

Unified Code for the establishment and operation of yacht tourism in marinas and  
seaports in Arab Republic of Egypt

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**Decree of the Prime Minister**

**No. 2721 for the year 2022**

**Promulgating a regulation organizing foreign yacht tourism**

**In marinas and seaports**

**Prime Minister**

Following the perusal of the Constitution,

Law No. 44 for the year 1955 regarding the quarantine procedures,

Law No. 45 for the year 1955 regarding the sanitary fee and the quarantine fee,

Law No. 354 for the year 1956 regarding banning entry to customs zones at ports  
and airports,

Law No. 137 for the year 1958 regarding health precautions for the protection of  
infectious diseases,

Law No. 97 for the year 1959 regarding passports,

Law No. 6 for the year 1967 regarding the establishment of the General Authority  
for Alexandria Port,

Law on pilotage fees, compensations, ports fees, lighthouses fees and berthing and  
stay fees promulgated by law No. 24 for the year 1983,

Law No. 102 for the year 1983 regarding nature reserves,

Law on safety of ships promulgated by law No. 232 for the year 1989,

The Maritime Trade Law promulgated by law No. 8 for the year 1990,

The Environmental Law promulgated by law No. 4 for the year 1994 and its  
executive regulation,

Law No. 1 for the year 1996 regarding dry and specialized ports and its executive  
regulation,

The Law organizing telecommunications promulgated by law No. 10 for the year  
2003,

The Customs Law promulgated by law No. 207 for the year 2020 and its executive  
regulation,

The Presidential Decree No. 44 for the year 1969 regarding the establishment of the Ports Security Department,

The Presidential Decree No. 217 for the year 1978 regarding the establishment of the General Authority for Red Sea Ports,

The Presidential Decree No. 317 for the year 1985 regarding the establishment of the Damietta Port Authority,

The Presidential Decree No. 57 for the year 2002 for organizing the Ministry of Transport,

The Presidential Decree No. 141 for the year 2003 regarding the establishment of some tourist ports,

The Presidential Decree No. 399 for the year 2004 regarding the establishment of the Egyptian Authority for Maritime Safety,

The Presidential Decree No. 330 for the year 2015 regarding the establishment of the Suez Canal Economic Zone,

The Presidential Decree No. 58 for the year 2016 regarding the establishment of the International Sea Port in El-Galala Marine Area,

The Presidential Decree No. 54 for the year 2020 regarding controls for the establishment of marinas,

The Prime Ministerial Decree No. 2282 for the year 2015 regarding the General Authority for the Suez Canal Economic Zone,

The Prime Ministerial Decree No. 791 for the year 2018 regarding the continuous work in ports via 24-hours shift system,

The Prime Ministerial Decree No. 1847 for the year 2020 regarding the establishment of a specialized tourist marina in Abu Soma Bay,

The Decree of the Minister of Transport No. 539 for the year 2003 regarding organizing, management and operation of tourists ports,

The Decree of the Minister of Communications and Information Technology No. 258 for the year 2003 regarding the terms and conditions for issuing licenses for the wireless devices and frequency spectrum,

The Decree of the Minister of Transport No. 287 for the year 2011 regarding the issuance of regulations to implement some of the provisions of the Ship Safety Law No. 232 for the year 1989,

The Decree of the Minister of transport No. 488 for the year 2015 regarding the fees for the services provided to vessels at Egyptian ports, the usage fee of the fixed and floating facilities and constructions of the Ports Authorities and the Egyptian Authority for Maritime Safety (EAMS) and the fee for the electronic services provided by the Port Authorities,

What has been submitted before the Minister of Transport, and  
Following the approval of the Council of Ministers,

**Decided:**

**Article One**

The provisions of the regulation annexed to this decree in respect of organizing foreign yacht tourism in all tourism international marinas and touristic and commercial seaports with touristic terminals or berth shall apply.

**Article Two**

The Mentioned decree of the Minister of transport No. 539 for the year 2003 shall be canceled in addition to anything in violation of the provisions of this decree.

**Article Three**

This decision shall be published in the Official Gazette and shall come into force as of the next day of its publication.

Issued at Presidency of the Council of Ministers on 5 Moharam 1444H

Corresponding to 3 August 2022 AD

Prime Minister

Dr. Moustafa Kamal Madbouly

**Regulation**  
**Organizing foreign yacht tourism in marinas and seaports**  
**(Article One)**

Upon applying the provisions of the regulation, the following words and phases shall bear the following meaning:

**Touristic marinas and ports:** these are marine and shore facilities and establishments that are used to receive and dock yachts and cruise ships.

**Touristic Port Administration:** It is the body corporate or natural person licensed to manage and operate the tourism port by the Ministry of Transport.

**The responsible party for the yacht:** the owner of the yacht, its master or their legal representative.

**Foreign Tourism Yachts:** ships of a special nature and marine units that are used for the purposes of excursion, entertainment, and water sports and not commercial business. These ships are the ones flying the flag of foreign countries which shall be referred to in the provisions of this regulation as yachts.

**Digital Platform:** single window digital platform for tourism yachts which undertakes providing registration services and other administrative and electronic services and associated procedures for tourist yachts.

**Article Two**

The maritime transport sector shall be responsible for the implementation of the strategic plan to maximize yacht tourism in the Arab Republic of Egypt and ensure the continuity of its implementation and development in the future.

**Article Three**

A single window digital platform shall be established for yachts and the Ministry of Transport (Maritime Transport Sector) shall undertake its management, supervision, development and taking the procedures obtaining the necessary approvals and permits. Yachts shall only be dealt with through this platform.

**Article Four**

Without prejudice to the regulations and the procedures regulating the electronic approvals and taking into account the requirements of national security, the authorities dealing with yachts are hereby committed to electronically connect with the Maritime Transport Sector in its capacity as the responsible authority for the

single window digital platform for yachts to facilitate providing collective services and approvals for yachts through the Maritime Transport Sector taking into account the technical and the insurance regulations and cyber security rules approved by the concerned authorities.

### **Article Five**

A unified code for the establishment and the operation of yacht marinas and ports shall be in force, as published on the digital platform and the official website of the maritime transport sector, with regards to the following regulatory points:

- (a) Description and components of the marinas and touristic ports currently existing in the Arab Republic of Egypt
- (b) The Authorities dealing with yachts located in touristic ports and marinas and their procedures and tasks
- (c) Map of touristic ports and marinas established and planned to be established on the coasts of the Republic
- (d) The mechanism of operation of the digital platform and its registration services and other administrative and electronic services and the associated procedures
- (e) Laws and decisions organizing touristic ports, marinas and yachts.

### **Article Six**

The tasks and the duties of the competent authorities in relation to yacht tourism shall be as follows:

#### **(A)Border Guard:**

The representatives of the Border Guard Corps, solely, shall board yachts to make the security procedures accompanied by an official of the marina or the touristic port administration, whose role shall be limited to communicate between the representative of the Border Guard Corps and the yacht crew only.

#### **(B)Ministry of Interior:**

The representatives of the authorities of the Ministry of Interior shall undertake the procedures and the tasks entrusted to them in accordance with the rules governing the work of those authorities.

#### **(C)Customs Authority:**

The Customs Authority shall prepare the appropriate customs declaration so that the responsible party for the yacht completes same on the digital platform. The

competent administration at the Customs shall complete the customs procedures pursuant to the Customs Law and its executive regulation.

**(D) Egyptian Authority for Maritime Safety:**

The yacht certificates issued by an accredited supervisory authority or by the flag state shall be reviewed by the Port State Control.

The duration of sailing and departure permits for yachts shall be valid for a period of not less than five days and may be renewed in emergency circumstances without any fees or fines and with simplified procedures.

The yacht shall be granted a navigation license based upon the validity certificate. In case of absence of the mentioned certificate, the navigation license may be granted after the Port State Control reviews the technical condition and the validity of the marine unit to ensure that the validity and safety conditions are met.

**(E) Ministry of Health:**

Upon receipt of notice of arrival from the yacht from an endemic area or the presence of sick personnel or injuries on board the yacht, the competent health authority shall be notified to take appropriate measures pursuant to the regulatory health rules.

**(F) National Telecommunication Regulatory Authority (NTRE):**

The Authority shall license the wireless communication devices on the yacht, in accordance with the provisions of the telecommunication Regulation Law, the regulatory decisions, and shall coordinate with the concerned authorities to quickly issue electronic licenses for the devices used.

**(G) Marina or Touristic Port Administration:**

The Administration shall provide wireless communication capabilities with yachts in coordination with naval base within which the Marina or Touristic Port is located. The Administration shall further organize the use of wireless devices on yachts in coordination with the concerned authorities.

The Administration shall receive all notices and reports from yachts on the international network designated for that purpose, or any other licensed means of communication and the marina or the touristic port. Administration shall be responsible for providing the said means.

The Administration shall comply with the approvals for the establishment of the marina or the port previously issued by the Armed Forces Operations Authority and the other concerned authorities.

The Administration shall provide equipped offices fitted with the appropriate means of communication for the permanent presence of the members of the border guard corps and the members of the official competent authorities at the touristic port within the jurisdiction of the customs zone.

The Administration shall implement the environmental requirements and standards pursuant to the provisions of the Environmental Law No. 4 for the year 1994 and its executive regulations and amendments together with the preparation and implementation of an emergency plan, pollution control and management of wastes resulting from yachts.

**Providing the following logistics services:**

Tourist information desk within the port

Coordination with carriers to provide tourist transport buses to transport tourist to the tourist attractions and tourist areas.

Regular maintenance of service facilities in the marina or touristic port

Coordination with banks to provide ATMs at the waiting areas

Providing WIFI service

Equipping the waiting areas with means of entertainment (TV screens – activities – entertainment games – artistic shows – bazaar – etc...)

Waste reception facilities (solid – liquid)

**(H) Duties of the Responsible Party for the Yacht:**

The responsible part for the yacht or the maritime agent shall register the fundamental data of the yacht on the digital platform which will include (passenger data – crew – yacht specifications – itinerary – estimated time of arrival and departure of the yacht – license certificate of the used wireless and navigational devices issued by the flag state – any other data) prior to the yacht's arrival with ample time. In return, the digital platform administration shall promptly notify the concerned authorities to facilitate and swiftly take the procedures and obtain the approvals.

The responsible party for the yacht shall fill out the customs declaration forms and data forms prepared by the competent authorities and listed on their digital platform provided that the digital platform administration shall submit same to the representative of the concerned authorities to complete the legal procedures.

The responsible party for the yacht shall notify the digital platform of the navigational itinerary or in-land itinerary in case of calling at ports, piers, other islands, attractions or tourist areas or practicing marine activities such as snorkeling, fishing and so on to enable the competent authorities to follow up the movements of the yacht upon sailing, berthing and departure from the Egyptian coasts with one approval and permit of entry in accordance with the controls and specifications set by the competent authorities to practice these activities and publish them on the digital platform. The inspection procedures shall be carried out at the port of arrival and at the port of departure or in required cases for security reasons.

The responsible party for the foreign yacht that is less than thirty meters or his representative, during the transit of the Suez Canal shall coordinate with the Suez Canal Authority for transit without a pilot.

### **Article Seven**

The procedures for receiving yachts and their departure shall be as follows:

- (a) The yacht shall be dealt with according to the registration certificate issued by the flag state regardless of the number of passengers, crew, length of the unit, tonnage, means of payment or nationality of the owner.
- (b) The following ports and marinas shall grant access to yachts:
  - International touristic marinas
  - Public touristic and commercial ports that have tourist terminals or piers to receive touristic yachts.
- (c) The arrival and departure procedures of yachts maybe completed at the first port of arrival or the port where the yachts is berthing upon departure.
- (d) The official authorities may simply send their representatives from the nearest place to the touristic port at the commencement of operation or in the absence of an activity that requires their presence on a permanent basis.
- (e) Based upon the request of the responsible party for the yacht or his representative and at his own expense, a request to conclude the procedures (reception/ departure) may be made. The official authorities shall form a joint



committee/ team work in which their representatives are represented according to the work needs to complete the yacht's reception and departure procedures pursuant to the laws and decisions regulating the work of these authorities. The port or the marina administration shall be the coordinator of the said committee.

(f) Based upon the request of the responsible party for the yacht or his representative and at his own expense, security/ escort services may be requested to be provided to call at ports, islands or nature reserves according to the discretion of the concerned official authorities.

(g) The marina or specialized touristic port Administration receiving yachts shall undertake the responsibility of performing the tasks undertaken by the shipping agent licensed by the maritime transport sector.

(h) The yacht clubs of the Suez Canal Authority and the Egyptian Yacht Club shall carry out the role of shipping agent for the yacht in case of transit of the Suez Canal. These tasks may be assigned to the shipping agent.

(i) Passengers onboard yachts shall be authorized to disembark from the yachts pursuant to the followed procedures of entry of foreigners into the country by the competent authorities.

(j) Towage, pilotage, insurance and other services shall be optional for yachts and at the request of the responsible party for the yacht, its master or representative.

(k) The port or marina Administration, all service and supplies providers to yachts, each in its own right, shall commit to declare the service data, its characteristics and the comprehensive price of obtaining it. The Maritime Transport Sector shall be annually notified of the price lists of services and supplies and any amendments thereto for publication on the digital platform.

(l) The yachts shall be charged according to the world fuel price to be paid in foreign currency.

(m) The necessary approvals and permits for yachts shall be obtained within a period not exceeding three days. In case of frequent visits to the country, the period of obtaining those approvals and permits must not exceed one day.

## Article Eight

The basis and categories of charging yachts shall be as follows:

- (a) The yacht calling at the international touristic marinas shall be charged according to the declared price list by the touristic marina administration on the digital platform.
- (b) The yacht that calls at yacht clubs shall be charged according to the declared price list on the digital platform.
- (c) The yacht that calls at the public touristic and commercial ports (touristic stations – tourist piers) shall be charged according to the categories shown in the following table:

S	Duration of Anchorage	Yacht length up to 10 meters	Yacht length over 10 meters up to 30 meters	Yacht length over 30 meters up to 60 meters	Yacht length over 60 meters up to 90 meters	Yacht length more than 90 meters
	The duration of one day, (a part of a day shall be considered a whole day)	\$4/meter/day	\$6/meter/day	\$8/meter/day	\$10/meter/day	\$14/meter/day
		A discount of 50% shall be granted for the period exceeding the first thirty days				

The mentioned categories shall be reviewed whenever necessary after submitting same before the Supreme Council of Ports.

- (d) The yacht shall pay the declared categories due to the official authorities on the digital platform through the Ministry of Transport (Maritime Transport Sector) in accordance with the rules regulating the work of the authorities affiliated to the following ministries:
  - (a) Ministry of Defense,
  - (b) Ministry of Interior,
  - (c) Ministry of Transport,
  - (d) Ministry of Health,
  - (e) Ministry of Communications and Information Technology,
  - (f) Ministry of Finance,
- (e) The said ministries shall provide the E-Finance company and the Maritime Transport Sector with the accounts numbers of the affiliated authorities.

- (f) The Maritime Transport Sector shall be entitled to collect the administrative expenses from the responsible party for the yacht or its representative for the electronic and administrative services of the digital platform amounting to 20% of the total amounts paid as per items numbers (A – B – C – D) of this article.
- (g) The yacht shall pay the due amount to e-finance pursuant to the drawn contract in that regard.
- (h) The yacht shall be charged from a financial perspective pursuant to the provisions of this regulation. The financial regulation concerning vessels and other marine units, , shall not apply.
- (i) No fees or sums paid under any name by the yacht shall be collected except through the digital platform, provided that the yacht receives real and actual services against the paid fees and sums.
- (j) The yacht shall be exempted from payment of shifts' salary against carrying out procedures after working hours and public holidays.