

## **Regulatory Initiative: APA Tariff Regulations – Newfoundland and Labrador Non-Compulsory Areas – 2015/2016 Rate Changes – Forward Regulatory Plan 2015 -2017**

Title or working title of the regulatory initiative:

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| <b>Atlantic Pilotage Tariff Regulations-Newfoundland and Labrador Non-Compulsory Areas</b> |
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Description of the objective:

The Authority is adjusting tariffs in Newfoundland and Labrador non-compulsory areas to assure pilots will be available to the customers when requested. The changes to the non-compulsory rates do not have a significant effect on the Authority's finances, but is meant to assure that pilots will be willing to do these assignments when industry requests them.

The Newfoundland Non-Compulsory Tariff has not been increased since 1999. The Authority is planning to increase this tariff in two stages to provide an inflationary increase since the last amendment. The first increase will be 10% in 2015, followed by a further 10% increase planned in 2016. It would be important to note that the increase in CPI since 1999 has been over 25%. Newfoundland Non-Compulsory revenue will be approximately 1.0% of the overall revenue in 2015.

Indication of business impacts:

There may be business impacts. The "One-for-One" Rule and/or the small business lens may apply.

Public consultation opportunities:

The Authority conducts extensive consultation with local and national shipping interests. Committees have been formed for each of the major pilotage areas and with the Shipping Federation of Canada. At least two meetings are held with each committee annually, in which service levels, operational issues, future requirements, and financial issues are discussed. The Shipping Federation of Canada, on behalf of their members, had written to the Authority to indicate that they consider this tariff proposal to be fair and reasonable, when it was part of the 2013 tariff proposal.

Separate meetings are held with the Canadian Shipowners Association, individual companies, and key players in the industry throughout the year. The sharing of information proves valuable to the APA in forecasting activity levels in each port.

These regulation changes will be posted in *Canada Gazette*, Part I before coming into effect. Canadians have an opportunity when posted to provide additional opinions on these changes. More information can be found at <http://www.gazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/index-eng.html>.

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### For more information:

- [Government-Wide Forward Regulatory Plans](#)
- [The Cabinet Directive on Regulatory Management](#)
- [The Red Tape Reduction Action Plan](#)
- [The Canada–United States Regulatory Cooperation Council](#)

To learn about upcoming or ongoing consultations on proposed federal regulations, visit the [Canada Gazette](#) and [Consulting with Canadians](#) websites.