Minister of Transport Decree
No. 416 of 2019
Dated 11/7/2019

On
Amending several provisions specified in
Ministerial Decree
No. 488 of 2015
Minister of Transport

Having considered the Constitution;

Decree No. 488 of 2015 on Charges for services rendered to vessels in Egyptian seaports, Utility fees for fixed and floating facilities and constructions of Port Authorities and the Egyptian Authority for Maritime Safety (EAMS), and Charges for electronic services provided by Port Authorities;

Ministry of Transport Decree No. 468 of 2018 on incentives in Egyptian seaports

And the approval of the Ports Supreme Council in its sessions held on 27/03/2018, 17/07/2018, 3/1/2019, and 9/7/2019;

And after the approval of the Ministers Cabinet in its session No. (48) held on 10/07/2019;

Decided:

(Article 1)
As of September 8, 2019, the provisions of Article 2 of the Regulation on Charges for services rendered to vessels in Egyptian seaports, utility fees for fixed and floating facilities and constructions of Port Authorities and the Egyptian Authority for Maritime Safety issued by Decree No. 488/2015 previously mentioned shall be SUSPENDED FOR THREE YEARS.

The rates listed in the Regulation annexed to Decree no. 488/2015 may be reviewed whenever necessary, provided that the financial impact is annually assessed.

(Article 2)
1. Lighthouses dues for vessels passing through Suez Canal in either direction North/South, or vice versa, shall be charged in full ONLY ONCE in Port of Suez by Suez Canal Authority on behalf of the Egyptian Authority for Maritime Safety with a discount of 25% on the total amount.

2. Lighthouses dues specified in provisions (3-5) and (6-5) of Article 2 of the Regulation annexed to Decree no. 488/2015 shall be reduced by 10% when the vessel passing the Suez Canal calls on one “1” of the Arab Republic of Egypt seaports, while the reduction shall be 20% in the event that the vessel calls on two “2” or more of the Arab Republic of Egypt seaports.
(Article 3)
The Board of Directors of the Competent Port Authority shall specify incentives (operating / pricing mechanisms) to stimulate port traffic and attract investors and operators in the field of maritime transport and ports in accordance with the conditions and nature of the port in order to achieve integration between the Egyptian ports and increase their competitiveness with foreign ports. Such incentives shall be granted in light of economic feasibility studies carried out by the ports or through specialized consultative offices. The decision of the board of directors shall be issued by the absolute majority of its members. The incentives shall be valid at the approval of the Minister of Transport.

(Article 4)
Provision (4) in Article (3) of the Regulation annexed to Decree no. 488/2015 shall be repealed while reductions specified in provisions (1, 2, and 3) of the same Article shall remain valid.

(Article 5)
All Competent Authorities – each within its respective area of competency – shall implement the provisions of this Decree. Ministerial Decree no. 468 /2018 is hereby annulled, as well as any provisions contrary to the provisions of this Decree shall be repealed.

(Article 6)
This Decree shall be published in the Egyptian Gazette and shall come into force as of the day following the date of its publication.

Minister of Transport
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