

Subject:

Application to amendment of Panama
Canal Tonnage Rule

NKTECHNICAL INFORMATION

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To Shipowners and Shipbuilders concerned

Tolls for use of the Canal has been collected being based on GROSS TONNAGE and NET TONNAGE in accordance with the CFR 35 PART 135 "Rules for Measurement of vessels" which are based on Moorson Measurement System so far. However, since the PANAMA CANAL/UNIVERSAL MEASUREMENT SYSTEM (PC/UMS) which are based on International tonnage Measurement was approved by the President of United States on 17th August, 1994, those tolls will be changed by this system from 1st October, 1994. Accordingly, on and after 1st October, 1994, this society will issue PC/UMS DOCUMENTATION OF TOTAL VOLUME in the form as attached sheet and the PC/UMS NET TONNAGE CERTIFICATE shall be issued by Panama Canal Commission being based on the DOCUMENTATION.

We have a pleasure of informing you that our procedures for issuance of the new canal tonnage certificate will be changed accordingly as per followings.

1. ISSUANCE OF DOCUMENTATION

At the request from the owners/agents, PC/UMS DOCUMENTATION of TOTAL VOLUME shall be issued to the vessels which will pass through the Panama Canal after 1st October, 1994.

2. TRANSITION RELIEF MEASURED

"Grandfathering ships" which have transitted the Panama Canal between March 23, 1976 and September 30, 1994, may be used the present certificate permanently, unless a significant change in the ship's total volume is made. A "Significant structural change" is defined as an alteration of total volume by more than 10 percent.

3. APPLICATION

The procedure of application for Panama Canal Measurement will remain unchanged. However, when the application for Panama Canal Measurement is submitted together with the application for International tonnage measurement at a same time, additional drawings for Panama canal tonnage measurement is not necessary to be submitted.

In case where the International tonnage measurement has been carried out by this Society up to now, please attach General Arrangement Plan and Capacity Plan to the application.

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4. FEES

The fees for the issuance of new certificate are:

- (1) ¥49,000(¥48,000 when tax exempted), in case where the application for Panama Canal Measurement is submitted together with the application for International tonnage measurement at a same time; or
- (2) 50% of the fee for the International tonnage measurement, in the case other than (1) above.

If you would have any questions, Please feel free to contact this Head office

(Tonnage Section of Hull Department).

Attachment : PC/UMS DOCUMENTATION OF TOTAL VOLUME

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