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Interim Price Authorisation

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, **Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission (Control of Maritime Shipping Services, Freight Rates and Passenger Fares) Order 2019** and Section 41 of the **Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission Act 2010**, the Commission hereby makes the following authorization to include the Interim Fares and Cargo Freight Rates for the route Taveuni to Natuvu.

(b) This authorisation follows the previous authorisation released on 10 December 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 **01 January 2020**.

Commission's Authorisation

- 3. The authorised passenger fares are for boat/ship passage only.
- 4. 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	Authorised Passenger Fares (VIP) 01 Jan 2020
ECONOMICAL ROUTES		
Suva- Kadavu	Adult	\$43.60
	Student	\$33.20
	Child	\$26.55
	Persons under ²	
	Years	Free
Buresala- Natovi	Adult	\$20.85
	Student	\$15.20
	Child	\$12.30
	Persons under ²	
	Years	Free
Natovi- Nabouwalu	Adult	\$44.55
	Student	\$33.20
	Child	\$26.55
	Persons under ²	
	Years	Free
Suva – Koro	Adult	\$52.15
	Student	\$38.85
	Child	\$31.30
	Persons under ²	
	Years	Free

Route	Category	Authorised Passenger Fares (VIP) 01
		Jan 2020
Suva – Savusavu	Adult	\$49.30
	Student	\$37.00
	Child	\$29.40
	Persons under 2	
	Years	Free
Suva – Taveuni	Adult	\$67.30
	Student	\$50.20
	Child	\$40.80
	Persons under 2	
	Years	Free
Koro- Savusavu	Adult	\$46.40
	Student	\$35.10
	Child	\$28.40
	Persons under 2	
	Years	Free
Koro – Taveuni	Adult	\$52.15
	Student	\$38.85
	Child	\$31.30
	Persons under 2	
	Years	Free
Savusavu -Taveuni	Adult	\$28.45
	Student	\$20.85
	Child	\$17.05
	Persons under 2	
	Years	Free
Natovi-Savusavu	Adult	\$55.00
	Student	\$40.75
	Child	\$33.20
	Persons under 2	
	Years	Free
Lautoka-Malau	Adult	\$66.35
	Student	\$50.25
	Child	\$39.80
	Persons under 2	
	Years	Free
Taveuni – Natuvu	Adult	\$15.00
	Student	\$12.00
	Child	\$10.00
	Persons under 2	
	Years	Free

Route	Category	Authorised Passenger Fares 01 Jan 2020 (9% VAT)
UNECONOMICAL ROUTES		
Suva -Yasayasa Moala	Adult	\$92.90
	Student	\$46.45
	Child	\$23.70
	Persons under 2 Years	Free
Suva - Rotuma	Adult	\$165.90
	Student	\$82.45
	Child	\$41.70
	Persons under 2 Years	Free
Suva - Upper Southern Lau Group	Adult	\$109.95
	Student	\$55.00
	Child	\$27.50
	Persons under 2 Years	Free
Suva - Lower Southern Lau Group	Adult	\$109.95
	Student	\$55.00
	Child	\$27.50
	Persons under 2 Years	Free
Suva - Lomaiviti	Adult	\$67.30
	Student	\$33.20
	Child	\$17.05
	Persons under 2 Years	Free
Suva - Northern Lau II	Adult	\$113.75
	Student	\$56.85
	Child	\$28.40
	Persons under 2 Years	Free
Suva – Northern Lau I	Adult	\$112.80
	Student	\$56.85
	Child	\$28.40
	Persons under 2 Years	Free
Suva - Kadavu	Adult	\$34.10
	Student	\$17.05
	Child	\$8.50
	Persons under 2 Years	Free
Lautoka - Yasawa / Malolo	Adult	\$47.40
	Student	\$23.70
	Child	\$11.35
	Persons under 2 Years	Free

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

	Authorized General Cargo Freight Rates 01 Jan 2020		
	Per KG (\$)	Per Tonne (\$)	Per Cubic Meter (\$)
	(9% VAT)	(9% VAT)	(9% VAT)
<u>Economical Routes</u>			
Suva- Kadavu	0.11	110.90	100.47
Suva- Levuka	0.10	97.63	88.15
Natovi- Buresala	0.02	18.96	17.06
Natovi- Nabouwalu	0.08	79.62	71.09
Suva- Koro	0.15	154.50	139.33
Suva- Savusavu	0.21	211.37	189.57
Suva- Taveuni	0.25	254.02	229.37
Koro- Savusavu	0.07	73.93	66.35
Koro- Taveuni	0.11	107.10	96.68
Savusavu- Taveuni	0.09	93.83	84.36
Natovi-Savusavu	0.14	143.12	128.90
Lautoka-Malau	0.33	331.74	298.57
Taveuni-Natuvu	0.09	93.83	84.36
<u>Uneconomical Franchise Routes</u>			
Yasayasa Moala	0.07	74.88	67.30
Rotuma	0.07	72.98	65.40
Upper Southern Lau	0.07	66.35	59.71
Lower Southern Lau	0.09	93.83	84.36
Lomaiviti	0.13	132.70	119.43
Northern Lau II	0.08	79.62	72.03
Northern Lau I	0.08	80.57	72.03
Kadavu	0.07	66.35	59.71
Yasawa/Malolo	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 Commission (Control of Maritime Shipping Services, Freight Rates and Passenger Fares) Order 2019* 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 FCCC Act 2010 requires that passenger fares and freight rates for all routes in Fiji be authorized by the FCCC 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 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 FCCC.
- 4.6 As per the requirement under Section 54 of FCCC Act 2010 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 route being serviced by the operator.

Commissioners/Board Members:

		
Ms. Joann Young	Mr. Isikeli Tikoduadua	Mr. Vimlesh Sagar
Chairperson	Deputy Chair	Commissioner

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Schedule 5: PASSENGER MANIFEST

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

PASSENGER MANIFEST

Vessel:	Route Serviced:	Master:						
Date:	Voyage No.	Mate:						
<i>(Tick the relevant category)</i>								
	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
Checked by:	..... 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:	RATES		
Particulars of Goods		Item	Qty	CARGO	Weight (Tonne)	Measure (M3)	\$	c	
Eg. 001	Tin Fish								

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

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

