



MARITIME EMPLOYERS ASSOCIATION ASSOCIATION DES EMPLOYEURS MARITIMES

December 15, 2021

CIRCULAR LETTER #2157

TO: All Members of the Maritime Employers Association

SUBJECT: Port of Montréal Fees - Effective January 1, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Association, at their December 2, 2021 meeting, agreed to increase the hourly fees rate on passenger vessels to \$12.38 for work covered by Montréal's Collective Agreements: an indexation equivalent to 3%. This new rate will be effective on January 1, 2022.

This letter will constitute a notice of amendment of the Association's fees. For all vessels in the Port of Montréal, including Contrecoeur, commencing to load or unload on or after January 1, 2022, the respective rates, rules and definitions are as follows:

Type of cargo	Metric Weight Ton 2,204.6 lbs.	Metric Ton Measure 1 cubic meter
Conventional	\$3.30	\$2.65
Conventional cargo in technologically advanced vessels	\$4.63	\$3.71
Modular Homes or Heavy Equipment in conventional vessels	\$16.54	
Containers	\$3.60	
Modular Homes or Heavy Equipment in technologically advanced vessels		\$23.15
Grain	\$0.19	
Bulk	\$0.36	
Automobiles in technologically advanced vessels		\$4.24 / unit
Automobiles in conventional vessels	\$3.01 / unit	
Coastal container cargo	\$3.60	
Coastal conventional cargo	\$3.30	

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Military Vehicles:	Military vehicles less than 1,815 kg	\$16.86/unit
	Military vehicles from 1,815 kg to 2,725 kg	\$35.36/unit
	Military vehicles greater than 2,725 kg (subject to a \$45.91 minimum per vehicle)	\$5.86/metric tonne

Hourly Fee **Vessels** - \$0.80 per worker/hour worked for labour covered under collective agreements with Local 375, Longshoremen and Local 1657, Checkers.

Hourly Fee **Passenger Vessel** - \$12.38 per worker/hour worked on passenger vessels for labour covered under collective agreements with Local 375, Longshoremen and Local 1657, Checkers.

Special Fee **Weekend Work Shifts** - \$500.00 per worker/shift worked on the vessel operations for labour covered under collective agreements with Local 375, Longshoremen and Local 1657, Checkers.

This weekend work fee is to be applied on the following shifts ("Weekend Work Shifts"):

- Saturday night from 23:00 to 07:00
- Sunday from 07:00 to 15:00
- Sunday from 15:00 to 23:00
- Sunday night from 23:00 to Monday 07:00

This Special Fee only applies to Vessel Operations; Ground Operations are excluded.

The MEA tonne for conventional cargo is in accordance with Montréal Port Authority Notice N-2 which is per 1,000 kilograms or one (1) cubic meter.

The MEA tonne for containerized cargo is on the basis of 1,000 kilograms.

The MEA fee for Modular Homes and Heavy Equipment is defined as per weight tonne of 1,000 kilograms. The rate is developed in conformity with a Montréal Port Authority rate of five (5) times the conventional rate per weight tonne.

In order to determine and identify the different cargoes handled, the following definitions will prevail:

Container cargo: Cargo in any I.S.O. container received in any type of vessel or shipped in any type of vessel.

Conventional cargo: Cargo loaded and unloaded on and from conventional vessels, generally known as breakbulk cargo.

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Conventional cargo on technologically advanced vessels:	Cargo other than above carried in roll-on/roll-off vessels and cargo carried in other technologically advanced vessels defined by the Maritime Employers Association.
Bulk grain:	Grain delivered from an elevator.
Bulk cargo:	Bulk solids handled mechanically such as sugar, ore, etc.
Automobiles:	Automobiles and farm tractors not exceeding 2,725 kilograms in weight on wheels.
Modular Homes or Heavy Equipment:	Set-up and K.D. modular homes, rail and subway cars, rolling or floating industrial equipment, large agricultural equipment.
Coastal container cargo:	Coastal cargo in any I.S.O. container received in any type of vessel or shipped in any type of vessel.
Coastal conventional cargo:	Coastal cargo not defined as coastal container cargo.

Fees are payable only once from harbour, except goods that:

- a) are removed from and later re-shipped over Montréal Port Authority property,
- or
- b) are re-shipped over Montréal Port Authority property after being altered in form or composition on Montréal Port Authority property.

Fees are not payable on cargo discharged from self-unloading vessels at a port in the Province of Québec having been loaded at another port in the Province of Québec (intra-provincial cargo).

The party responsible for the payment of all fees will be the company who pays the stevedoring contractor.

The responsibility for the collection and remittance to the MEA of all fees will be with the vessel's agent except in the case of F.I.O. shipments where special arrangements, as outlined below, will be made.

Certain regular F.I.O. shippers have been approved to pay fees directly to the Association, based on a letter of understanding signed with the Association.

Where a member of the MEA is acting as agent for the cargo interest involved on F.I.O. shipments, then, in such cases, that agent will be responsible for the collection and remittance of fees.

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With respect to other F.I.O. shipments, the contracting stevedore and vessel's agents will both be required to notify the Association prior to the handling of the cargo involved so that arrangements can be made to ensure the collection of fees. This will take the form of either:

- (i) the shipper signs a letter of understanding with the Association, in which case such a shipper will be added to the list referred to above;
- or,
- (ii) the shipper placing the Association in funds for the estimated fees prior to work commencing.

In the case of non-member agents handling cargo in the Port of Montréal, the contracting stevedore will be required to notify the Association prior to the handling of these vessels so that arrangements can be made to ensure the collection of fees. The non-member will be required to place the Association in funds for the estimated fee prior to work commencing.

Under current rules, export cargo is to be paid within seven (7) days of completion of the vessel, while import cargo is billed directly from this office.

The terms of payments for both import and export cargo are within seven (7) days of completion of the vessel, and we would ask you to continue as heretofore to send in your tonnage declaration and cheque within the seven-day period.

The collection procedure includes an interest penalty of 1.5% per month, or part thereof, to be charged in those instances where members exceed the prescribed time limit.

This circular cancels Circular Letter No. 2134 dated April 14, 2020.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Chantal Lefebvre'.

Chantal Lefebvre
Treasurer

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