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NEW INLAND PORT DUES SYSTEM

The Port of Rotterdam Authority is working on a new system for inland port dues, which will replace the current web portal on 1 January 2023. The old system has reached its end-of-life. The new system meets the demands of the market for payment based on actual use and increased transparency. Digital collection of inland port dues will also become more user-friendly.

The pilot has started!

On Monday, 11 April, the pilot of the “Renewed Inland Port Dues System” has started for a period of four weeks. A few interesting facts:

- Roughly 100 companies have signed up for the pilot, representing approximately 200 vessels
- All segments are represented in the pilot: Dry and liquid bulk shipping, container shipping, push barging, passenger shipping, towage and other types of vessel
- Dutch, German and Belgian companies are participating in the pilot
- Roughly 70% have given permission to test automatic registration on the basis of AIS and GPS (for push barges) detection

Port of Rotterdam Authority is very happy with the high level of interest and the great turnout for the market and information sessions organized prior to the pilot. This enables us to test as many types of vessels and customers as possible:

- ✓ whether the newly developed functionalities and links work properly
- ✓ whether the set-up of the new portal is user-friendly
- ✓ whether the AIS and GPS work reliably for detecting berth locations

And naturally we will be looking at the impact of the new tariff structure and tariffs for each individual situation.

All the information is on the website

For further information about the new Inland Port Dues System, please visit our [website](#), where you can find the following documents:

- [Background information](#), including a discussion of the motivation behind the new system
- [Tariff structure](#), including the new tariffs as proposed for the pilot and a variety of sample calculations
- [Manual for the pilot](#)

You can also find other relevant information on the website, such as the privacy statement, which states how we handle personal data.

Follow-up to the pilot

For those participating in the pilot, evaluation sessions have been organized for after its completion; users will also be asked about their experiences with the new system by means of a questionnaire. In parallel with the pilot we are maintaining regular contact with the sector organizations and conducting discussions with individual parties in inland navigation in order to analyse – among other things – the impact of the proposed new tariff structure.

In June we will be sending out information about the findings we've collected and feedback from the pilot in order to get hold of any points that need 'fine tuning'. After the summer we will be presenting the final proposal for the new Inland Port Dues System. The new system will be operational starting in January 2023. In the meantime, we will keep sharing information with you about further developments.

If you have any questions, send an email with the subject 'New Inland Port Dues System' or request for further information to Binnenhavengeld@portofrotterdam.com.