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Final Authorization

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



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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Fijian cabinet vide the Cabinet Decision (CP (12)162) dated 5 June 2012 agreed that a review be undertaken by the Fiji Commerce Commission ("FCC") to determine the most feasible and sustainable level of boat fares and freight charges to be levied to the travelling public by private shipping companies and the Government Vessels.
- 1.2 Based on the Fijian Cabinet decision, the Commission completed the comprehensive study of the inter-island shipping industry and submitted the report to the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport on 4 February 2013 to consider the findings and recommendations of the report and make appropriate recommendations for the cabinet's decision.
- 1.3 Cabinet Decision No.9 of 2013 agreed that the report "Review of the Shipping Fares and Freight Charges" be subject to further discussion between the relevant stakeholders in the maritime industry in order to determine the best way for the implementation of some of its recommendations.
- 1.4 Following the Cabinet Decision above, the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport appointed a technical working group (TWG) comprising of the Ministry of Finance, FRCA, Maritime Safety Authority of Fiji (MSAF), Ministry of National Planning and the Commission. The TWG conducted public consultations and finalized the comments and prepared the report for consideration by the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport.
- 1.5 The findings and recommendations of the TWG submitted to the Fijian Cabinet and Cabinet via Cabinet Decision No.361 dated 3 December 2013 agreed with the Commission's recommendation for the introduction of Price Control Order on shipping/passenger fares and the review of the current Price Control on Freight Charges for all shipping services in Fiji.
- 1.6 On 14 January 2014, the Minister approved and gazetted the Commerce (Control of Freight Rates and Passenger Fares) Order 2014 ("Order 2014") for the prices for the supply of all Maritime Shipping Services, passenger fares and freight rates in Fiji are controlled. The Order expires on 1 January 2017 unless the Order is extended or earlier revoked.
- 1.7 Following the Gazettal of the Order 2014, the Commission requested for submissions from the shipping companies and computed the most feasible passenger fares and freight rates for each of the routes.

1.8 After three (2012-2015) years of consultations, assessments and analysis, the Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport jointly led Technical Working Group (TWG) with the Fiji Commerce Commission made recommendations to the Honourable Minister seeking Cabinet's endorsement.

1.9 Cabinet in its decision vide Cabinet Decision No: 93 dated 4th May 2015:

1. Agreed that Fiji Commerce Commission (FCC) Report on the 'Review of the Shipping Fares and Freight Charges for the Fijian Market' be adopted and implemented; and
2. Endorsed that Maritime Safety Authority of Fiji spearhead the implementation of a standard manifest for all cargo to be adopted by ship operators trading in Fiji.

1.10 The Government through Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport has announced that the new fares to be authorised by the Commission will come into effect from 1st July 2015.

1.11 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 has made this authorisation.

2.0 Legal Framework

2.1 The Commission is empowered under the *Commerce (Control of Freight Rates and Passenger Fares) Order 2014* to control the prices for the supply of all Maritime Shipping Services, passenger fares and freight rates in Fiji.

2.2 The Commerce (Control of Freight Rates and Passenger Fares) Order 2014 authorizes the Commission to regulate and control prices for three (3) years which expires on 1 January 2017 unless the Order is extended or earlier revoked.

2.3 Section 41 of CCD2010 on states that Controlled goods or services not to be supplied except in accordance with authorised price by the Commission.

3.0 Commission's Authorization

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

3.2 The authorised fares are for the economy class only and is 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	Authorised Passenger Fares (VIP)
Economical Routes		
Suva- Kadavu	Adult	\$46.00
	Student	\$35.00
	Child	\$28.00
	Persons under 5 Years	Free
Buresala- Natovi	Adult	\$22.00
	Student	\$16.00
	Child	\$13.00
	Persons under 5 Years	Free
Natovi- Nabouwalu	Adult	\$47.00
	Student	\$35.00
	Child	\$28.00
	Persons under 5 Years	Free
Suva - Koro	Adult	\$55.00
	Student	\$41.00
	Child	\$33.00
	Persons under 5 Years	Free
Suva - Savusavu	Adult	\$52.00
	Student	\$39.00
	Child	\$31.00
	Persons under 5 Years	Free
Suva - Taveuni	Adult	\$71.00
	Student	\$53.00
	Child	\$43.00
	Persons under 5 Years	Free
Koro- Savusavu	Adult	\$49.00
	Student	\$37.00
	Child	\$30.00
	Persons under 5 Years	Free
Koro - Taveuni	Adult	\$55.00
	Student	\$41.00
	Child	\$33.00
	Persons under 5 Years	Free
Savusavu -Taveuni	Adult	\$30.00
	Student	\$22.00
	Child	\$18.00
	Persons under 5 Years	Free
Natovi-Savusavu	Adult	\$58.00
	Student	\$43.00
	Child	\$35.00
	Persons under 5 Years	Free
Lautoka-Malau	Adult	\$70.00
	Student	\$53.00
	Child	\$42.00
	Persons under 5 Years	Free

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

Route	Category	Authorised Passenger Fares (VIP)
Uneconomical Routes		
Suva - Yasayasa Moala	Adult	\$98.00
	Student	\$49.00
	Child	\$25.00
	Persons under 5 Years	Free
Suva - Rotuma	Adult	\$175.00
	Student	\$87.00
	Child	\$44.00
	Persons under 5 Years	Free
Suva - Upper Southern Lau	Adult	\$116.00
	Student	\$58.00
	Child	\$29.00
	Persons under 5 Years	Free
Suva - Lower Southern Lau	Adult	\$116.00
	Student	\$58.00
	Child	\$29.00
	Persons under 5 Years	Free
Suva - Lomaiviti	Adult	\$71.00
	Student	\$35.00
	Child	\$18.00
	Persons under 5 Years	Free
Suva - Northern Lau II	Adult	\$120.00
	Student	\$60.00
	Child	\$30.00
	Persons under 5 Years	Free
Suva - Northern Lau I	Adult	\$119.00
	Student	\$60.00
	Child	\$30.00
	Persons under 5 Years	Free
Suva - Kadavu	Adult	\$36.00
	Student	\$18.00
	Child	\$9.00
	Persons under 5 Years	Free
Lautoka-Yasawa/Malolo	Adult	\$50.00
	Student	\$25.00
	Child	\$12.00
	Persons under 5 Years	Free

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

	Authorized General Cargo Freight Rates		
	Per KG (\$) (VIP)	Per Tonne (\$) (VIP)	Per Cubic Meter (\$) (VIP)
Economical Routes			
Suva- Kadavu	0.12	117.00	106.00
Suva- Levuka	0.10	103.00	93.00
Natovi- Buresala	0.02	20.00	18.00
Natovi- Nabouwalu	0.08	84.00	75.00
Suva- Koro	0.16	163.00	147.00
Suva- Savusavu	0.22	223.00	200.00
Suva- Taveuni	0.26	268.00	242.00
Koro- Savusavu	0.08	78.00	70.00
Koro- Taveuni	0.12	113.00	102.00
Savusavu- Taveuni	0.10	99.00	89.00
Natovi-Savusavu	0.15	151.00	136.00
Lautoka-Malau	0.35	350.00	315.00
Uneconomical Franchise Routes			
Yasayasa Moala	\$0.08	79.00	71.00
Rotuma	\$0.08	77.00	69.00
Upper Southern Lau	\$0.07	70.00	63.00
Lower Southern Lau	\$0.10	99.00	89.00
Lomaiviti	\$0.14	140.00	126.00
Northern Lau II	\$0.08	84.00	76.00
Northern Lau I	\$0.08	85.00	76.00
Kadavu	\$0.07	70.00	63.00
Yasawa/Malolo	\$0.10	100.00	90.00

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.

Schedule 4: Commission's Authorised Vehicle Freight Rates (Maximum)

Vehicle Freight Rates	Suva- Kadavu		Natovi- Nabouwalu		Natovi- Buresala		Suva- Koro		Suva- Savusavu		Suva- Taveuni	
	One Way (VIP) (\$)	Return (VIP) (\$)	One Way (VIP) (\$)	Return (VIP) (\$)	One Way (VIP) (\$)	Return (VIP) (\$)	One Way (VIP) (\$)	Return (VIP) (\$)	One Way (VIP) (\$)	Return (VIP) (\$)	One Way (VIP) (\$)	Return (VIP) (\$)
Cars & Van < 1 ton	200	285	224	320	175	250	163	233	172	245	179	255
1 ton truck	272	387	245	350	210	300	222	316	234	333	243	346
2 ton truck	300	428	315	450	245	350	246	350	259	369	269	383
3 ton truck	316	450	385	550	280	400	258	368	272	388	282	403
3.5 ton truck	389	554	455	650	315	450	318	453	335	477	348	496
5 ton truck	888	1,266	525	750	350	500	725	1,034	764	1,090	794	1,133
9 ton truck	1,166	1,663	1,120	1,600	630	900	953	1,359	1,004	1,432	794	1,133
10 wheeler truck	1,819	2,594	1,260	1,800	910	1,300	1,110	1,583	1,095	1,561	1,100	1,568
12 wheeler truck	2,092	2,984	2,240	3,200	1,050	1,500	1,277	1,820	1,259	1,796	1,265	1,803
Prime Mover & Trailer	2,274	3,243	2,240	3,200	1,050	1,500	1,858	2,650	1,235	1,761	1,430	2,039
1 x 20' Container & Trailer	2,274	3,243	2,520	3,600	1,120	1,600	1,858	2,650	1,958	2,792	2,035	2,902
Prime Mover & Low Loader	2,274	3,243	2,520	3,600	1,120	1,600	1,858	2,650	1,958	2,792	2,035	2,902
Road Grader	1,695	2,418	2,520	3,600	1,400	2,000	1,385	1,975	1,460	2,082	1,517	2,163
1 x 40' Container & Trailer	3,548	5,059	3,360	4,800	1,960	2,800	2,899	4,133	3,055	4,356	3,174	4,527
60 Seater Bus	1,502	2,142	1,150	1,725	930	1,329	1,227	1,750	1,294	1,845	1,344	1,917
D3 Bulldozer	1,359	1,938	2,800	4,000	2,380	3,400	1,110	1,583	1,170	1,668	1,216	1,734
D4 Bulldozer	1,446	2,061	2,800	4,000	2,380	3,400	1,181	1,684	1,245	1,775	1,293	1,844
D6 Bulldozer	2,160	3,081	3,500	5,000	2,730	3,900	1,765	2,517	1,860	2,652	1,933	2,756
D8 Bulldozer	2,537	3,618	3,500	5,000	2,730	3,900	2,073	2,956	2,184	3,115	2,270	3,237

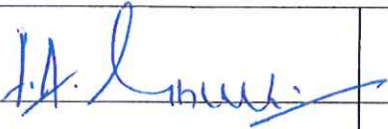
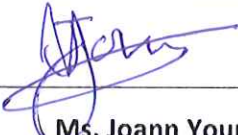
Schedule 4: Commission's Authorised Vehicle Freight Rates (Maximum)(cont...)

Vehicle Freight Rates	Koro- Savusavu		Koro- Taveuni		Savusavu- Taveuni		Natovi-Savusavu		Lautoka-Malau-Suva		Suva-Cicia- Vanuabalavu	
	One Way	Return	One Way	Return	One Way	Return	One Way	Return	One Way	Return	One Way	Return
	(VIP) (\$)	(VIP) (\$)	(VIP) (\$)	(VIP) (\$)	(VIP) (\$)	(VIP) (\$)	(VIP) (\$)	(VIP) (\$)	(VIP) (\$)	(VIP) (\$)	(VIP) (\$)	(VIP) (\$)
Cars & Van < 1 ton	151	215	156	222	154	219	270	350	299	399	407	580
1 ton truck	205	292	212	302	209	298	270	350	350	466	553	789
2 ton truck	227	323	234	334	231	330	360	480	484	645	612	873
3 ton truck	238	339	246	351	243	347	490	650	863	1,150	643	917
3.5 ton truck	293	418	303	433	299	427	563	750	950	1,250	792	1,129
5 ton truck	669	954	693	988	684	975	585	780	1,120	1,493	1,808	2,578
9 ton truck	879	1,254	910	1,298	898	1,280	700	933	1,538	2,050	2,375	3,386
10 wheeler truck	939	1,339	944	1,346	944	1,346	825	1,100	1,859	2,404	3,705	5,284
12 wheeler truck	1,080	1,540	1,085	1,548	1,085	1,548	825	1,100	1,859	2,404	4,369	6,230
Prime Mover & Trailer	1,060	1,511	1,227	1,750	1,227	1,750	1,350	1,800	2,100	2,800	4,632	6,605
1 x 20' Container & Trailer	1,715	2,445	1,775	2,531	1,751	2,497	1,350	1,800	2,100	2,800	4,632	6,605
Prime Mover & Low												
Loader	1,715	2,445	1,775	2,531	1,751	2,497	1,350	1,800	2,100	2,800	4,632	6,605
Road Grader	1,278	1,823	1,323	1,887	1,306	1,862	1,685	2,403	2,184	3,114	3,453	4,924
1 x 40' Container & Trailer	2,675	3,814	2,769	3,948	2,732	3,896	1,800	2,400	2,700	3,600	7,226	10,303
60 Seater Bus	1,133	1,615	1,172	1,672	1,157	1,650	1,494	2,130	1,937	2,761	3,060	4,363
D3 Bulldozer	1,024	1,461	1,060	1,512	1,046	1,492	1,351	1,927	1,751	2,497	2,767	3,946
D4 Bulldozer	1,090	1,554	1,128	1,609	1,113	1,587	1,437	2,050	1,863	2,657	2,944	4,198
D6 Bulldozer	1,629	2,323	1,686	2,404	1,664	2,372	2,148	3,063	2,785	3,971	4,400	6,274
D8 Bulldozer	1,913	2,728	1,980	2,823	1,954	2,786	2,523	3,597	3,270	4,663	5,167	7,368

4.0 Conditions of this Authorization

- 4.1 For the purpose of Commerce (*Control of Freight Rates and Passenger Fares*) Order 2014 to control the prices for the supply of all Maritime Shipping Services, passenger fares and freight rates in Fiji.
- 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 from 1st July 2015 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

Commissioners:

	
Mr. Firoz Ghazali	Ms. Joann Young
Deputy Chairman/Acting Chair	Commissioner
3 June 2015	3 June 2015

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Schedule 5: PASSENGER MANIFEST

LOGO Company Name:
 Address: Fax No.
 Phone 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)	Ref No.
1	John Singh	✓				Receipt No. 123
					From Suva	Fare \$46
					To Kadavu	

[Entries For Illustration Purpose Only]

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

Prepared by: Checked by:	Name Name	Signature Signature	Master: MSAF Officer:	Name Name	Signature Signature
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Schedule 6: GENERAL CARGO MANIFEST

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

GENERAL CARGO MANIFEST

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

[Entries For Illustration Purpose Only]

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

Prepared by:	Signature	Master:	Signature
Checked by:	Signature	MSAF Officer:	Signature

Schedule 7: VEHICLE MANIFEST

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

VEHICLE MANIFEST													
Vessel:	Date:	Route Serviced:	Vehicle No:	Goods Specification (Cartons/Sacks/ CBM)	Shipper	Consignee	Loading (Port/ Island)	Unloading (Port/ Island)	VEHICLE		Master:		
									Weight (Tonne)	Measure (M3)		RATES	
Batch /No.	Particulars of Goods	Item	Qty										
Eg. 001	Timber	3cbm	3cbm	XYZ Company	ABC Company	Vunisea	Suva	Suva	5	...	\$888	\$888.00	00001

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

Prepared by: Signature	Master: Signature
Checked by: Signature	MSAF Officer: Signature