vessel: Date:	Route Served:	From:	TO:		Master: Mate:	Receipt No.				
			Shipment	Destination						
Batch /No.	Particulars of Goods Item Qty	Goods Specification (Cartons/ Sacks/ Bags)	Shipper	Consignee	Loading (Port/ Island)	Unloading (Port/ Island)	CARGO Weight (Tonne)	Measure (M3)	RATES \$	Amount \$
Eg. 001	Tin Fish	2 cartons	XYZ Company	ABC Company	Vunisea	Suva	5		\$2	\$10.00

I certify that this is true and accurate list of cargo on the above vessel

Prepared by: Signature	Master: MSAF Officer: Signature	Signature Signature
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Schedule 7: VEHICLE MANIFEST

Company Name: _____ **Voyage No.:** _____ **Page No.:** _____
Address: _____ **ETD:** _____
Phone No.: _____ **ETA:** _____
Email: _____ **Fax No.:** _____

VEHICLE MANIFEST

Vessel: Date:	Route Served:	From:		TO:		Master:						
		Vunisea	DX 542	Suva	Suva	Mate:						
Batch /No.	Particulars of Goods		Goods Specification (Cartons/ Sacks/ Bags)	Shipper	Consignee	Loading (Port/ Island)	Unloadi ng (Port/ Island)	VEHICLE		Amount \$	Receipt No.	
	Item	Qty						Weight (Tonne)	Measure (M3)			\$	c
Eg. 001	Tin Fish	24x420g	2 cartons	XYZ Company	ABC Company	Vunisea	Suva	5		\$2	\$10.00	

I certify that this is true and accurate list of vehicle on the above vessel

Prepared by:
 Signature

Checked by:
 Signature

Master:
 Name

MSAF Officer:
 Name

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 Signature

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 Signature