

Dear Customer,

I am writing to advise you that the published Port Charges for the Port of Sheerness have been reviewed by the Statutory Harbour Authority for the year 2021.

As you will note the last year has presented the Port and indeed the whole industry with a number of challenges in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, namely reduced maritime activity and significantly increased operating costs. During 2020 and in our activity planning for 2021 we continue to ensure the Authority is COVID secure and that we deliver the highest level of maritime safety whilst importantly continuing our further capital investment programmes underpinning the PMSC (Port Marine Safety Code) and the service provision to our valued customers.

With effect from 1 January 2021, charges for vessels and goods, pilotage, quay/special rent and other sundry charges will be adjusted by an underlying increase of approximately **1.8%**, which is below the cost projected increases but reflective of the wider economic environment.

Additionally, the Pilots' National Pension Fund (PNPF) supplement applied to pilotage charges will be increased by **1.0%** effective from 1 January 2021 in response to the pension liabilities incurred by the Authority, supporting a deficit surcharge of 24%.

The Peel Ports Group has also taken this annual review as an opportunity to further standardise, where possible, the structure of the schedules of Port Charges across its various ports.

The revised schedule of Port Charges will be published on or before the 01<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

Thank you for your continued custom and support.

For and on behalf of The Port of Sheerness

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