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Information regarding shipping dues

In its three year plan, the Swedish Maritime Administration (SMA) announced an increase of the pilotage dues as from 1 July 2005 with 10 per cent as a part of the ongoing shift of the shipping dues system. The motive is to increase the cost coverage for the pilotage activities and to reduce the cross subsidization between the fairway and pilotage dues. The increase of the pilotage dues enters into force on 1 July 2005. After this rise, the cost coverage for pilotage has been calculated to about 65-70 per cent. No further increase of the pilotage dues is foreseen during the next few years.

In connection with the change in the fairway dues system that entered into force on 1 January 2005, the SMA pointed out that the lower due level, that compared with the proposal in the official report was decided on for ferries, was to be considered as an advance payment for the decrease of the fairway dues that was planned to coincide with the increase of the pilotage dues from 1 July 2005. At the moment, it is difficult to assess the state of the market and the development of shipping, and there are still uncertainties as regards the effects of the changed system for fairway dues. In these circumstances, the SMA judges that a further reduction of the cargo based fairway due cannot be decided on at present.

However, the SMA will follow the development closely, and will later this year consider again the matter of a further reduction of the cargo based fairway due.

In line with the so-called Lake Vänern Agreement, the shipping on the Lake Vänern is exempted from the increase of the pilotage dues.

The ordering fees that are charged according to 7-10 §§ in the regulations of the SMA (SJÖFS 2004:10) regarding pilotage dues have also been risen with 10 percent. The corresponding rebates that are allowed in case of late

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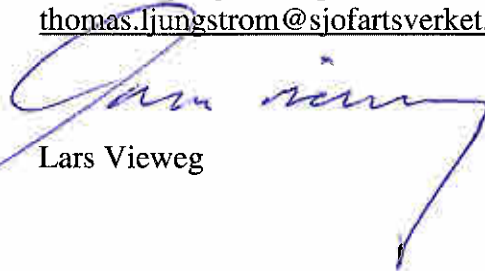
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arrival of the pilot in relation to the starting time agreed upon, has likewise been rised with 10 percent.

The new regulations are available at our homepage www.sjofartsverket.se.

A ready-reckoner for the calculation of pilotage dues is enclosed.

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