



LIGHTERAGE ACT 1961
SPECIFICATION OF CHARGES FOR OR IN RELATION TO THE OPERATIONS OF THE LIGHTERAGE SERVICE

Under subsection 5(1) of the *Lighterage Act 1961* —

1. Revoke all previous determinations made under subsection 5(1) of the Act; and
2. Specify that —
 - (1) the charges to be paid for the carriage of cargo by the Lighterage Service by consignees or consignors, or persons who have title to cargo under a bill of lading or document of title, shall be as follows —

<u>General Cargo</u>	
(a)	all cargo not otherwise expressly specified
	\$31.00 per cubic metre or per tonne whichever is the greater
<u>Timber</u>	
(b)	(i) in excess of 3 metres in length
	\$43.00 per cubic metre or per tonne whichever is the greater
	(ii) 3 metres or less in length, provided the importer identifies the cargo to be charged at this rate to the Lighterage Manager at the time the cargo is landed
	\$31.00 per cubic metre or per tonne whichever is the greater
<u>Livestock containers</u>	
(c)	containers (whether occupied or not) for the carriage of —
	(i) equine or bovine animals
	\$93.00 per container
	(ii) animals other than equine or bovine
	\$31.00 per container
<u>Goods in bags</u>	
(d)	the following items contained in bags: flour, bran, pollard, wheatmeal, potatoes, onions, stock food, fertiliser
	\$31.00 per tonne
<u>Backloading of empty collapsible reusable containers</u>	
(e)	
	\$12.80 per cubic metre or per tonne whichever is the greater
 - (2) **Heavy Lift Surcharge**

In addition to the charges referred to in subclause (1), the following heavy lift surcharges shall apply —

<u>Where the individual item of cargo weighs -</u>	<u>Surcharge Payable</u>
2.001 to 2.500 tonnes (inclusive)	\$9.35
2.501 to 3.000 tonnes (inclusive)	\$12.00
3.001 to 3.500 tonnes (inclusive)	\$14.85
3.501 to 4.000 tonnes (inclusive)	\$17.60
4.001 to 4.500 tonnes (inclusive)	\$25.30
4.501 to 5.000 tonnes (inclusive)	\$38.50
5.001 to 6.000 tonnes (inclusive)	\$51.70
6.001 and over	\$61.60

(3) **Length Surcharge**
in addition to the charges referred to in subclauses (1) and (2), a length surcharge shall apply at the rate of \$3.50 per metre on each complete metre by which cargo exceeds 12 metres in length; and

(4) **Double Lighters**
where cargo is of a nature, size or weight that requires its carriage by two lighters joined together, the charge payable is twice the charges referred to in subclauses (1), (2) and (3) that would otherwise be payable.

3. Specify that the charges to be paid by carriers in respect of employees within the Lighterage Service shall be as follows —

(a) **Penalty Rates**

Monday to Friday	- more than 8 hours worked in a day	\$13.65 per hour
Saturday	- less than 8 hours worked in a day	\$13.65 per hour
Saturday	- more than 8 hours worked in a day	\$17.00 per hour
Sunday and Public Holidays	-	\$17.00 per hour

(b) **Waiting Time**
Paid for the period when a machinery on board the vessel or rain prevents discharge \$13.65 per hour

(c) **Standby Time**

(i) Paid for the period of standby when the vessel fails to arrive at the advised time and labour is asked to standby \$17.00 per hour

(ii) Paid for the period of standby when the first inspection of sea conditions is unfavourable and labour is asked to standby until a second broadcast is made \$17.00 per hour

(d) **Callout Time**
Paid for the period when labour is called for work but sea conditions prevent discharge – subject to a minimum of 4 hours being paid \$17.00 per hour

4. Specify that the charge to be paid by carriers for the carriage of passengers by the Lighterage Service shall be \$264 for such lighterage of passengers as is reasonably required in relation to each call of a ship to Norfolk Island.

5. Specify that the charge to be paid by carriers when less than 300 tonnes is required to be lightered by the Lighterage Service shall be the difference between the actual tonnage handled and 300 tonnes multiplied by \$14.50. This charge is in addition to any other charges specified in this instrument.

6. **NOTES**

1. Section 7 of the Act provides that the Administration may, without giving any reason for so doing, refuse to lighter any cargo;
2. In order not to exceed the maximum safe carrying capacity of lighters, importers are advised that a maximum load limit of 4 tonnes is normally applied in respect of any single item of cargo to be lightered. If an importer requests the Administration to lighter a single item of cargo weighing more than 4 tonnes, this will be considered and if agreed to will be subject to such goods being lightered at the owner's risk.
3. Section 8 of the Act provides that the Administration, Administrator or an executive member shall not be liable for any loss of or damage to cargo handled by the Lighterage Service during the conduct of the Lighterage Service.