

# The English translation of the text of Circular No. 5/2015

## THE NEW SUEZ CANAL

On the occasion of opening the new Suez Canal for navigation on 06/08/2015, the SCA has decided the following:

### Article one:

(1) Traffic system in the Suez Canal including the new Canal shall be as follows:

#### a- Number of convoys: Two convoys

\* The Southbound convoy starts at 0330- direct transit.

\* The Northbound convoy starts at 0400- direct transit.

#### b- Limit Time of Arrival

##### \* Port Said:

South of Lat. 31 28 .7 N: This Lat. is limited by Long. 32 00 .27 E & Long. 32 37 .43 E

##### Southbound Convoy:

- A. The limit time is hr 2300 for the southbound convoy.
- B. Ships arriving after hr 2300 till hr 0000 can join the southbound convoy against the payment of a surcharge equal to 5% of the normal transit dues with a maximum of 12500 SDR.
- C. Ships arriving after hr 0000 till hr 0100 can join the southbound convoy against the payment of a surcharge equal to 10% of the normal transit dues with a maximum of 25000 SDR.
- D. Ships arriving after hr 0100 may join the southbound convoy, against the payments of a surcharge equals to 12% of the normal transit dues with a maximum of 30000 SDR if the convoy situation permits.
- E. The limit time of container ships berthing at Port Said eastern port to join the southbound convoy will be as follows:-

1- The limit time for ships to be ready for transit is up to hr. 0000

2- Ships can join the convoy from hr. 0000 till hr. 0100 against additional dues of 10% of the normal transit dues with a maximum of 25000 SDR

3- Ships can join the convoy after hr. 0100 against surcharge of 12% of the normal transit dues with a maximum of 30000 SDR if traffic conditions permit.

##### \* Port Tewfik:

North of Lat. 29 42 .8 N: This Lat. is limited by Long. 32 23.1 E & Long. 32 41 .5 E

##### Northbound Convoy:

A. The limit time is hr 2300 for ships that are allowed to join the convoy:

B. Ships arriving after hr 2300 till hr 0000 can join the convoy against the payment of a surcharge equal to 5% of the normal transit dues with a maximum of 12500 SDR.

C. Ships arriving after hr 0000 until hr 0100 can also join convoy against the payment of a surcharge equal to 10% of the normal transit dues with a maximum of 25000 SDR.

D. Ships arriving after hr 0100 may join the convoy, if traffic conditions permit, against the payment of a surcharge equal to 12% of the normal transit dues with a maximum of 30000 SDR.

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- (2) Pilotage system is applied as before.
- (3) The permissible speed:
  - 16 km / hr. for ordinary vessels
  - 14 km / hr. for Tankers
- (4) The New Suez Canal has been equipped with navigational aids: (buoys, bollard pulls and pilotage stations).
- (5) Amended Suez Canal Rules of Navigation, August edition 2015 has been issued,
- (6) Electronic Charts have been issued for the new Suez Canal.
- (7) The charts, Rules of Navigation and publications are available at Edward Company for Maritime Services:  
[www.edwardmarine.com](http://www.edwardmarine.com)  
[info@edwardmarine.com](mailto:info@edwardmarine.com)
- (8) Enhancing the safety of LNG, LPG and tankers with SC tugs.
- (9) Charts of the Suez Canal cross section are attached.

### **Article Two:**

This Circular shall takes effect as of 06/08/2015

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