

DECREE-LAW No. 28/2015
of 19 August 2015

1st AMENDMENT TO THE DECREE-LAW No. 19/2003, OF 8 OCTOBER
(TIMOR-LESTE PORTS RULES)

Considering that the Port Tariff Regulation of Timor-Leste, approved by Decree-Law 19/2003, does not provide for the possibility of exempting, reducing or authorizing the phased payment of amounts due as port tariffs.

Bearing in mind that in some situations it is justified that there is no payment of port fees, or that these may be reduced or paid in installments, for reasons of public interest.

The Government decrees, under the terms of point e) of paragraph 1 of article 115 of the Constitution of the Republic, to be enforced as law, the following:

Article 1
Amendment

Article 8 of Decree-Law no. 19/2003, of 8 October, is replaced by the following:

"Article 8
Prohibition of using ports in case of relaxation

1. (...).
2. (...).
3. (...).
4. In exceptional, duly substantiated situations, the supervising Minister may authorize, after hearing the Minister of Finance, payment in installments or partial payment of the debt, as well as the reduction or exemption of port fees provided for in this law. ”

Article 2
Entry into force

This Decree-Law enters into force on the day immediately following its publication in the *Jornal da República*.

Approved by the Council of Ministers on June 30, 2015.

The Prime Minister,

Dr. Rui Maria de Araújo