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Government Decree on Fairway Dues

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On the submission of the Ministry of Transport and Communications, the following is decreed by Government decision under the Fairway Dues Act (708/2002) issued on August 16, 2002:

Section 1 - Fairway dues on international traffic

- (1) The single-payment fairway dues referred to in section 7 of the Fairway Dues Act (708/2002) is assessed as a basic payment (bp) and payment units (pu) as follows:

Ice class	under 2000 pu EUR	Net tonnage		10 000 or more	
		2 000-9 999 bp EUR	pu EUR	bp EUR	pu EUR
IA Super	1.68	3 360	1.43	14 800	1.26
IA	3.36	6 720	2.86	29 600	2.52
IB	5.65	11 300	4.81	49 780	4.24
IC	7.55	15 100	6.42	66 460	5.67
II	8.49	16 980	7.22	74 740	6.37
III	9.44	18 880	8.02	83 040	7.08

bp=payment at lower limit of net tonnage

pu=payment per unit of net tonnage above lower limit

- (2) The maximum single payment collected is 109,140 euros.
- (3) The single payment for a ship with no engine is half the ice class III single payment.

Section 2 - Fairway dues on domestic traffic

The annual fairway dues payment referred to in section 8 of the Fairway Dues Act is assessed by multiplying the payment unit – 5 euros 80 cents – by the net tonnage of the ship. A ship with a net tonnage less than 1000 shall, however, pay only half of the payment referred to above.

Section 3 - *Required equipment*

Ships belonging to ice classes IA Super, IA, IB, IC and II must have VHF suitable for use at sea.

Section 4 - *Information and reports required for the purpose of verifying ice classes and issuing ice class certificates*

The shipowner shall provide the Finnish Maritime Administration inspector or an outside inspector authorized by the Administration with the following information and reports for the purpose of approving the ice class of or issuing a ship with an ice class certificate:

- 1) tonnage certificate;
- 2) load line certificate;
- 3) valid class certificate, including annexes, and the report on the previous annual survey, which may not be dated earlier than one year before the date of issuing the ice class certificate;
- 4) the Finnish Maritime Administration decision on the ship's ice class, if issued;
- 5) an official certificate on the ship's engine output, including any restrictions;
- 6) an official certificate or the master's written notification on the ship's deadweight;
- 7) an account of the ship's radio equipment; and
- 8) any other information or reports the inspector deems necessary for the purpose of verifying the ship's ice class or issuing an ice class certificate.

Section 5 - *Ice class draught*

A ship's ice class shall be verified in accordance with the draught stated in its load line certificate corresponding to the net tonnage in its tonnage certificate.

Section 6 - *Integrated tug-barge vessels*

- (1) A combination comprising a push-barge and a push tug with an engine may be considered a single ship with an engine for the purpose of determining ice class, provided that the design of the hulls and the coupling system allow the ship to function as a single ship when navigating in ice.
- (2) Required engine output and hull strengthening are determined on the basis of the total displacement of the integrated tug-barge vessel.
- (3) The integrated tug-barge vessel will be issued with a common ice class certificate. If the push tug is operated separately alone, it must also be issued with a separate ice class certificate and may in such case have a higher ice class.
- (4) When the barge is in ordinary tow on a voyage, it is considered to belong to ice class III.

Section 7 - *Entry into force*

- (1) This Decree will enter into force on September 1, 2002.
- (2) The Decree on the Relief regarding Fairway Dues in the Saimaa Canal and Lake Saimaa (203/1981), issued on March 13, 1981, is repealed by this Decree, as amended.