

On Transit dues for VLCCs that  
lighten part of their cargos into medium size tankers at Sidi Krair  
and transit Suez Canal southbound with lighter ships

Laden VLCCs that cannot use the Suez Canal at present, and go round the Cape route with their oil cargos, loaded in Algeria and in Mediterranean ports west of Algeria, as well as the North Sea and North West Europe, are now invited to go through the Suez Canal by unloading part of their cargo at Arab Petroleum Pipelines Co.( Sumed ) storage tanks in Sidi Krair, where the unloaded amount can be loaded into a medium size tanker, whereby the two tankers ( the VLCC and the medium size tanker ) can then transit the Canal southbound. The smaller tanker shall discharge the oil in Sukhna to be reloaded to the VLCC, and shall return in ballast through the Suez Canal northbound.

In this scenario the two tankers shall be treated as shown below:-

**Article One:**

Transit dues shall be calculated as follows:

- A charge of US\$ 0.70 per each ton of crude oil on both tankers (the VLCC and the lighter vessel) shall be levied, with a minimum charge of US\$ 200.000 for the trip when the World scale Rate is 35 points or less.
- If the World scale Rate is above 35 points the transit dues shall be increased by an extra US\$ 0.05 (five cents) for each ton of crude oil against each extra point.
- Charges for escort tugboats and any other charges shall be applied as per the Suez Canal Rules of Navigation and relevant circulars.
- The lighter vessel shall be exempted from transit dues on its northbound return trip provided it is ballast and the return trip is made right after the discharge operation at Sukhna Port and within ten days of its loaded trip.

**Article Two:**

1 - Sumed has to notify the SCA of the following a good time in advance:-

- Names and specs of the two tankers, as well as the port of lading .
- A document that shows the monthly average for World scale Rate of the VLCCs.

2 – Ships that transit the Canal shall present the following documents:

- A certificate from the port of lading for the VLCC showing dates of arrival and departure and the amount of cargo.
- A certificate showing the amount of cargo that had been discharged at Sidi Krair.
- A certificate showing the amount of cargo that had been loaded into the medium size tanker at Sidi Krair.
- A certificate showing the amount of cargo that had been discharged from the medium size tanker at Sukhna (on her return ballast trip).

**Article Three:**

This circular takes effect as of its issue date and shall remain valid on an experimental basis until Dec. 31st 2013

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