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CHARGES FOR INDIGENOUS PORT FACILITIES FURNISHED
TO FOREIGN VESSELS IN JAPANESE PORTS

1. Reference. Schedule of Rates for Port Facilities in Japanese Ports, 1 August 1947.

2. Purpose. The purpose of this circular is to announce the policy regarding charges for port facilities furnished from Japanese sources to all vessels of foreign government registry, ownership or operation that use Japanese ports.

3. Definitions. The following definitions of terms are applicable only to the policy herein:

a. Port facilities include all labor, material, equipment and supplies that are used or consumed in the movement of a vessel into and out of a harbor, and in handling cargo for the vessel. These facilities are categorized into the following three groups:

- (1) Repairs and Supplies include bunkers, subsistence, spare parts, material and labor for repairs, and all other supplies furnished to vessels.
- (2) Cargo Handling includes all labor, equipment and supplies required to shift cargo on the vessel and to discharge and load cargo between the vessel and the pier, and cleaning holds.
- (3) Port Entry and Ship Services include pilotage, quarantine, immigration clearance, tonnage dues, consular clearance, bills of health, wharfage, buoy hire, shifting of vessels, line handling, garbage disposal, watchmen, berthing, water and tuggage.

b. A Foreign Government is any government other than the Japanese Government.

c. Occupation Cargo includes:

- (1) Occupation Force Cargo. Cargo for the support of the occupation forces.
- (2) Civilian Relief Cargo. Cargo imported for the Japanese Government for relief of the Japanese population, including cargo for prevention of disease and unrest.

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d. Commercial Cargo. All cargo other than occupation cargo, including reparations cargo.

e. Mixed Cargo. includes both occupation and commercial cargo.

4. Schedule of Rates. Charges for port facilities, other than repairs and supplies, will be computed in accordance with Schedule of rates for Port Facilities at Japanese Ports, 1 August 1947, or as subsequently revised. Copies of this schedule may be secured upon application to the Commanding General, Eighth Army, Attention: Transportation Section. Charges for repairs and supplies will be evaluated by the Commanding General, Eighth Army, in accordance with current procedures.

5. Effective Date. Effective 1 January 1948, reimbursement will be made to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers for port facilities furnished to vessels using Japanese ports, for each port of call, as outlined below,

6. All charges will be made against an operator or authorized agent, or government, whichever is appropriate, by one of the following methods:

- a. Directly against an operator or authorized agent, or
- b. Through the government of registry, against an operator or authorized agent, or
- c. Against a government.

7. Port Facilities Furnished to Commercial Vessels. Reimbursement for port facilities furnished to commercial vessels will be made by an operator or authorized agent to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers as follows:

- a. When a vessel carries only occupation cargo, for the cost of all repairs and supplies.
- b. When a vessel carries only commercial cargo, for the cost of all port facilities furnished.
- c. When a vessel carries mixed cargo:
 - (1) For all repairs and supplies.
 - (2) For Cargo handling of commercial cargo.
 - (3) For port entry and ship service for the account of commercial cargo as follows:

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- (a) The total charges for port entry and ship services will be computed as prescribed in paragraph 4.
- (b) The percentage of commercial cargo to be discharged and loaded at each port, based on the total of cargo (occupation and commercial) to be discharged and loaded at the same port, will be computed. For the purpose of establishing distribution of charges, each passenger will be considered the equivalent of 20 revenue tons of cargo.
- (c) The charges to be assessed for the account of commercial cargo will be that percentage of the total amount of charges for port entry and ship services which corresponds to the percentage of commercial cargo as computed in accordance with paragraph 7C (3) (b).

8. Port Facilities Furnished to Vessels Operated or Owned and Operated by Foreign Governments which are Members of the Far Eastern Commission. a. When a vessel carries only occupation cargo, port facilities will be furnished without reimbursement to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

b. Reimbursement for port facilities furnished these vessels will be made by such foreign governments to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers follows:

- (1) When a vessel carries only commercial cargo, for the cost of all port facilities furnished.
- (2) When a vessel carries mixed cargo, for those facilities as prescribed in paragraph 7c.

9. Port Facilities Furnished to Vessels Operated or Owned and Operated by Foreign Governments which are not Members of the Far Eastern Commission. Reimbursement for port facilities furnished these vessels will be made by such foreign governments to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers in the same manner as prescribed for commercial vessels, as set forth in paragraph 7a, b and c.

10. Port Facilities furnished to Vessels in Cases of Emergency Calls at Japanese Ports. Reimbursement for all port facilities furnished, except tonnage dues, will be made by the owner or operator to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers.

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11. Implementation. Procedures and instructions to implement the provisions of this circular, consistent with established policies governing shipping in Japanese waters will be published by the Commanding General, Eighth Army.

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