# **Cookies Policy**

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# 1 Introduction

This Policy applies to «Samos Steamship (Cyprus) Ltd», hereinafter called "Samos Cy" or "We".

Samos Cy is committed to protecting the personal information we collect and/or the user shares when he/she uses our websites and other services. This Cookies Policy explains what cookies are, how Samos Cy uses cookies and similar technologies on its website and what you can do to manage how cookies are used.

# 2 Use of Cookies

To make the website of Samos Cy. works properly, we might place small data files called cookies on your device. These cookies allow to our website to remember your actions and preferences for a certain period of time, so as you do not need to adjust them every time you visit our webpages. We want our website to be informative and as user friendly as possible and cookies help us to achieve that goal.

The cookies we use are not strictly necessary for the basic functionality of our website but they are designed to provide you with personalized navigation. In any case you have the ability to delete or stop accepting them anytime you may want so. At this case you may lose some functionalities offered by the website that are dependent to such cookies. Information connected with cookies, whenever gathered, is not used to identify you personally or any other reason than those mentioned in this Policy.

#### 2.1 Consent

Samos Cy is dedicated to transparency and to appropriately inform everyone about the use of cookies in its website as well as to receive unambiguous consent. By using our website, you agree to the use of cookies as set out in this policy.

We appreciate that some visitors may like more individual control over their visit to our website and can adjust their settings accordingly. You can read all about this in the section below "Control on Cookies".

You can accept or oppose the use or our site's cookies by following one of the following links:

<u>I accept the use of cookies</u> / <u>I don't accept the use of cookies</u> (\*) / <u>Personalization of preferences</u> on our website.

If you do not agree to such use, please refrain from the use of the website.

(\*) Please note that you can only reject cookies that are not absolutely necessary. Some cookies are necessary, as they allow you to provide some features, such as memorizing your preferences in cookies. Other cookies help us to collect statistics on the use of our site, to appreciate how well we meet the needs of users and make the necessary improvements.

## 3 About Cookies

Cookies are small text files that are stored by the browser (for example, Internet Explorer or Safari) on your computer or mobile phone and can be send back to the website with your next visit. They allow websites to store things like user preferences. You can think of cookies as providing a 'memory' for the website, so that it can recognise you when you come back and respond appropriately.

Websites mainly use cookies to:

- identify users,
- remember users' custom preferences,
- ▶ help users complete tasks without having to re-enter information when browsing from one page to another or when visiting the site later.

Cookies can also be used for online behavioral target advertising and to show adverts relevant to something that the user searched for in the past.

#### 3.1 How are they used?

The web server supplying the webpage can store a cookie on the user's computer or mobile device. An external web server that manages files included or referenced in the webpage is also able to store cookies. All these cookies are called http header cookies. Another way of storing cookies is through JavaScript code contained or referenced in that page.

Each time the user requests a new page, the web server can receive the values of the cookies it previously set and return the page with content relating to these values. Similarly, JavaScript code is able to read a cookie belonging to its domain and perform an action accordingly.

They are used in numerous ways, such as:

- > To know if you consent to the use of cookies.
- > To analyse the traffic of a webpage.
- > To know where from users were directed to a website.
- > To show content from third parties (e.g. maps).

Cookies can be useful because they allow a website to recognise a user's device. They are widely used in order to make websites work, or work more efficiently, as well as to provide information to the owners of the site. Without cookies, or some other similar method, websites would have no way to 'remember' anything about visitors, such as how many items are in a shopping basket or whether they are logged in.

#### 3.2 What are the different types of cookies?

A cookie can be classified by its lifespan and the domain to which it belongs. Cookies can expire at the end of a browser session (normally when a user exits their browser) or can be stored for longer. By lifespan, a cookie is either a:

- > session cookie which is erased when the user closes the browser or
- persistent cookie which remains on the user's computer/device for a pre-defined period of time.

Session cookies allow websites to recognise and link the actions of a user during a browsing session. They may be used for a variety of purposes such as remembering what a user has put in their shopping basket as they browse around a site. Cookies can also be used for security purposes, such as when a user logs in to internet banking or their webmail. These session cookies expire after a session ends, so would not be stored beyond this. For this reason, session cookies may sometimes be considered less privacy-intrusive than persistent cookies.

**Persistent cookies** are stored on a user's device in-between sessions. They can allow the preferences or actions of the user across a site (or across different websites) to be remembered. Persistent cookies may be used for a variety of purposes including remembering users' preferences and choices when using a site or to target advertising. The length of time between a cookie being set and expiry is set by the website operator. A user can also delete previously set persistent cookies manually or configure the browser settings to delete cookies at a set interval.

As for the website or the domain to which a cookie belongs, there are either:

- > first-party cookies which are set by the web server of the visited page and share the same domain
- third-party cookies stored by a different domain to the visited page's domain. This can happen when the webpage references a file, such as JavaScript, located outside its domain.

**First-party cookies** are set directly by the website the user is visiting, i.e. the URL displayed in the browser's address bar.

**Third-party cookies** are set by a domain other than the one the user is visiting. This typically occurs when the website incorporates elements from other sites, such as images, social

media plugins or advertising. When the browser or other software fetches these elements from the other sites, they can set cookies as well.

## **4 Our Cookies**

At this section Samos Cy informs the corresponding users for the types of cookies that are being used from our website.

Analytical Performance and Measurement Cookies: These cookies are essential to the running of our Services. They are used to remember your preferences on our websites and to provide enhanced, more personal features. The information collected by these cookies is usually anonymised, so we cannot identify you personally. Performance cookies do not track your internet usage or gather information which could be used for selling advertising, but they do help with serving advertising. These cookies are usually session cookies which will expire when you close your browsing session.

Targeting or "Behavioural Advertising" Cookies: These cookies, which may be placed on your device by us or our trusted third-party service providers, remember that you have visited a website and use that information to provide you with content or advertising which is tailored to your interests. This is often called online behavioural advertising (OBA) and is done by grouping together shared interests based upon web browsing history. Your web browsing history can be used to infer things about you (e.g. your age, gender etc.), and this information may also be used to make advertising on websites more relevant to you. Without these cookies, content and advertisements you encounter may be less relevant to you and your interests.

# 5 Control on Cookies

It is usually possible to stop your browser accepting cookies, or to stop it accepting cookies from a particular website. However, these options may cause malfunctions to some service provide by various websites, if not used properly

All modern browsers allow you to change your cookie settings. You can usually find these settings in the Options or Preferences menu of your browser. To understand these settings, the following links may be helpful, or you can use the Help option in your browser for more details.

- Cookie settings in Internet Explorer
- Cookie settings in Firefox
- Cookie settings in Chrome
- Cookie settings in Safari web

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If you would like to find out more about cookies and their use on the Internet, you may find the following links useful:

- > Your online choices
- Microsoft Cookies guide
- All About Cookies

To opt out of being tracked by Google Analytics across all websites visit: <a href="http://tools.google.com/dlpage/gaoptout">http://tools.google.com/dlpage/gaoptout</a>.

# 6 Our Details

If you have any concerns about the way that we use cookies or respect your settings, then please contact us at: <a href="mailto:info@samossteamship.com.cy">info@samossteamship.com.cy</a> and/or tel: +357 22282726.

# 7 Links to sites provided by others

If you follow a link from our website to another website, please be aware that the owner of the other website will have their own privacy and cookies policies for their site. We recommend you read their policies as we are not responsible or liable for what happens at their website.

# 8 Changes to this Cookies Policy

Our policies and procedures are under continual review. We may, from time to time, update our cookies policy. Any such changes will be posted on this page.