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The Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt in Sofia presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria, Middle East and Africa Directorate, and within the aim of the Egyptian Ministry of Transport to attract shipping lines and global maritime alliances towards various Egyptian ports through the Suez Canal in order to achieve competitive advantage in favour of the Egyptian ports.

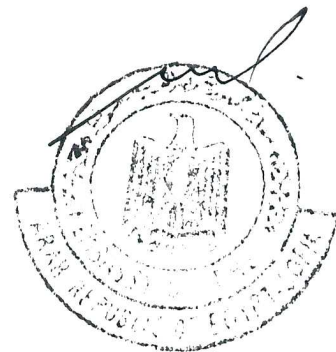
The Embassy has the honour to attach herewith copy of the Minister of Transport decree concerning reducing the fees for the services provided to vessels at Egyptian ports, the usage fee of the fixed and floating facilities and constructions of the Port Authorities and the Egyptian Authority for Maritime safety (EAMS) and the fee for the electronic services provided by the Port Authorities with a percentage of 45%.

The Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria, Middle East and Africa Directorate the assurances of its highest consideration.

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
of the Republic of Bulgaria  
Middle East and Africa Directorate  
Sofia

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of the Republic of Bulgaria  
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## **Ministry of Transport**

**Decree No. 416 for the year 2019**

**Dated 11/7/2019**

**Amending some of the provisions of the decree of the Minister of Transport  
No. 488 for the year 2015**

### **Minister of Transport**

Following perusal of the constitution;

- Ministerial Decree No. 488 for the year 2015 regarding the fees for the services provided to vessels at Egyptian ports, the usage fee of the fixed and floating facilities and constructions of the Port Authorities and the Egyptian Authority for Maritime Safety (EAMS) and the fee for the electronic services provided by the Port Authorities; •

The Ministerial Decree No. 468 for the year 2018 regarding the incentives in the Egyptian ports;

The approval of the Ports' Supreme Council at the hearings held on 27/3/2018, 17/7/2018, 3/1/2019, 9/7/2019;

The approval of the cabinet in its hearing No.48 held on 10/7/2019;

### **DECIDED:**

#### **(Article One)**

As of the eighth of September 2019, the provision stipulated in Article Two of the articles of fees list for the services provided to vessels at Egyptian ports, the usage fee of the fixed and floating facilities and constructions of the Port Authorities and the Egyptian Authority for Maritime Safety (EAMS) issued by the mentioned Decree No.488 for the year 2015 shall be suspended for the period of three years.

The stipulated categories in the list attached to Decree No.488 for the year 2015 may be reviewed whenever necessary provided that the financial effect shall be assessed annually.

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(Article Two)

- 1- The Lighthouse fee for vessels transiting the Suez Canal in any of the two directions north/south or vice versa shall be collected entirely once at Suez Port in favor of EAMS through the Suez Canal Authority together with granting a reduction on the total fees with a percentage of (25%).
- 2- The Lighthouse fee stipulated in items (3-5) and (6-5) of Article (2) of the list issued by the mentioned decree No.488 for the year 2015 with a percentage of (10%) in case the vessel transiting the Suez Canal enters one of the ports of the ports of the Arab Republic of Egypt with a percentage of (20%) in case the said vessel enters two ports or more.

(Article Three)

The board of directors of the competent port authority shall decide on the incentives (Operation mechanism / pricing) to activate the handling at the port and attract investors and operators in the maritime transport and ports field, pursuant to the circumstances and nature of the port, to achieve integration between the Egyptian ports, and increase their competitiveness with foreign ports. These incentives shall be granted in light of the Economic Feasibility Studies carried out by the ports or by specialized consultancy offices. The board of directors' decisions shall be issued by the absolute majority of its members provided that these incentives shall be in force with the approval of the Minister of Transport.

(Article Four)

Item (4) stipulated in Article (3) of the list attached to the mentioned Decree No.488 for the year 2015 shall be cancelled. The reductions mentioned in items (1, 2, 3) of the same article shall remain in force.

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**(Article Five)**

The competent authorities – each in his own field – shall execute the provisions of this decree. The Ministerial Decree No.468 for the year 2018 shall be cancelled as well as everything else in contradiction to this decree.

**(Article Six)**

This decree is to be published in the Egyptian Gazette and shall come into force from the next day of its publication.

Minister of Transport  
Vice-Admiral/ Kamel Abdel Hadi Elwazir