

L.N. 108 of 2023**PORTS AND SHIPPING ACT
(CAP. 352)****AUTHORITY FOR TRANSPORT IN MALTA ACT
(CAP. 499)****Towage (Tariff of Rates) (Amendment) Regulations, 2023**

IN EXERCISE of the powers conferred by article 27 of the Ports and Shipping Act and article 43 of the Authority for Transport in Malta Act, the Minister responsible for transport, after consultation with the Authority for Transport in Malta, has made the following regulations:-

Citation and
commencement.
S.L. 499.49.

1. (1) The title of these regulations is the Towage (Tariff of Rates) (Amendment) Regulations, 2023 and these regulations shall be read and construed as one with the Towage (Tariff of Rates) Regulations, hereinafter referred to as "the principal regulations".

(2) These regulations shall come into force on 1st June 2023.

Amends the
Schedule to the
principal
regulations.

2. The Schedule to the principal regulations shall be amended as follows:

(a) the rates stipulated immediately before the notes thereof shall be substituted by the following new rates:

"Rates per tug per hour or part thereof

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
	Normal rates (<i>vide</i> note 2)	Rates applicable between 6 p.m. of one day and 6 a.m. of the next following day and at any time on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays (<i>vide</i> note 3)
	€	€
For vessels up to 3,000 gross tons (gt)	315	435

For vessels of gross tons		
(gt) between:		
3,001 and 6,000	395	570
6,001 and 10,000	500	720
10,001 and 13,000	600	865
13,001 and 16,000	700	1,015
16,001 and 20,000	855	1,235
20,001 and 24,000	985	1,435
24,001 and 35,000	1,120	1,630
35,001 and 45,000	1,215	1,785
45,001 and 60,000	1,335	1,965
60,001 and 80,000	1,480	2,195
80,001 and 100,000	1,630	2,415
100,001 and 150,000	1,755	2,585
150,001 and 200,000	1,920	2,835
For vessels exceeding 200,000 gross tons (gt)	2,085	3,090".

(b) the proviso to note (2) thereof shall be substituted by the following new proviso:

"Provided that when additional tugs are required over and above the tugs continuously manned in the Grand Harbour, Valletta, Malta or Port of Marsaxlokk, Malta respectively, the charges for the additional tugs required shall be computed at the rates in Column 3 or the charges computed at the rates in Column 2 increased by €385 per tug, whichever rate is the greater.";

(c) note (3) thereof shall be substituted by the following new note:

"(3) For services given between 6 p.m. of one day and 6 p.m. of the next following day or at any time on a Saturday, Sunday or another public holiday, either the charges computed at the rates under Column 3 or the charges computed at the rates under Column 2 increased by €755 per tug shall apply, whichever rate is the greater.";

(d) the first paragraph and the first proviso to note (6) thereof shall be substituted by the following:

"(6) The rates payable for the assistance of disabled vessels shall be increased by fifty per cent, subject to a minimum of €1,500 per tug for vessels up to 3,000 gross

tons (gt) and subject to a minimum of €2,520 per tug for vessels exceeding 3,000 gross tons (gt):

Provided that this additional charge shall not apply to non self-propelled barges and other vessels, both under forty-five (45) metres in length."; and

(e) note (7) thereof shall be substituted by the following new note:

"(7) Without prejudice to the provisions of regulation 4, when an additional tug is ordered for service over and above the tugs continuously manned in the Grand Harbour, Valletta, Malta or Port of Marsaxlokk, Malta respectively, at any time, without being given prior notice of at least four (4) hours, an additional charge of €500 per tug shall be charged."
