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Economic Incentives

Common Areas

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Finnish reward and incentive mechanisms for shipping companies

- Economic incentives are seen to be the most effective way to encourage shipping companies to improve safety and commit to pollution prevention
- Hazards of **winter navigations** are tackled by the usage of Ice Classed Vessels
 - Those with the higher ice classes also have more propulsion power
 - Meaning more safe individual transit and less need for ice breaker assistance
 - To support the chartering/building of higher Ice Class Vessels, those vessels have **reduced fairway dues** & fewer restrictions on operating areas
- **Shallow waters and wide archipelago**
 - Supporting local knowledge OR usage of pilots
 - Pilotage Act



Fairway dues (Act 1122/2005)

The Act on Fairway Dues applies to ships engaged in merchant shipping in Finland's territorial waters.

Unit prices for fairway dues as of 1 January 2024, euro per net tonnage

Ice class	Cargo ship	Passenger ship
1A Super	0,470	0,625
1A	1,098	1,294
1B, 1C	2,578	2,358
II, III	4,381	4,169

Maximum amount for a single charge

- cargo vessel 53 875 euros
- passenger ship 16 215 euros
- cruise ship 22 250 euros.

Maximum number of annual payments

- an individual passenger ship pays for the first 30 port calls
- an individual cargo ship pays for the first 10 port calls

TullCustoms <https://arkisto.tulli.fi/en/businesses/transport-and-warehousing/fairway-dues>

Icebreaker assistance and restrictions

- The Finnish Transport Infrastructure Agency imposes assistance restrictions (traffic restrictions) for winter ports according to the ice situation.
- Icebreaker assistance is given to vessels which meet the issued ice class requirements for calling at the relevant port.
- Icebreaking services include the assistance of vessels in ice (“opened fairway”) and the related towing if needed (free of charge).

The Finnish Transport Infrastructure Agency

<https://vayla.fi/en/transport-network/waterways/winter-navigation>

Finland’s winter navigation – Instructions for winter navigation operators

Pilotage fee (Act 561/2023)

The Pilotage Act promotes maritime safety, navigational skills and prevention of environmental hazards.

- The pilotage fee is based on the tonnage of the vessel in question and the distance to be piloted.
- Exemptions to compulsory pilotage service are listed in the Pilotage Act (e.g. independent piloting license for crew operating regular traffic)

<https://finnpilot.fi/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/Pilotage-Fees-1.7.2024.pdf>



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Thank You.

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