

VIZAG SEAPORT LIMITED

Scale of Rates

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SECTION 1

1.1. Definitions - General

In this Scale of Rates unless the context otherwise requires, the following definitions shall apply:

- (1). 'Port' means Visakhapatnam Port Trust (VPT)
- (2). "VSL" means Vizag Seaport Limited, a Company incorporated in India, its successors and assignees.
- (3). "Coastal vessel" means any vessel exclusively employed in trading between any port or place in India to any other port or place in India having a valid coastal licence issued by the competent authority.
- (4). "Foreign-going vessel" means any vessel other than coastal vessel.
- (5). "Day" shall mean the period starting from 6.00 A.M. of a day and ending at 6.00 A.M. on the next day.
- (6). "Week" shall mean a period of 7 days.

General Terms & Conditions

- (1). All goods landed within the limits of the VSL shall be assessed on import application and the fees shall be paid before the goods are removed.
- (2). All goods intended for shipment shall be assessed on export application and the fees shall be paid before the goods are shipped.
- (3). Status of a vessel as borne out by its certification issued by Director General of Shipping is the relevant factor for deciding whether the vessel is 'foreign-going' or 'coastal'. Foreign going vessels permitted to undertake coastal voyages and the cargo/ container carried by them will also qualify for the concession in respect of such permissible voyages.
- (4).
 - (i). A foreign-going vessel of Indian Flag having a General Trading Licence can convert to Coastal run on the basis of a Customs Conversion Order.
 - (ii). A foreign-going vessel of Foreign Flag can convert to coastal run on the basis of Coastal Voyage Licence issued by the Director General of Shipping.
 - (iii). In cases of such conversion, coastal rates shall be chargeable by the load port from the time the vessel starts loading coastal goods.
 - (iv). In case of such conversion coastal rates shall be chargeable only till the vessel completes coastal cargo discharging operations; immediately thereafter, foreign-going rates shall be chargeable by the discharge ports.
 - (v). For dedicated Indian coastal vessels having a Coastal Licence from the Director General of Shipping, no other document will be required to be entitled to coastal rates.

- (5). Vessel related charges shall be levied on ship owners / steamer agents. Wherever rates have been denominated in US dollar terms, the charges shall be recovered in Indian Rupees after conversion of US currency to its equivalent Indian Rupees at the Market Buying rate notified by the Reserve Bank of India, State Bank of India or its subsidiary or any other Public Sector Banks as may be specified from time to time. The day of entry of the vessel into the port limit shall be reckoned as the day for such conversion.
- (6). A regular review of exchange rate shall be made once in thirty days from the date of arrival of the vessels in cases of vessels staying in the VSL for more than thirty days. In such cases the basis of billing shall change prospectively with reference to the appropriate exchange rate prevailing at the time of review.
- (7). Charges on packages containing articles of a miscellaneous character shall be levied at the rate applicable to the individual articles.
- (8). No refunds shall be made unless the refund amount is Rs.100.00 or more.
- (9). For the purpose of calculating the dues, the unit by weight shall be 1 tonne or 1,000 kilograms, the unit by volume measurement shall be 1 cubic metre and the unit by capacity measurement for liquids in bulk shall be 1,000 litres.
- (10). In calculating the gross weight or measurement by volume or capacity of any individual item, fractions upto 0.5 be taken as 0.5 unit and fractions of 0.5 and above be treated as one unit, except where otherwise specified.
- (11). Interest on delayed payments / refunds.
 - (i). The user shall pay penal interest at the rate of 12% per annum on delayed payments of any charge under this Scale of Rates.
 - (ii). Likewise, the VSL shall pay penal interest @12% per annum on delayed refunds.
 - (iii). The delay in payments by the users will be counted only 10 days after the date of raising the bills by the VSL. This provision shall, however, not apply to the cases where payment is to be made before availing the services as stipulated in the Major Port Trusts Act and/or where payment of charges in advance is prescribed in this Scale of Rates.
 - (iv). The delay in refunds will be counted only 20 days from the date of completion of services or on production of all the documents required from the users, whichever is later.
- (12). All charges worked out shall be rounded off to the next higher rupee on the grand total of each bill.
- (13). Ad valorem wharfage on imports shall be calculated on CIF value; on the exports on FOB value; and on coastal cargo on value specified in the bill of coastal goods. Customs bills of entry/shipping bill/ bill of coastal goods shall be the main documents for assessing the value of cargo for wharfage purpose and where it is not available, the value will be determined based on Bill of Lading/invoice etc.
- (14). In case of cargo related charge the concessional tariff prescribed for coastal cargo should be allowed on all the relevant handling charges for ship – shore transfer and transfer from quay to storage yard including wharfage.

SECTION – 2
VESSEL RELATED CHARGES

2.1 BERTH HIRE

2.1.1 Schedule of Berth Hire for Vessels

Sr.No.	DESCRIPTION	Unit	Rate per GRT	
			Foreign-going vessel (in US \$)	Coastal vessel (in Rs.)
	Berth EQ 8 & EQ 9	Per hour or part thereof	0.0014 subject to a minimum of US\$ 28	0.037subject to a minimum of Rs. 740.

General Notes relating to Berth hire

- (1). Berth hire for the period of 1 hour in which the vessel changes its status can be charged on the basis of the status of the vessel at the beginning of the relevant block of 1 hour period.
- (2). The period of berth hire shall be calculated from the time mooring in the berth is completed.
- (3). No berth hire shall be levied on vessel after expiry of 4 hours from the time of signalling its readiness to sail. There shall be a penal rate equal to one day's (24 hours) berth hire charge for a false signal.
- (4). No berth hire charges shall be payable for the period when loading/unloading operations cannot be carried out due to non-availability of the harbour mobile cranes, due to breakdown or any other reasons attributable to VSL.
- (5). Ousting Priority/Priority berth Hire:
 - (i). For providing the "ousting priority" to any vessel, a fee equivalent to berth hire for a single day (24 units of one hour each) or 100 % of the berth hire calculated for the total period of actual stay at the berth, whichever is higher, shall be levied.
 - (ii). For "priority berthing" to any vessel, a fee equivalent to berth hire for a single day (24 units of one hour each) or 75 % of the berth hire, calculated for the total period of actual stay at the berth whichever is higher, shall be levied.
 - (iii). Where a working berth is already vacant for want of a vessel and a vessel having priority / ousting priority is berthed at that vacant berth when there are no vessels waiting at roads for berthing prior to its arrival or when the vessels waiting at roads are not ready in all aspects (unreadiness of documents/lack of cargo/lack of ullage/hatch cleaning/receivers or shippers not willing to work), it is not treated as priority berthing and in such cases no priority berthing charges will be levied.
 - (iv). The fee for according priority/ousting priority as indicated above shall be charged from all the vessels except the following categories:
 - (a). Vessels carrying cargo on account of Ministry of Defence.

- (b). Defence vessels coming on goodwill visits.
- (c). Vessels hired for the purpose of Antarctica expedition by Department of Ocean Development.
- (d). Any other vessel for which special exemption has been granted by the Ministry of Shipping
- (e). Coastal vessels which will be accorded priority berthing shall not be liable to pay priority berthing charges.

Note: The VSL is governed by clause 3.9 (b) of the License Agreement which provides that the Licensee (VSL) may with the prior written approval of the Licensor (VPT) offer preferential or priority berthing to any one or more shipping lines or vessel owners / operators to optimize the use of the berths and equipment.

2.1.2. Penal Berth Hire Charges

Penal berth hire charges shall become payable for over-stayal of the vessel beyond the berth occupancy as per the norms given in clause 2.1.4 if the norms cannot be achieved due to any reasons attributable to the vessel.

- (i). Vessel shall be permitted to occupy the berth after completion of cargo operation without attracting penal berth hire charges for period mentioned below:

(a) Any vessel which requires "securing"	10 hrs
(b) Food Grains vessels requiring fumigation and inerting	10 hrs
(c) In all other cases	7 hrs
- (ii). The berth occupancy for each vessel for the purpose of levy of penal berth hire charges shall be subject to the following conditions:
 - (a). For deciding the period of stay of a vessel, number of shifts lost due to labour stoppage of work and labour holiday shall be excluded.
 - (b). The shift in which the vessel is berthed shall not be deciding the vessels stay at berth since normally vessels are berthed in the middle of shift resulting in engagement of less number of hooks.
 - (c). In case of new cargoes, average performance of three consignments shall be fixed as "NORM" tentatively which will be reviewed after six months for further refinement.
 - (d). Any stoppage of work for reasons attributable to VSL shall be excluded.
- (iii).
 - (a). In case of supply of bunkers and or water through barges, the vessel shall be permitted to stay at berth without attracting penal berth hire for 8 hours.
 - (b). In case of supply of water, the vessel shall be permitted to stay at berth without attracting penal berth hire for 12 hours from the time of placement of barge alongside the vessel.
 - (c). Vessels taking water / bunker through sources other than barge will be permitted to stay for 8 hours from the time of completion of loading / unloading the cargo without attracting penal berth hire.

- 2.1.3.** Penal berth hire charges shall be levied in addition to normal berth hire for the period of over-stayal at the rates prescribed below.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Unit	Foreign-going vessel (in US \$)	Coastal vessel (in Rs.)
1.	Up to 6 hours	Per GRT	0.016	0.042
2.	Above 6 hrs. and upto 12 hours	- do -	0.032	0.84
3.	Above 12 hrs. but upto 18 hours.	- do -	0.064	1.67
4.	Above 18 hrs. per day or part there of	- do -	0.080	2.09

2.1.4 Commodity wise per hook per shift output rates

For Exports

Sl. No.	Nomenclature	Per hook per shift output (in tonnes)
1	Containers (boxes)	20
2	Ferro Silicon	102
3	General Cargo	82
4	Iron & Steel	180
5	Iron Ore & Pellets (manual loading)	598
6	Maize	61
7	Sugar	94
8	Wheat (bags)	91
9	Rice (bags)	81
10	Rice (Bulk)	80
11	Aluminium Billets	98
12	Aluminium Ingots	110
13	C.P. Coke	346
14	Cement	102
15	Charge Chrome	404
16	Chick Peas	219
17	Chrome Ore	188
18	Coal tar (Bags)	192
19	Coffee (Bags)	67

For Imports

Nomenclature	Per hook per shift output (in tonnes)
Containers (boxes)	22
Ferro Silicon	262
General cargo	86
Iron & Steel	108
Iron Ore (manual unloading)	560
Maize (bulk)	234
Sugar in bags	82
Wheat (in bulk)	134
Rice	62
Rock Phosphate	281
Ammonium Nitrate	347
Ammonium Sulphate	210
Bauxite Bags	233
Bentonite	254
Bulgar wheat bags	62
Carbon Anodes	229
Chrome Ore	206
Coal tar pitch	77
Coking Coal (a) Discharged by vessels with self discharging gear	622
(b) All types of coal discharged by non-self discharging vessels	360

20	Dry Yeast	62
21	Feldspar	317
22	Fenugreek	99
23	Ferro Chrome (Bulk)	341
24	Ferro Chrome Bags	226
25	Ferro Manganese	99
26	Granite Blocks	199
27	Ilmenite Sand	333
28	Kenaf	40
29	Manganese Ore	310
30	Pet Coke (Bags)	83
31	Pig Iron	458
32	Quarzite	117
33	Silicon Manganese Ore (Bags)	200
34	Silicon Manganese Ore (Bulk)	538
35	Soya extracts	172
36	Thermal Coal	665
37	Vegetables	53

CSB in bags	74
DAP Bulk	262
DBM in bags	242
DBM in Bulk	220
Dolomite	405
Coal / Coke (parcel of below 20000)	234
Coal / Coke (parcel of above 20000)	361
Lime Stone	372
Mono Ammonium Phosphate	210
MOP	267
Oil Pales	57
Paper bundle	212
Petroleum Coke	401
Steam coal	578
Wood pulp	236
Sulphur	278
Timber logs	114
Urea	283

Notes:

- (1). The total number of hooks worked shall be reckoned to compute the per hook per shift productivity.
- (2). The following two cases shall be deemed as non-performance/ poor performance of the vessel:
 - (a). If a vessel works with less number of hooks for reasons such as lack of / insufficient cargo, improper stowage, failure of ship's gear and lack of clearance arrangements;
 - (b). If the actual hook output in the shifts following the shift in which the vessel is berthed does not conform to the norms prescribed for that commodity.

2.2. CHARGES FOR SUPPLY OF WATER TO VESSELS:

Item No.	Description	Unit	Foreign-going vessel (in US \$)	Coastal vessel (in Rs.)
1.	Supply of fresh water to vessels at Shore.	Per 1000 Ltrs. or part thereof	3.241 subject to a minimum charge of \$ 16.205	84.65 subject to a minimum charge of Rs.423.25
2.	Supply of fresh water to vessels by Boat at Quay Walls, Jetties and Moorings.	Per 1000 Ltrs. or part thereof	4.182 subject to a minimum charge of \$ 20.912	109.20 subject to a minimum charge of Rs.546.00

SECTION-3

CARGO RELATED CHARGES

3.1 WHARFAGE:

Item No.	Nomenclature	Unit	Rate (in Rs.)	
			Other than coastal cargo	Coastal cargo
1.	All types of Coal (other than thermal coal), Coke and Coal tar pitch	Tonne	33.00	19.80
2.	Alumina (bulk),	Tonne	36.00	21.60
3.	Aluminium, Alumina Sow Ingots, Alumina Billets and Alumina products	Tonne	22.00	13.20
4.	Asphalt/bitumen, Barytes, Feldspar, Cement clinker (including cement), Chrome Ore and Manganese Ore	Tonne	19.00	11.40
5.	Blast furnace slag, Bentonite, Dolomite chips and River sand	Tonne	13.00	7.80
6.	Calcined petroleum coke	Tonne	36.00	21.60
7.	Caustic Soda	Per K.L.	35.00	21.00
8.	Cereals, food grains, Pulses and Sugar	Tonne	22.00	13.20
9.	Charge chrome, Ferro Manganese, Ferro Silicon Silicon Manganese, Highcarbon Ferrochrome, and other ores.	Tonne	38.00	22.80
10.	Chemicals	Tonnes	55.00	33.00
11.	Edible Oils	K.L.	16.00	9.60
12.	Electrical goods	Ad valorem	0.27 %	0.16%
13.	Fertilizers (including MOP)	Tonne	29.00	17.40
14.	Granite Blocks & Marbles	Tonne	44.00	26.40
15.	Ilemenite sand	Tonne	13.00	7.80
16.	Iron Ore	Tonne	22.00	22.00
17.	Iron Ore Pellets	Tonne	23.00	23.00
18.	Limestone	Tonne	30.00	18.00
19.	Liquid Ammonia, Molten Sulphur, Rock phosphate and Sulphur	Tonne	30.00	18.00
20.	Machinery	Ad valorem	0.14%	0.08%
21.	Molasses	K.L.	35.00	21.00

22.	All types of Oil Extractions like Soya, Rape seed etc.,	Tonne	12.00	7.20
23.	Pig iron	Tonne	38.00	22.80
24	R.R. materials:	Tonne	33.00	19.80
	Al/Mg Alloyed powder			
	Brown fused Alumina or BFA			
	Chinese dead burnt magnesite [Grade - 94 & 60]			
	Chinese fused magnesite			
	Chinese fused magnesite [Grade – 97 & 100]			
	Fused Magnesia / Fused Magnesite / Dead burnt magnesite / DBM clinker / F.M.			
	Grades I, II and III of Calcined Bauxite / Rotary Kiln calcined Bauxite / Round Kiln calcined bauxite / Rotary Kiln Bauxite / Shaft Kilk Bauxite / Shaft Kiln calcined Bauxite / Refrstar Bauxite / Star Bauxite / Round Kiln Super grade.	Tonne	33.00	19.80
	Magnesia bricks / Magnestle brick / Magnesia Brick grog / Magnesite Brick Grog			
	Magnesia Grog, Magnesium Clinker & Sea water Magnesite			
	Reframul			
	Round Kiln Mid. Iron-2 Grade			
25.	Steel Products - all varieties	Tonne	44.00	26.40
26.	Styrene Monomar	Tonne	55.00	33.00
27.	Thermal Coal	Tonne	19.00	19.00
28.	Timber Logs & Wood items	1 Cu.M.	22.00	13.20
29.	Scrap	Tonne	44.00	26.40
30.	Unenumerated goods not specified above.	Tonne	22.00	13.20

Note:

Before classifying any cargo as 'un-enumerated goods' the relevant Customs classification shall be referred to find out whether the cargo can be classified under any of the specific categories mentioned in the Schedule given above.

3.2. WHARFAGE CHARGES FOR SPECIFIED CASES

In the following specified cases wharfage charges shall be levied as specified in Section 3.1.

- (i). On crafts carried on board the vessel.
- (ii). On goods abandoned.
- (iii). On the manifested description of package whether they are landed empty or partly empty.

3.3. WHARFAGE CHARGES ON GOODS FROM VESSELS IN DISTRESS

Item No.	Description	Charges Payable
1.	Cargo of other Ports landed from vessels in distress.	As specified in Section 3.1.
2.	Cargo that already paid export wharfage but has not been carried to destination.	No Wharfage
3.	Cargo of other Ports reshipped without having left the VSL's premises.	No wharfage at the time of shipment.

3.4. CHARGES ON TRANSHIPMENT CARGOES

Item No.	Description	Charges Payable
1.	On cargo landed from one vessel and subsequently shipped to another vessel.	150% of the applicable Wharfage

- Notes:** (i). Cargo / container from a foreign port which reaches an Indian Port 'A' for subsequent transshipment to Indian Port 'B' will also qualify insofar as the concessional charges relevant for its coastal voyage. In other words, cargo / containers from / to Indian Ports carried by vessels permitted to undertake coastal voyage will qualify for the concession.
- (ii). The concessional tariff prescribed for coastal cargo does not apply to the operations of loading / unloading on arrival / departure from / to a foreign port. Concessional cargo related charges will be levied only for handling the consignment in related to its coastal voyage.

3.5. DEMURRAGE CHARGES (IMPORTS/ EXPORTS/TRANSHIPMENT):

The demurrage charges shall be levied on the cargoes after the expiry of free days as under.

Item No.	Description	(Rate in Rs.)
1.	For the first ten days after the expiry of free period.	Rs.12.00 per tonne/Cu. meter or part thereof for every day or part thereof.
2.	Thereafter.	Rs.24.00 per tonne/Cu. meter or part thereof for every day or part thereof.

Notes:

- (1). In case of goods for which wharfage charges are collected on 'ad valorem' basis, demurrage shall be levied on 'per tonne' basis. In all other cases demurrage shall be levied on 'per tonne' basis or 'per cubic metre' basis as the case may be based on the wharfage charges collected.
- (2). All goods shall be allowed free storage as indicated below:
- (i). Exports**
- (a). 20 days (excluding Sundays, Customs holidays and VPT & VSL non-working days) from the actual date of the receipt of the goods in the VSL premises.
- (b). No free days shall be allowed on goods brought into VSL premises and removed therefrom without shipment.

(ii). Imports

- (a). Three days (excluding Sundays, Customs holidays and VPT & VSL non-working days) from the day following the day of completion of final discharge and in the case of salvaged goods, from the day following the day of salvage.
- (b). Where goods are landed by the vessel into lighters, barges or other floating crafts, the free days shall be calculated from the day of complete discharge of the goods from the lighters, barges or other floating craft, on the wharf or jetty.

(iii). Transshipment Cargo

10 days (excluding Sundays, Customs holidays and VPT & VSL non-working days) from the last day of discharge of cargo from the VSL premises.

(3). Demurrage on goods detained:

The following periods shall be excluded from the calculation of any period for which free storage is allowed under this rule viz.:

- (i). Any period during which goods are detained by the Health Officer before being destroyed.
- (ii). Periods during which the goods are detained by the Commissioner of Customs for the purpose of special examination involving analytical or technical test other than the ordinary process of appraisal and certified by the Commissioner of Customs to be not attributable to any fault or negligence on the part of the Importers/Exporters;
- (iii). Where goods are detained by the Commissioner of Customs on account of Import / Export Control formalities and the delay is certified by the Commissioner of Customs to be not attributable to any fault or negligence on the part of the Importer/Exporter,

For such period of detention demurrage charges shall be recovered as under:

First 45 days	:	Free.
46 days to 90 days	:	50% of actual demurrage charges
Beyond 90 days	:	100% of actual demurrage charges

Actual demurrage charges at full rate shall be worked out as per Scale of Rates at the appropriate slab as applicable after 45 days and the concessional rate mentioned above shall be applied thereon on the full demurrage charges leviable.

The first 45 days shall be reckoned with as follows:

- (a). First 45 days after expiry of free days if cargo is detained by the Customs before expiry of free days; and,
- (b). First 45 days from the date of detention if cargo is detained by the Customs after accrual of demurrage charges.

The detention certificate for availing the above concession shall be submitted within a period of six months from the date of clearance of goods.

3.6. 104 TON Harbour Mobile Crane:

Rate in Rs. per tonne or part thereof (in Rs.)	
Other than coastal cargo	Coastal cargo
Rs.64/- per ton or part thereof subject to minimum of Rs.3,20,000/-	Rs.38.40 per ton or part thereof subject to minimum of Rs.1,92,000/-

Notes:

- (1). Concessional tariff prescribed for coastal cargo will not be applicable for thermal coal and POL including crude oil, iron ore and iron ore pellets.
- (2). This charge prescribed cover only the charges for working of the cranes. Slings and unslings and moving the loads within the reach of the crane shall be the responsibility of the hirer.
- (3). These cranes would be available with shore Hoppers and Grabs.
- (4). Users using any or all of the stevedoring services in addition to the usage of Mobile Harbour Crane shall be charged a rate of Rs. 6 over the above per ton rate specified in Section 3.6. In case of coastal cargo other than the thermal coal, POL including crude oil, iron ore and iron ore pellets, Rs.3.60 over the above per ton rate shall be charged for users availing any or all of the stevedoring services in addition to the usage of Mobile Harbour Crane.

3.7. Dust suppression system charges:

Item No.	Description	Unit	Charge per ton (in Rs.)
1.	Usage of Dust Suppression System	Per tonne or part thereof	1.41 subject to a minimum charge of Rs. 2000

Notes:

- (1). The charges are leviable on all bulk cargo requisitioning the service.
- (2). The user shall confirm with VSL whether the service is available for a particular type of cargo.

3.8. Storage charges

Item No.	Description	Rate per 100 sq. meters or part thereof	Penal Rate per 100 sq. meters or part thereof
1.	Open stacking space	Rs.138/- per week or part thereof	Rs.216/- per week or part thereof

Notes:

- (1). Penal rate shall be charged for all unauthorised occupations without valid licence or for late application for renewal.
- (2). The charge shall be collected on the actual area licensed out on a prorata basis.

3. 9. Stevedoring charges

Commodities	Rate in Rs. Per Ton	
	Other than coastal cargo	Coastal cargo
Dry Bulk:		
Fertilisers & FRM	40.00	24.00
Pet coke	23.00	13.80
Iron ore	15.00	15.00
Calcined Pet. Coke	23.00	13.80
Met coke	23.00	13.80
Coking Coal	20.00	12.00
Feldspar	18.00	10.80
Thermal Coal	23.00	23.00
Steam Coal	23.00	13.80
Illuminated Sand	20.00	12.00
Lime Stone	23.00	13.80
Others	23.00	24.00
Break-Bulk:		
Steel	40.00	24.00
Pig Iron	25.00	15.00
Food Grain	35.00	21.00
Slag	20.00	12.00
Scrap	30.00	18.00
Raw Sugar	22.00	13.20
Timber Logs	85.00	51.00
Granite	45.00	27.00
Others	35.00	21.00

Note: The charges mentioned above are leviable for providing any or all of the activities like Picking, Lifting, Hoisting, Manoeuvring, Positioning, Lowering, Unloading and Loading of Cargo bulk or break-bulk from/or into the Vessel's holds/Hatches/Combings/Wing Spaces/Between Decks and Decks till the Cargo is safely positioned either on the Wharf or on the Vessel, as the case may be.

SECTION-4**CHARGES FOR OTHER SERVICES**

4.1 Visitor Entry Pass:	Yearly	Monthly	Daily
(a) Per Application	Rs. 200	Rs. 50	Rs.20
(b) Per Replacement	Rs. 50	Rs. 50	Rs.20

4.2 Vehicle Entry Pass (for vehicles other than the vehicles entering the terminal for delivery/dispatch of cargo):

Per Entry Rs. 75

4.3 Photography:

(i).	Film Shooting and Photography	Rs. 8500	per day
(ii).	Taking Photographs of Goods Imp/Exp	Rs. 425	per day
(iii).	Taking Photographs of Crews and Others	Rs. 215	per day
(iv).	Videography (related to operational activities)	Rs. 2550	per day

FURTHER ORDERS