



## TARIFF 29: BACKGROUND MUSIC – SHIPS & OTHER WATERCRAFTS

Tariff for the communicating to the public of sound recordings

Effective from: 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025.

1. The communicating of sound recordings to the public is a restricted act in terms of the South African Copyright Act (Act 98 of 1978, as amended) and Performers Protection Act (11 of 1967, as amended) and requires a licence from SAMPRA for the use of sound recordings in its **repertoire**. This document sets out SAMPRA's tariff for the communicating to the public of sound recordings on inland and coastal **SHIPS, BOATS, CRUISE LINERS, FLOATING HOTELS AND OTHER WATERCRAFTS**.
2. This tariff is subject to SAMPRA's "General Terms and Conditions for Communicating Sound Recordings to the Public Licences", a copy of which can be accessed on SAMPRA's website (<http://www.sampra.org.za>) or obtained by contacting SAMPRA (see contact details here above).
3. This tariff applies to the communicating to the public of sound recordings on ships, boats, cruise liners, floating hotels and other watercrafts as **background music**. There are specific types of communicating sound recordings to the public that SAMPRA does not classify as **background music** and which are licensed under separate tariffs. Apart from these exceptions, all other types of public performance are classified as **background music**. Additional use of background music in other areas (bars, restaurants, games areas, etc.) to be charged separately using the appropriate tariffs.
4. Penalty Clause – A SAMPRA licence should be obtained before sound recordings are publicly communicated. Should sound recordings be communicated to the public without first obtaining or renewing a licence, a surcharge can be added to this tariff. This is designed to act as a deterrent to unlicensed communications to the public of sound recordings.
5. Fees:  
  
Flat fee of **R2,309.61** per vessel per annum.  
  
VAT will be added to the fee at the current rate.
6. Definitions:  
  
"**Background Music**" means the playing of recorded music to create an atmosphere or ambience that is not a special feature of, or essential to, the main event or is not essential to the operation of the premises.  
  
"**Repertoire**" means the collection of copyright sound recordings owned or controlled by members of SAMPRA from time to time.

Should you require additional information, please contact our Licensing Team as per details below:

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