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Interim Price Authorisation

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



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“To Create a Dynamic and Competitive Market in Fiji”

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

1. Pursuant to sections 39 and 41 of the Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission Act 2010 and the **Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission (Control of Maritime Shipping Services, Freight Rates and Passenger Fares) Order 2022**, the Fijian Competition & Consumer Commission (**Commission**) hereby makes this Authorisation

Citation and Commencement

2. This Authorisation is be cited as the Interim Authorisation of Inter Island Shipping Fares and Freight Charges in the Maritime Islands in Fiji and is effective from **1 August 2025 (Interim Authorisation)**.

Commission's Interim 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 Authorised Passenger Fares for Economical Routes

Route (Economical)	Category	New Authorised Passenger Fares (\$) (VIP) (12.5% VAT)
Suva - Kadavu	Adult	45.00
	Student	34.24
	Child	27.39
	Persons under 2 Years	Free
Buresala - Natovi	Adult	21.52
	Student	15.65
	Child	12.72
	Persons under 2 Years	Free
Natovi - Nabouwalu	Adult	45.98
	Student	34.24
	Child	27.39
	Persons under 2 Years	Free
Suva - Koro	Adult	53.80
	Student	40.11
	Child	32.28
	Persons under 2 Years	Free
Suva - Savusavu	Adult	50.87
	Student	38.15
	Child	30.33
	Persons under 2 Years	Free

Route (Economical)	Category	New Authorised Passenger Fares (\$) (VIP) (12.5% VAT)
Suva - Taveuni	Adult	69.46
	Student	51.85
	Child	42.07
	Persons under 2 Years	Free
Koro - Savusavu	Adult	47.93
	Student	36.20
	Child	29.35
	Persons under 2 Years	Free
Koro - Taveuni	Adult	53.80
	Student	40.11
	Child	32.28
	Persons under 2 Years	Free
Savusavu - Taveuni	Adult	29.35
	Student	21.52
	Child	17.61
	Persons under 2 Years	Free
Natovi - Savusavu	Adult	56.74
	Student	42.07
	Child	34.24
	Persons under 2 Years	Free
Lautoka - Malau	Adult	68.48
	Student	51.85
	Child	41.09
	Persons under 2 Years	Free
Taveuni - Natuvu	Adult	15.51
	Student	12.38
	Child	10.32
	Persons Under 2 Years	Free

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

Route (Uneconomical)	Category	New Authorised Passenger Fares (\$) (VIP) (12.5% VAT)
Suva - Yasayasa Moala	Adult	95.87
	Student	47.93
	Child	24.46
	Persons under 2 Years	Free
Suva - Rotuma	Adult	171.20
	Student	85.11
	Child	43.04
	Persons under 2 Years	Free
Suva - Upper Southern Lau Group	Adult	113.48
	Student	56.74
	Child	28.37
	Persons under 2 Years	Free
Suva - Lower Southern Lau Group	Adult	113.48
	Student	56.74
	Child	28.37
	Persons under 2 Years	Free
Suva - Lomaiviti	Adult	69.46
	Student	34.24
	Child	17.61
	Persons under 2 Years	Free
Suva - Northern Lau II	Adult	117.39
	Student	58.70
	Child	29.35
	Persons under 2 Years	Free
Suva - Northern Lau I	Adult	116.41
	Student	58.70
	Child	29.35
	Persons under 2 Years	Free
Suva - Kadavu	Adult	35.22
	Student	17.61
	Child	8.80
	Persons under 2 Years	Free
Lautoka - Yasawa/ Malolo	Adult	48.91
	Student	24.46
	Child	11.74
	Persons under 2 Years	Free

Schedule 3:

Commission's Maximum Authorised General Cargo Freight Rates

	Authorised General Cargo Freight Rates		
	01/08/2025		
	Per KG (\$)	Per Tonne (\$)	Per Cubic Meter (\$)
	New Price VIP (12.5% VAT)	New Price VIP (12.5% VAT)	New Price VIP (12.5% VAT)

Economical Routes

Suva - Kadavu	0.11	114.46	103.70
Suva - Levuka	0.10	100.76	90.98
Natovi - Buresala	0.02	19.57	17.61
Natovi - Nabouwalu	0.08	82.17	73.37
Suva - Koro	0.16	159.46	143.80
Suva - Savusavu	0.22	218.15	195.65
Suva - Taveuni	0.26	262.17	236.74
Koro - Savusavu	0.08	76.30	68.48
Koro - Taveuni	0.11	110.54	99.78
Savusavu - Taveuni	0.10	96.85	87.07
Natovi - Savusavu	0.15	147.72	133.04
Lautoka - Malau	0.34	342.39	308.15
Taveuni - Natuvu	0.10	96.85	87.07

Uneconomical Franchise Routes

Yasayasa Moala	0.08	77.28	69.46
Rotuma	0.08	75.33	67.50
Upper Southern Lau Group	0.07	68.48	61.63
Lower Southern Lau Group	0.10	96.85	87.07
Lomaiviti	0.14	136.96	123.26
Northern Lau II	0.08	82.17	74.35
Northern Lau I	0.08	83.15	74.35
Kadavu	0.07	68.48	61.63
Yasawa/ Malolo	0.10	97.83	88.04

Goods Measurement Criteria for Freight Rates

5. 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.
6. 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.

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

Table 1: List of 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 containers	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

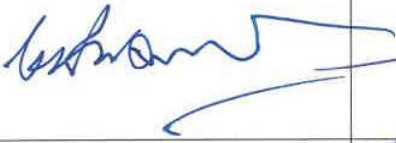
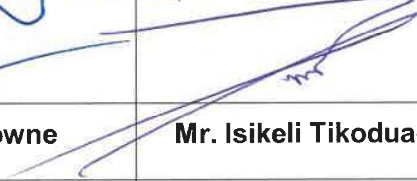
The Commission mandates the shipping operators to install weighing machine to measure proper weights of the goods in order to have appropriate pricing for the consumers as well for the shipping operator's records.

Conditions to this Interim Authorisation

8. For the purpose of *Fijian Competition and Consumer Commission (Control of Maritime Shipping Services, Freight Rates and Passenger Fares) Order 2022* the prices for the supply of all maritime shipping services, passenger fares and freight rates in Fiji are controlled.

9. 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.
10. For any routes which are not included in this authorisation 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.
11. All operators are required to use and maintain the standard manifest for all cargoes as per Schedules 5, 6 and 7 of this authorisation.
12. The authorised rates must be charged by the service providers and will remain the same and no new charges should be introduced unless authorised by the FCCC.
13. As per the requirement under Section 54 of FCCC Act 2010 and for the purpose of this authorisation, operators are required to clearly display for the information of the public the authorised passenger fares and freights rates for each route being serviced by the operator.

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		Approved
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Schedule 5: PASSENGER MANIFEST

LOGO		Company Name:		Fax No.		Email:			
Address:		Phone No:							
PASSENGER MANIFEST									
Vessel:	Route Serviced:	Master:							
Date:	Voyage No.	Mate:							
(Tick the relevant category)									
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	✓				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:			MSAF Officer:						

Schedule 7: VEHICLE MANIFEST

LOGO	Company Name: Address: Phone No: Email:		Fax No.		Voyage No. ETD: ETA:		Page No:			
VEHICLE MANIFEST										
Vessel:	Route Served:		From:	TO:		Master:				
Date:	Vehicle No:		Vunisea	Suva		Mate:				
Batch /No.	Particulars of Goods		Goods Specification (Cartons/ Sacks/ Bags)	Shipper	Consignee	Loading (Port/ Island)	Unloading (Port/ Island)	VEHICLE	Amount \$	Receipt No.
	Item	Qty								
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		Master:		Name		Signature	
Checked by:			Signature		MSAF Officer:		Name		Signature	

