



# Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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## 46 CFR subchapter M – Towing Vessels: Resumption of Billing TSMS Option User Fees and New User Fee Amounts for all Inspected Towing Vessels

On December 28, 2023, the Federal Register published the [User Fees for Inspected Towing Vessels Final Rule \(User Fees FR\)](#). Accordingly, the USCG Finance Center (FINCEN) will resume billing for inspection user fees, at the new amount, for Towing Safety Management System (TSMS) Option vessels as of **March 27, 2024**. Additionally, the new inspection user fee amounts for all towing vessels affected by the User Fees FR will be updated and effective as well.

Div. G, Sec. 231 of the [Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2022](#) (FY22 Omnibus) of March 15, 2022, prohibited the Coast Guard from charging inspection user fees to TSMS option towing vessels until the requirements of Sec. 815 of the [Frank LoBiondo Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2018](#), Public Law 115–282 (CGAA 2018) were met, including the update of TSMS option inspection user fee. With the publication of the User Fees FR, the Coast Guard has met all requirements of Sec. 815 of the CGAA 2018.

Therefore, effective **March 27, 2024**, the USCG FINCEN will resume charging vessel inspection user fees for [towing vessels using the TSMS option](#) and begin billing under the new fee amounts for [all other towing vessels](#) as indicated below.

The annual fee schedule for 46 CFR subchapter I towing vessels will be:

Inspection Type	Fee
Coast Guard option	\$2,747
ACP option	\$1,850
SIP option	\$2,260

The annual fee schedule for 46 CFR subchapter M towing vessels will be:

Inspection Type	Fee
Coast Guard option	\$2,184
TSMS option	\$973

MSIB 04-22 *Suspension of USCG Inspection Fees for TSMS Option – Subchapter M Towing Vessels* is hereby cancelled.

Please send questions regarding vessel inspection fee payment, billing, appeals, and refunds to the USCG Finance Center (FINCEN) via [FIN-SMB-CustomerService@uscg.mil](mailto:FIN-SMB-CustomerService@uscg.mil) or visit this website for more information: <https://www.uscg.mil/fincen/VIF>.

