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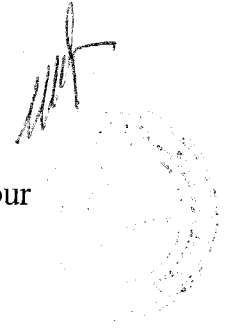
Dear Colleague,

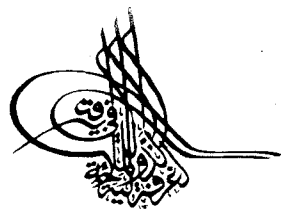
Further to our letter reference nr. 4776/2019/177 dated 16/1/2019, please find attached the free translation of "Directorate General of Land & Maritime Transport" circular ref nr. 428/6 dated 15/1/2019, relating to the "Clarification of inspection fees, on foreign vessels calling Beirut Port, charged by the Port State Control on commercial vessels in Lebanese Ports".

Best regards,

President

Elie E. Zakhour





Free translation

Nr. 428/6

Dated 15/1/2019

Messrs.: International Chamber of Navigation of Beirut

**Subject:** Clarification of inspection fees, on foreign vessels calling Beirut port, charged by the Port State Control on commercial vessels in Lebanese ports.

With reference to your inquiry on the above mentioned subject, please note the following:

1-The inspection of the foreign vessels calling Lebanese Ports is carried by the Port State Control in the General Directorate of Land and transport qualified to inspect and control the commercial vessels at Lebanese Ports , in order to enhance the maritime safety procedures , protect the marine environment and ameliorate the conditions of works on board of vessels, as per the requirements of The International maritime conventions as well as the requirements of Paris Memorandum of understanding " Paris MOU " and the Med countries memorandum of understanding "Med MOU" to regarding port controls.

2-the first inspection of vessels carrying out by the Port State Control is charge free if no defects are detected.

If the first inspection of vessel reveals the existence of any defects that may affect the safety of the vessels or the crew or may cause pollution to the marine environment and imposes the re-inspection of the vessel to ascertain of the reparation of these defects, then the Port State Control will charge an inspection fees for this 2<sup>nd</sup> inspection

3- The inspection fee on foreign vessels was fixed for a lump sum amount of \$ 350,- since October 25<sup>th</sup> 2012 and has been amended on October 26<sup>th</sup> 2018 to become \$ 400, with an increase of \$ 50,-noting that this fee is charged on the inspection following the first one as earlier clarified.

Kindly circulate this notice to all shipping agents.

General Director of Land and Maritime transport

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