

Republic of Panama
Superintendency of Banks

GENERAL RESOLUTION No. 001-2006
(of November 2, 2006)

"Whereby the tariffs by way of rights for Banking Inspections,
Follow-Up Inspections and Special Inspections, are set"

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF BANKS,
using his legal authority, and

WHEREAS:

Article 20 of Decree Law No. 9 of 1998 sets the amount paid as inspection rights by the Banks as a resource of the Superintendency of Banks;

Article 74 of Decree Law No. 9 of 1998 stipulates that the total cost of the inspection carried out by the Superintendency of Banks, as well as its incidental expenses, will be paid by the corresponding Bank;

Through General Resolution No. 1-98 of September 21, 1998, modified by General Resolution No. 6-2000 of July 24, 2000, the tariff amounts for the right to inspections carried out in the banking entities were set, by virtue of Articles 74, 30 and 17 (Numeral 15) of Decree Law No. 9 of 1998;

In work sessions of this Superintendency of Banks, the need to adjust the rates in force according to the inflation of the last six years has been made evident, so as to be able to cover the cost of inspections done with efficient, complete and consolidated supervision criteria, wherefore it hereby modifies the aforementioned General Resolution No. 1-98, modified by General Resolution No. 6-2000, and it also sets the tariffs by way of right to follow-up inspections and special inspections.

RESOLVES:

ARTICLE 1: BANKING INSPECTION FEE. The following tariffs are set for inspections carried out by virtue of Articles 74, 30 and 17 (Numeral 15) of Decree Law No. 9 of 1998:

1. Seventy Five Balboas (B/.75.00) per man-hour dedicated to the onsite inspection for each supervisor with Coordinator position during the inspection.
2. Sixty Balboas (B/.60.00) per man-hour dedicated to the onsite inspection for each Group Chief supervisor during the inspection.
3. Fifty Balboas (B/.50.00) per man-hour dedicated to the onsite inspection for any other supervisor of the Superintendency of Banks.

ARTICLE 2: TIMELINESS AND PAYMENT FORMS. The inspection rights at the Bank's expense will be paid in full within the thirty (30) days following the invoice submittal by the Superintendency.

At the Bank's request, partial invoices may be submitted during the inspection.

ARTICLE 3: INDEPENDENT AUDITOR INSPECTIONS AT THE SUPERINTENDENCY'S EXPENSE. The inspections the Superintendency carries out through Independent Auditors, by virtue of Articles 74, 30 and 17 (Numeral 15) of Decree Law No. 9 of 1998, will be object of a single charge to the Bank not greater than the cost of the independent audit service that the Superintendency was charged.

ARTICLE 4: INCIDENTAL EXPENSES. In inspections that must be observed outside of the city of Panama – inside or outside the country – pursuant to and for the effects of Articles 74, 30 and 17 (Numeral 15) of Decree Law No. 9 of 1998, the Bank will pay the Superintendency for traveling expenses and accommodations incurred by the staff assigned to the inspection.

ARTICLE 5: FOLLOW-UP INSPECTION FEE. When observations and recommendations are made in the final inspection report with which the Bank must deal, all the follow-up inspections aiming to verify the observance of said observations and recommendations will be billed for the tariff set in Article one of this Resolution, regardless of the sanctions the Superintendency imposes on the inspected Bank because of infringement of the Law and/or banking agreements.

ARTICLE 6: SPECIAL INSPECTION FEE. The following tariffs are set for special inspections carried out by the Superintendency as a consequence of early warnings, inconsistencies in the information sent, or the occurrence of any situation attributable to the inspected Bank wherein a special inspection was necessary:

1. Ninety Balboas (B/.90.00) per man-hour dedicated to the special onsite inspection for each supervisor with Coordinator position during the inspection.
2. Seventy Balboas (B/.70.00) per man-hour dedicated to the special onsite inspection for each Group Chief supervisor during the inspection.
3. Sixty Balboas (B/.60.00) per man-hour dedicated to the special onsite inspection for any other supervisor of the Superintendency of Banks.

In case the special inspections carried out by the Superintendency are generated as a consequence of any situation not attributable to the Bank, such as inspections of inactive goods (SB-CUIN forms), complaints submitted by bank users, among others, the tariff set in Article one of this Resolution will be charged.

ARTICLE 7: EFFECT. This Resolution will be in force with the inspections ordered starting on January first, 2007.

ARTICLE 8: ANNULMENTS. This General Resolution completely rescinds General Resolutions No. 1-98 of September 21, 1998 and No. 6-2000 of July 24, 2000.

Given in the city of Panama, on the second (2nd) day of the month of November, two thousand six (2006).

TO BE RELEASED, PUBLISHED AND FULFILLED.

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF BANKS,

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