

## In house Translation

### NOTE TO THE ATTENTION OF SHIOWNERS OPERATING IN IVORIAN PORTS

Re : Entry into force of the UEMOA regulations relating to Rights of Maritime Traffic

The Secretary of State of the Minister of Transports, in charge of maritime affairs informs shipowners operating an international maritime transport service to or from Ivorian ports, of the entry in force as from the 1st January 2020, of regulations N°003/2019/COM/UEMOA of 04 March 2019, determining the rate, method of collecting and distributing the licence-fee due by community and foreign shipowners.

The application of the community provision set out above is part of the implementation of the recommendations addressed to Cote d'Ivoire by the support mission of the UEMOA which took place on 22 and 23 July 2019 at Abidjan.

The method of application of the regulation in Cote d'Ivoire are set as follows:

#### **1- The applicable rate in the ports of the Union**

The article 2 of UEMOA regulation applicable in all ports of UEMOA enounces:

**« In accordance to the manifest, the licence-fee rate, in the port of the UNION where commercial operations are performed, is set as follows:**

- **1000 FCFA per ton of goods, on import.**
- **800 FCFA per ton of goods, on export.”**

#### **2- The licence-fee rate of exemption granted to the rice and the wheat in Ivorian ports**

Concerning Cote d'Ivoire, products of high consumption that is the rice and the wheat, the licence fee rate is 500 FCFA instead of 1000 FCFA

#### **3- The effect of new provisions**

For the application of these provisions as of 1st January 2020, the date of the issuance of the Bill of Lading prevails. This does not concern any bill of lading issued before the date of entry in force of these provisions.

#### **4- Disbursement**

According to the provisions of article 3 of the regulations : **« The licence fee which is the counterpart of the use of the traffic rights of the State shall not be reverberated by the shipowner to cargo owner or to the goods »**

Consequently, any form of direct or indirect repercussion onto the consumer will be punished, in application of the national and community provisions in force.

I invite to comply with these provisions.

**Issued in abidjan, 27th December 2019**

**The Secretary of state and by delegation,  
the Principal Private Secretary**

**Cc :**

- **President of FEDERMAR**
- **President of UCACI**