



**AMENDMENT TO REGULATION NO. 9356 OF JANUARY 28, 2022 ENTITLED "TARIFF AND
USE REGULATIONS OF THE PORT OF PONCE"**

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Section 1. LEGAL BASIS AND PURPOSE

1.1 Legal Basis.

This amendment is adopted pursuant to the powers granted by Act 240 of December 12, 2011, as amended by Act 156 of December 19, 2013, known as the "Ponce Port Authority Act".

1.2 Purpose.

The purpose of this amendment is to modify the policy applicable to the collection of dockage fees for vessels considered combat, research, or training vessels, including auxiliary vessels of the United States of America or of any other nation, as well as vessels belonging to the Government of Puerto Rico and its instrumentalities.

Through this amendment, it is established that vessels that remain docked for a period greater than twenty-four (24) hours and up to two (2) days or more shall be exempt from payment of the dockage fee corresponding to the first twenty-four (24) hours of their arrival, with said fee beginning to accrue from that moment. Conversely, those vessels whose stay in the port is twenty-four (24) hours or less shall be subject to payment of the applicable dockage fee from the moment of their arrival.

Section 2. Amendments

Section 7, subsection 7.1 of the "Tariff and Use Regulations of the Port of Ponce" is amended to read as follows:

7.1 Mooring or Dockage ("Dockage").

Any vessel that docks at a pier or other Port facility or anchors or moors to another vessel that has docked at the Port shall pay a dockage fee or in accordance with the charges established in these Regulations.

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The dockage fee ("dockage") shall not be imposed in the following cases:

- To a vessel...
- ...
- Passenger or tourist vessels that begin cruise services using the facilities of the Port of Ponce are excluded from payment of the dockage fee on their inaugural voyage, provided that the vessel is engaged in tourist operations. Any vessel undergoing maintenance or other logistical activities shall be considered a vessel

in service. This exemption shall be valid for up to a maximum of six (6) additional calls, after having made a minimum of twelve prior calls. In the case of vessels that use the Port of Ponce as a base port ("Home Port"), the extension of the exemption shall be determined by consensus between the Administration of the Port Authority and the Proponent. It should be noted that this exemption is not applicable if the vessel, which previously used the Port facilities, changes agent, owner, or name.

Section 11, subsection 11.1 of the "Tariff and Use Regulations of the Port of Ponce" is amended to read as follows:

10.1- Miscellaneous Services

Water – Fresh water shall be provided to vessels for a charge per cubic meter plus an administrative charge of twenty percent (20%). The Port shall use the average charge per cubic meter billed by the Puerto Rico Aqueduct and Sewer Authority during the previous three months, All hoses and/or water pipes provided by the vessels shall be free of leaks.

11.1 Rates and charges.

The charges established in the following table shall be effective on the effective date ("Effective Date") and according to the schedule set forth below:

Use of Cranes

Rental Charge

1. Port Cranes (STS) ZPMC per hour, with a minimum of 4 hours of loading and unloading containers	\$800.00
General cargo, per hour, minimum of 2 hours.	\$800.00
2. Mobile crane (Gottwald) per hour, with a minimum of 4 hours loading and unloading containers.....	\$600.00
General cargo on dock, land operations, per hour, a Minimum of 2 hours.	\$600.00

Section 3. Effective Date

This amendment shall take effect immediately.

In Ponce, Puerto Rico, this 17th day of August 2026.



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