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SUBJECT : Port Charges in the Soviet Union

Attached is the information you requested on port charges in the Soviet Union. Included are official Soviet port charges and a tabulation of charges incurred by US shippers at Soviet ports in 1975 and 1976. Should you have any additional questions concerning this topic, call

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Attachment:
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The following information on port charges at selected Soviet ports is a compilation of official Soviet data. This information is supplemented with data based on actual US shipping experience at these ports in 1975 and 1976. Rates are expressed in US dollars and cents converted at the rate of 1 ruble to 1.32 US dollars.

Official Soviet Charges

1. Tonnage and Canal Dues -- Tonnage and canal dues are charged to all vessels calling at Soviet ports as shown in the table below.

<u>Ports</u>	<u>Tonnage Dues (US cents/nrt)^{1/}</u>	<u>Canal Dues (US cents/nrt)</u>
Black Sea		
Batumi*	27	
Feodosiya ^{2/}		
Ilichevsk	33	7
Kherson	27	20
Nikolayev		
Novorossiysk*	27	
Odessa*	33	
Poti*	40	20
Tuapse*	27	1
Zhdanov	33	43
Baltic Sea		
Baltiysk		
Kaliningrad		
Klaipeda*	33	7
Leningrad	33	27
Riga	33	27
Talinn	33	
Ventspils*	33	7

<u>Ports</u>	<u>Tonnage Dues</u> <u>(US cents/nrt) ^{1/}</u>	<u>Canal Dues</u> <u>(US cents/nrt)</u>
Pacific Ocean		
Nakodka	33	
Vladivostok		

1. Net Registered Tonnage.
2. Used only for petroleum.
- * Also used for petroleum.

2. Berth Dues -- Charged at 1.3 cents ^{per foot} /per hour based on the vessel's overall length.

3. Fireman's Watch -- Ranges from \$3.30 to \$13.30, depending on ship's size and port's rules.

4. Pilotage Dues -- Charged on a net registered ton basis for actual pilot services rendered as follows:

-- 3 cents per net registered ton per mile each way for approach channels and fairways as well as between ports and localities beyond boundaries of the ports;

-- a surcharge of \$6.65 for each foot of draft over 15 feet;

-- 1.3 cents per net registered ton plus \$1.33 per each foot of vessel's draft for piloting vessels inward and outward from outer roads and mooring to a berth;

-- mooring or unmooring as follows:

<u>Net Registered Tons</u>	<u>Charges</u>
Up to 4,000	\$13.30
4,001/10,000	20.00
10,001/15,000	26.60
Over 15,000	40.00

-- special charges levied for detention of the pilot on board:

- \$7.50 per hour for up to two hours of the pilot service in cases not mentioned above;
- \$46.50 per vessel for cancellation of order for the pilot;
- \$46.50 for detention of the pilot on board over 2 hours after completing pilotage, excepting force-majeure cases.

5. Tug-boat Dues and Launch Hire

The following rates apply for use of floating crafts (tug-boats, motor-boats and other self-propelled vessels) in all USSR ports (except Leningrad):

- boats under 24 horsepower - \$8.00 per hour;
- boats of 24 horsepower and over - 8 cents per horsepower per each hour plus the following extra charges per each particular group of floating crafts:

<u>Steamboat's Horsepower</u>	<u>Extra Charge Per Hour Per Boat</u>
24/59	\$ 7.20
60/99	10.60
100/149	12.40
150/239	15.30
240/319	16.00
320/450	16.40
451/750	17.20
751/1,000	18.00
1,000/1,500	28.30
1,501/3,000	33.80
Over 3,001	40.20

The following rates are applied according to cargo-carrying capacity for use of towed floating crafts (barges, scows, etc.):

<u>Capacity (tons)</u>	<u>Steel Hull</u>	<u>Wooden Hull</u>
Up to 5	\$ 51.20	\$ 38.00
6/19	74.90	55.30
20/39	89.80	66.50
40/49	103.70	77.50
50/99	149.60	89.80
100 and over	204.70	102.40

Floating cranes are hired at \$53.20 per hour irrespective of crane's lifting capacity.

A flat rate of \$113:00 is charged for towing a floating crane to the place of work and vice versa within a port's boundaries.

A rate of \$53.20 per hour is charged for the work of a floating crane out of a port's boundaries (irrespective of its lifting capacity) and its tug-boat is paid according to tug-boat rates.

6. Fresh Water

Fresh water is supplied at the following rates:

<u>Ports</u>	<u>(US dollars per ton)</u>	
	<u>Shore to Ship</u>	<u>Water Barge to Ship</u>
Black Sea	\$.60	\$2.00
Blatic Sea	.53	1.60
Pacific Ocean	.66	2.10

7. Other Charges

Opening and Closing of Hatches: Opening and closing hatches is charged at the rate of \$6.70 per hatch. Installing hatch beams only is charged \$3.30 per hatch.

Hire of Gangway: \$10.60 per day is charged for gangway hire.

Anchorage Dues: Vessels anchored in an inner road pay anchor dues as follows:

<u>Length of Vessel</u>	<u>US \$ Per Day</u>
Up to 80 m.	\$10.60
80 m. and over	20.00

Supply of Electric Power: 7 cents per kilowatt/hour is charged for electric power from shore.

Telephone Service: \$1.30 per day is charged for installing a telephone on board or on berth alongside a vessel.

Hire of Mooring Lines: Vessels pay \$6.70 per day per each mooring line.

Stoppage of Labor: \$8.00 per man-hour is charged for stoppage of gangs owing to ship's fault (defects of ship's loading facilities, lack of steam or electric power for winches, lack of lighting, stoppage of cargo operations due to ship administration's fault, etc.). The same rate (\$8.00 per man-hour) is applied when stevedoring expenses are on vessel's account, or when stoppage is due to completing cargo operations before the end of the working shift or bad weather.

Shore Winchmen and Cranemen: If the vessel is to provide winches and winchmen and the cargo operations are carried out by shore cranes, a vessel pays for the work of cranemen as follows:

For bulk cargoes : 4 cents per ton of cargo handled
For other cargoes: 8 cents per ton of cargo handled

The same rates are applied when shore winchmen are engaged instead of ship's cranes.

Bagging Cargo: Bagging of grain and fastening of bags is paid at fixed rate of \$23.90 per ton. Bags are charged additionally. The same is applied in case of bagging spillage after unloading bagged cargo.

Supply of Slings: Vessels pay 7 cents per ton of cargo handled for slings supplied at the port.

Making and Fitting of Shifting Boards: The supply of temporary shifting boards in vessel's holds are charged as follows:

For vessels up to 5,000 nrt	\$6.25 per square meter
For vessels of 5,000 nrt and over	4.80 per square meter

Actual Port Charges

Actual charges incurred at Soviet ports in 1975 and 1976 are tabulated below. This data is derived from the actual experiences of US shippers. Port charges are presented in two categories -- tonnage dues and miscellaneous fees.

<u>Port</u>	<u>Tonnage (DWT)</u>	<u>Cargo</u>	<u>Port Charges (US \$)</u>	<u>Tonnage Dues</u>	<u>Miscellaneous Fees</u>
Odessa	26,000	Wheat	\$13,520	\$6,000	- \$7,520
	37,000	Wheat	18,000	8,600	9,400
	33,000	Wheat	14,000	6,000	8,000
Novorossiysk	26,000	Wheat	9,500
	37,000	Wheat	12,000
	33,000	Wheat	10,000
Batumi	26,000	Oil	7,000	6,000 ^{1/}	7,000
	37,000	Oil	8,800	8,600 ^{1/}	8,800
	33,000	Oil	7,000	6,700 ^{1/}	7,000
Odessa	40,000	Grain	30,000 ^{2/}

1. Shippers pay these tonnage dues on an annual basis, rather than on a trip basis.
2. An additional \$9,000 transit fee was charged for transiting the Dardanelles Straits.

Grain ships ranging between 28,000 and 30,000 DWT were charged the following fees in 1975 and early 1976 at the indicated Soviet ports.

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<u>Port</u>	<u>Berth Dues</u>	<u>Pilot Fees</u>	<u>Tug Fees</u>	<u>Tonnage Dues</u>	<u>Channel Toll</u>	<u>Miscellaneous Expenses</u>
Novorossiysk	\$810	\$1,020	\$2,970	\$6,350	\$...	\$ 4,925
Ilichevsk ^{1/}	120	830	2,950	7,420	1,485	4,065
Batumi ^{1/}	530	595	1,450	0	0	2,925
Leningrad	880	2,100	2,100	7,420	5,935	6,125
Leningrad	720	2,200	650	7,935	6,350	19,260 ^{2/}

1. The ship discharged grain at Ilichevsk and completed unloading operations at Batumi.
2. Of which \$16,950 was for lightering services.

Previous to rate changes on 1 January 1975, a shipper incurred the following charges for a 33,000 DWT ship at Odessa.

Port Charges

<u>Item</u>	<u>Fee</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$12,413</u>
Tonnage Dues	7,400
Pilotage	470
Tugs - Inward	1,270
Outward	1,260
Port Clearance Fee	150
Communication Service	108
Document Translation	15
Sea Protest Filing	61
Petty Charges	47
Port Agency Fee	835
Berthing	635
Additional Berthing Fee	94
Miscellaneous	68

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