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CIRCULAR Sierra Leone amends its Policy on Detention, Incentives, Fines and penalties

We would like to inform our clients of vessels flying the Sierra Leone Flag on important amendments on the Registry's Policies.

[Notice to: Ship Owners/ Managers/ Operators | Surveyors/Auditors](#)

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Following the release of the Sierra Leone revised Circular on the Detention Policy and the Incentives, Fines and Penalties, we would like to inform our clients on the applicable discounts and fines related to vessels either indenting to be registered or currently registered with Sierra Leone flag.

The below actions will be taken by SLMARAD in case a Sierra Leonean Vessel is detained in [Paris, Med, and Black Sea MoUs](#):

[Detention Policy Fees & Other Fines](#)

This scheme aims to provide the performance of Sierra Leone flag on Port State Control inspections (SLMARAD MC.9)

The penalties distinguish to the following categories:

Category A: Detention of vessels trading within the Paris MoU

Item	Fee	Fee applies
Any detention	Special FSI \$2,500*	At the time of FSI
2 nd detention within a 3-year period in Paris MoU	Special FSI \$2,500*	De-registration

* Travelling and accommodation charges that may be required, are not included in the Special FSI surcharge, and will be charged to the shipowners additionally

Category B: Detention of vessels trading within areas other than those specified in Category A

Item	Increase	Increase applies to:
1st detention within 1 year	10%	Annual Registration/Renewal of Registry
2nd detention within 3 years	15%	Annual Registration/Renewal of Registry
2nd detention within 1 year	35% + USD 3,500.00*	Annual Registration/Renewal of Registry

* The surcharge of USD 3,500.00 shall be paid within one month after the 2nd detention of a vessel, unless otherwise agreed by the flag.

Other Fines

Item	Fine in USD (\$)
Issuance of fraudulent certificate issued by SL Flag (individuals and/or ships)	1,500
False representations	1,500
Vessels conducting illegal fishing or transshipment	8,500
Vessels involved in smuggling and human trafficking	50,000
Violation of sanctions	50,000
Failure to comply with Flag State requirements and/or instructions	5,000
Vessels involved in pollution of the marine environment by the discharge of harmful substances or effluents containing such substances in contravention of MARPOL 73/78 Convention	100,000
Other illegal activities	At the discretion of the Administration

Act now

Ship Owners/ Managers/ Operators of Sierra Leone flying vessels should take a note on the revised amendments concerning Detention Policy.