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Port Management Act 1995

APPROVAL OF WHARFAGE FEES AND CHANNEL FEES DETERMINED BY PORTS VICTORIA

Order in Council

The Governor in Council Orders that –

- (1) under section 74AB(b) of the **Port Management Act 1995** the wharfage fees determined by Ports Victoria for all cargoes, including empty containers, loaded on or discharged from vessels or between vessels in Ports Victoria managed areas within the port of Melbourne contained in Schedule One to this Order are approved as approved wharfage fees; and
- (2) under section 74AB(c) of the **Port Management Act 1995** –
 - (a) the channel fees (other than an anchorage fee) determined by Ports Victoria for the use of the channels in the port of Geelong waters contained in Schedule Two to this Order that are approved as approved channel fees; and
 - (b) the channel fees (other than an anchorage fee) determined by Ports Victoria for the use of the channels in the port of Hastings waters contained in Schedule Three to this Order are approved as approved channel fees.

This Order comes into effect on 1 July 2026.

Dated: 2 June 2026

Responsible Minister:

THE HON MELISSA HORNE MP
Minister for Ports and Freight

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Clerk of the Executive Council

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Schedule One
Wharfage fees
Ports Victoria managed areas within the port of Melbourne

Wharfage fees	GST exclusive	GST	GST inclusive
Containerised¹ – \$ per TEU²			
Full – outward	115.86	11.59	127.45
Full – inward	149.87	14.99	164.86
Full – Bass Strait ³	93.62	9.36	102.98
Empty (including nested units) ⁴	22.32	2.23	24.55
Empty (return of materials) ^{4 & 5}	44.64	4.46	49.10
Non-containerised/general – \$ per tonne or cubic metre⁶	3.61	0.36	3.97
Motor vehicles – \$ per tonne or cubic metre^{6, 7 & 8}	4.08	0.41	4.49
Liquid bulk – \$ per tonne or cubic metre	5.45	0.55	6.00
Dry bulk – \$ per tonne			
Outward	3.12	0.31	3.43
Inward	4.34	0.43	4.77
Transshipment⁹			
Standard charge – 35% of the rate published in the above table			

Notes

¹ Tautliners, Tassieliners and Straightliners up to and including 2.9 m in height are charged as containerised. Cargo carrying units in excess of 2.9 m in height are charged as non-containerised cargo.

² TEU = Twenty-foot Equivalent Unit (6.1 m). Non-standard length containers are calculated on a pro rata basis.

³ Bass Strait cargo is defined as cargo that is loaded/unloaded from a port in Tasmania.

⁴ Except those on dedicated Bass Strait services, which will not be charged for empties/empties return containers.

⁵ Cargo carrying unit that only contains reusable packaging or dunnage.

⁶ Charges are based on the greater of weight or volume of the cargo.

⁷ Motor vehicles includes all vehicles new and second-hand primarily designed for the transportation of passengers or goods. It includes special purpose vehicles such as ambulances, firefighting, police and breakdown vehicles, mobile cranes, road sweepers and concrete mixers.

⁸ Motor vehicles excludes:

- (i) all agricultural, earthmoving and construction machinery including tractors, cultivators, harvesters, balers, mowers, rollers, bulldozers, scrapers, excavators, and shovel loaders
- (ii) accompanied passenger vehicles.

⁹ Transshipment cargo is defined as cargo that is unloaded from one vessel in the port and reloaded for export on another vessel. Transshipment port fee rates are applicable in respect of cargo which is transhipped from the port within 90 days of being discharged. The appropriate transshipment port fee rate will be separately charged on both the inward and outward movements. Beyond 90 days, normal rates apply for both inward and outward cargo movements. Goods must be transhipped in the same cargo carrying unit for the transshipment port fee rates to apply.

Schedule Two
Channel fees (excluding anchorage fees)
Port of Geelong

Geelong channel fees	GST exclusive	GST	GST inclusive
Normal channel fees			
Vessels – \$ per gross tonnage (GT)	0.5144	0.0514	0.5658
Reduced channel fees			
Vessels for bunkering only – \$ per GT	0.2572	0.0257	0.2829
Vessels with multiple visits within 7 days – \$ per GT	0.2572	0.0257	0.2829
Vessels visiting berths at Geelong and Melbourne on the same journey – \$ per GT	0.2572	0.0257	0.2829
Excess draught charges			
All vessels – \$ per cm exceeding 10.5 m maximum summer draught ¹	229.75	22.97	252.72
Exempt vessels (no channel fees)			
Tugs based in port of Geelong			
Vessels less than 200 GT			
Royal Australian Navy (RAN) and the approved guests of the RAN, cadet, and training vessels			
Other vessels under special circumstances ²			

Notes

¹ The maximum summer draught is the vertical distance in metres measured from the lowest point of a ship's hull to the summer load line. The maximum summer draught is as detailed in Lloyds Register or similar.

² Subject to specific approval by Ports Victoria in advance (e.g. second transit under MARPOL regulations).

Schedule Three
Channel fees (excluding anchorage fees)
Port of Hastings

Hastings channel fees	GST exclusive	GST	GST inclusive
Normal channel fees			
Vessels – \$ per gross tonnage (GT)	0.6112	0.0611	0.6723
Exempt vessels (no channel fees)			
Tugs based in Westernport			
Vessels less than 200 GT			
Royal Australian Navy (RAN) and the approved guests of the RAN, cadet, and training vessels			
Other vessels under special circumstances ¹			

Notes

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