

**MERCHANT SHIPPING (VARIATION OF
REGISTRATION AND ANNUAL FEES) ORDER**

S.I. 86/2010

(SECTION 17)

[Commencement 28th July, 2010]

1. This Order may be cited as the Merchant Shipping (Variation of Registration and Annual Fees) Order. Citation.

2. In this Order — Interpretation.

“Act” means the Merchant Shipping Act;

“initial inspection” means the first inspection carried out by an inspector appointed under section 169 of the Act;

“in the same ownership” shall include ships owned by different bodies corporate where the owning bodies are themselves in the same ownership. For the purpose of establishing that ships are in the same ownership an affidavit of ownership by the parent body shall be required;

“net tonnage” means the net tonnage shown or to be shown on the certificate of registry and ascertained in accordance with the Merchant Shipping (Tonnage) Regulations.

3. (1)¹ For every ship registered as a Bahamian ship, the registration fee payable under subsection (1) of section 17 of the Act shall be as follows — Registration fees.

DESCRIPTION	\$
(a) for ships of 2,000 net tonnage or less.....	NIL
(b) for ships of not less than 2,001 net tonnage but not more than 5,000 net tonnage.....	NIL
(c) for ships of not less than 5,001 net tonnage but not more than 25,000; net tonnage.....	NIL
(d) for ships of 25,001 net tonnage or over.....	NIL
(e) for non-commercial yachts.....	NIL
(f) for commercial yachts.....	NIL.

(2)² For every ship registered as a Bahamian ship, the registration fee payable under subsection (1) of section 17 of the Act shall be as follows —

¹ Paragraph 3(1) comes into force on 1st August 2010 and expires on 31st July 2011.

² Paragraph 3(2) comes into force on the expiration of Paragraph 3(1).

DESCRIPTION	\$
(a) for ships of 2,000 net tonnage or less.....	\$2,000
(b) for ships of not less than 2,001 net tonnage but not more than 1,000 net tonnage.....	\$1 per net ton
(c) for ships of not less than 5,001 net tonnage but not more than 25,000 net tonnage.....	\$3,750 plus \$0.25 per net ton
(d) for ships of 25,001 net tonnage or over.....	\$12,000
(e) for non-commercial yachts.....	\$1,500
(f) for commercial yachts.....	\$1,500.

(3) Where a ship is first entered into the register within five years of the date of completion of her first construction the registration fee as calculated shall be reduced by thirty-three and one-third *per centum*.

Registration fees
by same owner.

4. (1) Where three or more but less than ten ships in the same ownership are registered at the same time the registration fee as calculated under paragraph 3, shall be reduced by thirty-three and one-third *per centum*, provided that the completion of the first construction of all such ships occurred not more than twelve years before the date of registration of the ships.

(2) Where three or more but less than ten ships in the same ownership are registered at the same time and where the total net tonnage of such ships are more than 50,000 net tonnage the registration fee as calculated under paragraph 3, shall be reduced by thirty-three and one-third *per centum*, provided that an initial inspection has been satisfactorily completed on all the ships.

(3) Where ten or more ships but less than twenty ships in the same ownership are registered at the same time the registration fee as calculated under paragraph 3, shall be reduced by fifty *per centum* provided that the completion of the first construction of all ships occurred not more than twelve years before the date of registration of the ships.

(4) Where ten or more ships but less than twenty ships in the same ownership are registered at the same time and where the total net tonnage of the ships is more than 100,000 net tonnage the registration fee as calculated under paragraph 3, shall be reduced by fifty *per centum* provided that an initial inspection has been satisfactorily completed on all the ships.

(5) Where twenty or more ships in the same ownership are registered at the same time the registration fee as calculated under paragraph 3, shall be reduced by sixty *per centum* provided that the completion of the first construction of all such ships occurred not more than twelve years before the date of registration of the ships.

(6) Where twenty or more ships in the same ownership are registered at the same time and where the net tonnage of the ships is more than 200,000 net tonnage the registration fee as calculated under paragraph 3, shall be reduced by sixty *per centum* provided that an initial inspection has been satisfactorily completed on all of the ships.

(7) Where three or more ships are entered in the register within a period of twelve months they shall be deemed to have been entered in the register at the same time for the purpose of sub-paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) and (6).

(8) Notwithstanding paragraph 3(3) and paragraphs 4(1) to (6), no reduction shall be made in respect of a vessel of less than 500 net tonnage.

(9) Where a registration fee has been reduced under any one of sub-paragraphs (1) to (6), it shall not be further reduced under the terms of any other paragraph.

5³. (1) For a ship registered as a Bahamian ship, the annual fee payable in accordance with subsection (2) of section 17 of the Act shall be as follows —

Annual fees

DESCRIPTION	\$
(a) for ships of 2,000 net tonnage or less....	\$2,552
(b) for ships of not less than 2,001 net tonnage but not more than 5,000 net tonnage.....	\$2,155 plus \$0.20 per net ton
(c) for ships of not less than 5,001 net tonnage but not more than 25,000 net tonnage.....	\$2,305 plus \$0.17 per net ton
(d) for ships of 25,001 net tonnage or over..	\$2,305 plus \$0.17 per net ton
(e) for non-commercial yachts.....	\$700.00
(f) for commercial yachts.....	\$1,000 plus \$ 0.20 per net ton.

³ Paragraph 5 comes into force on 1st January 2011.

(2) For every home trade ship or ship not engaged in commercial trade, the annual fee shall be as follows —

DESCRIPTION	\$
(a) for home trade ships of 2,000 net tonnage or less.....	\$725
(b) for home trade ships of not less than 2001 net tonnage.....	\$600 plus \$0.13 per net ton
(c) for ships not engaged in commercial Trade.....	\$700.

6. *Repealed.*

7. *Repealed.*