



KONINKLIJKE  
VERENIGING VAN  
NEDERLANDSE  
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## Standing Rules

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## **Section 1: Method of registration as an ordinary member or associate member**

1. An application for ordinary or associate membership of the KVNR must be made in writing using the prescribed application form. The application form is available on the KVNR website.
2. When applying for ordinary or associate membership, the prospective member must declare that he/it is of irreproachable behaviour.
3. The Board will consider applications for ordinary or associate membership and will decide regarding admission.
4. The Board has instructed and mandated the Management to ensure a proper application procedure:
  - a. The Management shall inform the applicant, in writing, within six weeks after application as to whether he/it has been admitted or refused as a member. In the event of refusal, the reasons shall be stated;
  - b. Membership shall commence on a date determined by the Management;
  - c. The Management shall keep membership records, which shall include the names and addresses of the members. Each member shall notify the Management, in writing, of his/its street address and e-mail address, and of any change therein. The Management may send legally valid convocations to the members at the addresses of the members that are known to it.

## **Section 2: Reporting obligation for seagoing vessels**

Each ordinary member shall be obliged to report all seagoing vessels owned or operated, directly or indirectly, by him/it, using the reporting form prescribed by the KVNR and sent to the ordinary member concerned.

## **Section 3: Concurrence of reporting obligations**

If more than one ordinary members are obliged to report the same seagoing vessel, within the meaning of Section 2, they shall decide among themselves which ordinary member shall report the seagoing vessel concerned. Said ordinary members shall immediately inform the Management of their arrangements in that respect.

## **Section 4: Membership fees**

1. The membership fee for ordinary members and associate members for the coming Association Year shall be determined by the General Meeting.
2. The membership fee for ordinary members shall depend on the number of seagoing vessels owned or operated, directly or indirectly, by the ordinary member concerned.
3. The first report of a seagoing vessel to the KVNR by one and the same ordinary member shall determine the basis for calculating the membership fee to be paid by that ordinary member.
4. For seagoing vessels sailing under the Dutch flag which were reported to the KVNR before 1 January 2020, the membership fee for an ordinary member shall be calculated on the following basis:
  - a. The membership fee shall amount to at least EUR 487.60 per vessel;
  - b. For each vessel reported, the maximum deadweight tonnage (DWT) in tonnes (for open/closed vessels: the average) shall be converted into membership fee tonnes (COT):  $COT = DWT * factor$ .
  - c. The factor shall depend on the type of vessel:

<b>Type of vessel</b>	<b>Factor</b>
General cargo vessel	1
Dry bulk vessel	1
Container ship, scheduled service	1
Cargo ferry	4.2
Guardship	1
Cooler/freezer vessel	1
Offshore drilling platform/vessel	1
Offshore semi-sub, supply, etc.	3.75
Research vessel	3
Passenger vessel/ferry	9
Tanker	1
Harbour tug	1
Seagoing tug	3.75
Working vessel	1
Heavy load vessel	0.75

- d. The membership fee for a vessel shall then be calculated by means of a system of brackets. The brackets are made up as follows:

- Bracket 1 (from 0 to 10,000 COT): EUR 0.7102 per COT, with a minimum of EUR 487.60 and a maximum of EUR 3,032.66 per vessel;
  - Bracket 2 (from 10,000 to 20,000 COT): EUR 0.6042 per COT;
  - Bracket 3 (from 20,000 COT upwards): EUR 0.5512 per COT;
- e. The maximum amount per vessel shall be EUR 10,192.96 per year.
5. For seagoing vessels of 500 GT or more and sailing under the Dutch flag which were reported to the KVNR for the first time on or after 1 January 2020, the membership fee for an ordinary member shall be calculated on the following basis:
- a. The membership fee shall amount to at least EUR 1,189.32 per vessel.
  - b. For each reported vessel, the membership fee shall be calculated on the basis of the gross tonnage (GT) of the vessel: EUR 0.5936 per tonne GT.
  - c. The maximum amount per vessel shall be EUR 11,893.20.
6. For seagoing vessels sailing under a flag other than the Dutch flag which have been or will be reported to the KVNR, the membership fee for an ordinary member amounts to EUR 1,189.32.
- a. The provisions of subsections 5 and 6 of the present section shall apply mutatis mutandis to seagoing vessels that the ordinary member has in "bareboat-in" form;
  - b. No membership fee shall be payable for seagoing vessels in "bareboat-out" form that the ordinary member has flagged under a foreign flag.
7. For seagoing vessels of 499 GT or less, independent the flag, the membership fee for an ordinary member is EUR 594.66 per reported vessel.
8. For the purpose of calculating the membership fee for a seagoing vessel:
- a. the first day of the quarter following the day on which a seagoing vessel is reported to the KVNR shall be taken as the reporting date for the seagoing vessel concerned;
  - b. the last day of the quarter in which the report of a seagoing vessel to the KVNR is cancelled shall be taken as the cancellation date for the seagoing vessel concerned.
9. The membership fee for an ordinary member shall be determined by adding up the membership fees for the seagoing vessels that the member has reported.
10. The maximum membership fee for an ordinary member shall be EUR 206,347.02.

11. The membership fee for associate members shall depend on the number of employees who perform maritime-related work and shall be:

- for organisations with fewer than 3 employees: EUR 1,367.40
- for organisations with 3 to 10 employees: EUR 2,734.80
- for organisations with 10 to 50 employees: EUR 5,946.60
- for organisations with 50 to 250 employees: EUR 8,919.90
- for organisations with more than 250 employees: EUR 11,893.20

12. For a member that ceases to be an ordinary member and for whom membership is converted into associate membership, the converted membership fee shall be calculated in accordance with subsection 8 of the present section.

## **Section 5: Payment of the membership fee**

The membership fee shall be paid by or on behalf of the member within 30 days of receipt of the relevant invoice. The membership fee shall be invoiced quarterly at the beginning of the quarter concerned. Any reduction in the membership fees agreed by the General Meeting shall be set off in the third quarter of the year following adoption of the Association's annual financial statements.

## **Section 6: Membership fee scheme for vessels laid up cold**

1. In the case of vessels laid up cold, the obligation to pay the membership fee may be cancelled under the conditions set out in subsection 3 of the present section.
2. A vessel that has been laid up cold shall be understood to mean:
  - a vessel that has ceased to be operated commercially;
  - a vessel that has been laid up in a secure location;
  - a vessel for which the size and/or qualifications of the crew do not meet the requirements for the safe manning certificate; and
  - a vessel for which the operational state of the main engines and auxiliaries has been reduced to an absolute minimum.
3. In the case of a vessel laid up cold, the obligation to pay the membership fee shall cease to apply, provided that the following conditions are met:
  - a. the ordinary member shall promptly report the cold lay-up of the vessel without delay, stating the location and date of the lay-up, the number and qualifications of any crew members remaining on board, and the expected

- duration of the cold lay-up;
- b. the ordinary member shall report without delay any change in the status of the vessel during the cold lay-up, for example the expiry of its class certificates;
- c. the ordinary member shall report without delay the recommencement of commercial operation of the vessel, which shall include making it fit for rapid commercial deployment (i.e. the change of its status to hot lay-up), with an indication of the date of this event;
- d. relevant periods of time shall start to run on the day the KVNR receives the report of the vessel being laid up cold;
- e. from the point when three months have elapsed after a vessel has been laid up cold and the report referred to in point (a) has been received, no membership fee shall be due until the vessel no longer complies with the conditions set out in subsection 2.

## **Section 7: Committees and contact groups**

1. The Board may set up committees and contact groups for areas of interest or sub-sectors within its membership.
2. The duties of the committees shall be:
  - a. to identify, address, and – where possible and necessary – influence policy developments that are relevant within the area of interest concerned;
  - b. to provide a platform for sharing knowledge and information; and
  - c. to build and maintain effective networks.
3. The duties of the contact groups shall be:
  - a. to identify, address, and – where possible and necessary – influence policy developments that are relevant to the sub-sector concerned;
  - b. to provide a platform for sharing knowledge and information; and
  - c. to build and maintain effective networks.
4. Each committee or contact group shall include:
  - members or employees of members;
  - at least one Office employee as secretary.
5. The Board shall receive the minutes of the meetings of committees and contact groups.
6. A committee or contact group may invite observers to attend its meetings. Ordinary members of the KVNR shall have access to such meetings at all times.

7. The Board may dissolve a committee or contact group that it has established at such time as it deems desirable.
8. The committee or contact group shall elect a chairperson from among its members. Meetings of the committee/contact group shall be chaired by said chairperson.

## **Section 8: Working groups**

1. A committee may set up working groups. The duties of the working groups shall be:
  - a. to provide the committee that set it up with solicited and unsolicited advice;
  - b. to carrying out activities, including regular monitoring and investigation of developments;
  - c. within the area of responsibility and attention with which the committee concerned has charged it, to prepare, elaborate, and implement said committee's (policy) decisions.
2. Each working group shall include:
  - members or employees of members;
  - at least one Office employee as secretary.
3. The committee that set up the working groups shall receive the minutes of its meetings.
4. A working group may invite observers to attend its meetings. Ordinary members of the KVNR shall have access to such meetings at all times.
5. A committee may dissolve a working group that it has established at such time as it deems desirable.
6. The working group shall elect a chairperson from among its members. Meetings of the working shall be chaired by the chairperson.

## **Section 9: Remuneration for Board members**

1. It is assumed that Board members will carry out their work for the KVNR on a pro bono basis. In situations, however, when it is unreasonable to have travel and accommodation costs borne by the Board member or the company for

which he/she works, the Board may decide, by common consent, to reimburse the member or his/her company to a fair extent. Such may be the case, for example, when a Board member attends external meetings (including abroad) on behalf of the KVNR.

2. If a Board member carries out substantial additional activities for the benefit of the Association, the Board may, by common consent, determine separate remuneration for that Board member.