

## Copyright Board

### *Notice of Grounds for Proposed Tariff*

#### **SOCAN Tariff 13.B – Public Conveyances – Passenger Ships**

December 15, 2021

#### **1. Description of Uses Covered by the Proposed Tariff**

This tariff applies to public performances and communications to the public by telecommunication of musical works in SOCAN's repertoire by means of recorded music in a passenger ship.

#### **2. Description of Users / Groups of Users Covered by the Proposed Tariff**

Users are passenger ship operators, such as Ontario Waterway Cruises in Orillia, Ontario.

#### **3. Explanation of How Royalties are Determined**

The proposed royalty rate for 2023-2025 is \$1.34 per person per year, based on the authorized passenger capacity of each ship, subject to an annual minimum fee of \$79.83 per ship. The proposed royalty is an inflationary increase based on the Board's established inflation adjustment methodology from the previously-approved rate, which has been in place since 2015.

#### **4. Submissions on the Collection of Information**

The tariff requires each licensee to report its authorized passenger capacity by January 31 in the year covered by the licence.

#### **5. Explanation of Changes from Previously Approved Tariff**

There are two changes from the previously-approved tariff:

1. The proposed royalty for 2023-2025 is an inflationary increase, as described above.
2. The tariff wording has been amended to clarify that the tariff also covers communications to the public by telecommunication.