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Date : 11.8.1413 H.

With the help of God Al-Mighty
We, **Fahad Bin Abdul Aziz Al-Saud**, King of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia,

Upon reviewing article nineteen of the Council of Ministers Regulations issued vide the Royal Decree No.M/38 dated 22.10.1377 H,

And upon reviewing the Marine Scientific Research Regulations Project in the Marine territories of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

And upon reviewing Council of Ministers' Resolution No. (103) dated 10.8.1413 H,

Draw as follows :

First: Marine Scientific Research Regulations Project in the Marine Territories of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is hereby approved according to the form enclosed herewith.

Second : HRH Deputy Prime Minister as well as each Minister, in his own concern, are requested to implement this decree.

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Official Stamp.

**Kingdom Of Saudi Arabia
Council Of Ministers
Board Of Counselors**

**Marine Scientific Research Regulations
In Marine Territories Of The Kingdom Of Saudi Arabia**

Article One:

These regulations shall apply to all marine territories under the sovereignty of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia or under its regional jurisdiction both in the Red Sea and Arabian Gulf in accordance with the regulations applicable in the Kingdom, hereinafter called "marine territories".

Article Two:

For the purposes of these regulations, the following terms shall mean the following:

1. Marine Scientific Research: Means all scientific and technical activities carried out in the marine territories including photographing and recording for scientific purposes, water studies or researches as well as search for sea treasures.
2. Vessel: Means every water borne float used in marine scientific research activities in accordance with the internationally applicable regulations.
3. Person: Means any natural or corporate person.
4. Marine Environment Pollution: Means direct or indirect introduction of any materials or energy that result or are likely to result in harmful effects; such as harm to marine resources and life, including, fishing and other legal uses of seas, in addition to deteriorating the quality of sea water and its suitability for various uses.

5. Pertinent Authority: Means the Military Survey Department, Ministry of Defence and Aviation.

Article Three:

1. Marine scientific research regulation, licensing, processing and controlling it in marine territories are the sole right of the Kingdom.
2. No marine scientific research shall be conducted in marine territories except by an explicit license issued in accordance with the provisions of these regulations, provided that:
 - a. It is intended for peaceful purposes only.
 - b. No harm is caused to other legal uses of seas.
 - c. Marine scientific research activities in the marine territories shall not form a legal or actual basis to claim for any part of the marine environment or resources.

Article Four:

1. The pertinent authority in the Kingdom shall not give approval to conducting marine scientific research by any other state, pertinent international organization or any other foreign person if it is proved that the would-be licensee has submitted false information or if such research may entail, for example, any of the following:
 - a. Direct effect on the exploration and utilization of live or other natural resources.
 - b. Deep drilling over the continental shelf.
 - c. Use of explosives that may affect live or other resources.
 - d. Introduction of items harmful to the marine environment.
 - e. Construction of artificial islands or permanent installations or facilities.
 - f. Prejudice the rights of the Kingdom over its marine territories.

2. Marine scientific research activities related to exploration of oil shall be subject to relevant regulations.

Article Five:

1. The license application shall be submitted to the pertinent authority at least sixty days prior to the date specified for the commencement of marine scientific research activities if the applicant is holding a Saudi Nationality and at least six months if the applicant is a non-Saudi.
2. Non-Saudi persons under contracts with a governmental agency in the Kingdom or with a Saudi person shall submit the license application through the said governmental agency or Saudi person at least ninety days prior to the date specified for the commencement of research activities.
3. The license application shall be submitted at least six months prior to the date of commencement of research activities if the proposed marine scientific research is a joint venture between Saudi and non-Saudi persons.

Article Six:

The marine scientific research license application shall include copies of the research projects intended to be carried out, containing the following information:

1. An introduction to the person who will carry out the research along with his previous activities, places of work and foreign parties with which he worked in similar projects.
2. Stating of the agency responsible for the project and sources of funds.
3. Stating names of the research team members and names of assistant technicians along with their specialties, experiences and nationalities.
4. Research project nature, programme, objective and completion period.

5. An accurate geographical demarcation of the marine territories where the research will take place.
6. Scientific and technical methods and means intended to be used in the research activities including accurate description of the vessel or vessels intended to be used including its name, type, nationality, payload, model and class, in addition to full description of scientific research equipment and their nature.
7. Date expected for the first arrival and last departure of the research team and used vessels or for the installation and removal of equipment as the case may be.
8. To which extent does the applicant determines that the Kingdom may participate or be represented in the research.
- 9- A scientific study of the impacts expected to result from the marine scientific study in the marine territories.

Article Seven:

In order to present the license application to the pertinent authority, it should be accompanied with the following undertakings:

1. To provide suitable places in the marine scientific research vessel or vessels to receive the person that the pertinent authority may elect to escort the research team.
2. To provide the pertinent authority with preliminary reports and final results and findings after completion of the activities of the research project as well as provide the pertinent authority, free of charge, with all data, samples and research results as may be required along with evaluation and interpretation.

3. To, immediately, notify the pertinent authority of any change in the research programme.
4. To remove research installations or equipment immediately after completion unless otherwise agreed.
5. To take necessary measures to protect the marine environment against any pollution or harm that may result from the research activities.
6. Not to Cause any harm to the activities related to exploration and utilization of live or other resources in marine territories carried out by the Kingdom or licensed to be carried out on its behalf.
7. To respect applicable marine regulations in accordance with the Kingdom's regulations and international law rules.
8. To respect Kingdom's domestic regulations.
9. To safeguard and protect archeological and historical ruins that he may find in the sea and notify the pertinent authority of their locations in details.
10. Not to give any information, data or results to any other party if the marine scientific research is conducted in internal waters or regional sea except when approved by pertinent authorities.

Article Eight:

1. The pertinent authority has the right to suspend or stop any marine scientific research activities carried out in the marine territories when such activities violate the statements and undertakings on which the marine scientific research license is based.
2. The researcher shall stop all suspended or stopped activities as soon as he is notified of the decision of the pertinent authority.

3. The pertinent authority may cancel the suspension or stoppage decision issued under clause (1) above as soon as the researcher complies with the required conditions.
4. The researcher may complain against the suspension or stoppage decision issued under clause (1) above to the Board of Grievances within sixty days from the date of notification of such decision.

Article Nine:

1. The pertinent authority shall have the right, when conducting the scientific research in internal waters or regional sea:
 - a. To terminate the scientific research activities at any time for any reason as deemed proper by the pertinent authority.
 - b. To carry out, at any time, without giving prior notice, inspection of the scientific research places and equipment.
 - c. To control entry and exit of vessels and individuals to and from the scientific research area.
 - d. To request submission of at least quarterly reports by the researcher on the methods of scientific research in the internal waters or regional sea and the findings.
2. If the scientific research in the internal waters or regional sea is terminated, by the pertinent authority, such termination decision shall be final and irrevocable.
3. The pertinent authority shall have the right to a certain percentage, as agreed, of the revenues of the scientific research in the internal waters or regional sea or the revenues of utilization of findings.

Article Ten :

When using the scientific research installations and equipment, the following shall be observed:

1. The marine scientific research installations and equipment shall carry identity signs showing the country of registration or the international proprietor and shall be equipped with suitable internationally recognized warning signals for safe marine and air navigation.
2. They shall not obstruct international marine navigation routes.

Article Eleven:

Scientists, experts and technical staff shall be nominated to escort the marine scientific research activities in coordination with the pertinent authorities. Participant researchers shall submit a report of the results of their participation to the pertinent authority.

Article Twelve:

1. The scientific research and related activities shall be under the supervision of inspectors elected by the pertinent authority.
2. When the research license is given to Non-Saudi persons or agencies, supervision shall commence with the arrival of the vessel to the research area and continues until the completion of field research activities and departure of the vessel from the marine territories and submission of results.
3. Inspectors shall submit regular reports to the pertinent authority on the methods used in research and other research related activities.

Article Thirteen:

Nothing in these regulations may affect the rights of the Kingdom as a coastal state in accordance with the international conventions and other international law rules and the provisions of regulations applicable in the Kingdom.

Article Fourteen :

1. Upon application of the provisions of these regulations on a marine scientific research project carried out by foreign governmental vessels or international organizations vessels, all communications shall be made and all applications shall be submitted and notifications shall be served through diplomatic channels.
2. States which have no diplomatic missions in the Kingdom shall be contacted through the channels that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs may determine proper.

Article Fifteen:

1. Without prejudice to any severer penalty established by the Islamic Sharia (laws) or regulations applicable in the Kingdom and without prejudice to the provisions of international law, any violation of these regulations shall entail a penalty of imprisonment for a period not more than two years and a fine not less than two hundred thousand Saudi Riyals or either penalty.
2. The research vessels and equipment may be subject to confiscation in case of serious violation of the provisions of these regulations.
3. The party violating these regulations and agreements shall eliminate the damages resulting from such violation. If he fails to do so within thirty days from the date of notification by the pertinent authority, the Kingdom shall have the right to remove the violation at the expense of the violating party.

Article Sixteen:

The provisions of article 15 above shall not hinder the right of the Kingdom to seek international legal liability against any state or international organization whose acts of scientific researches in marine territories are considered a violation of the international law rules and the rights of the Kingdom and its international obligations.

Article Seventeen:

The Ministry of Defence and Aviation shall issue the implementing rules of the present regulations after counseling concerned authorities.

Article Eighteen:

The provisions of these regulations shall not apply to the scientific research vessels of the public institutions in the Kingdom provided that they observe security, safety and marine pollution provisions applicable in the Kingdom.

Article Nineteen:

These regulations shall be published in the official gazette and shall come into effect thirty days from the date of publication.

In the Name of God, the Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
Ministry of Defence, Aviation & Inspectorate General
General Chiefs of Staff Commission
Military Survey Department
(Marine Survey Division)

*Permission Application Form for
Conducting Researches in the Territorial Waters of
The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.*



(Scientific Research Vessel Form)

(To be filled out by the applicant)

1) Name of the research project

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2) Purpose of the research

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3) Name of research conducting party

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4) Research financing sources

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5) Project completion period

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6) Date estimated for the first arrival and last departure of research team or Vessel

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7) List names of the ports to be landed on with dates & purpose of landing

	Name of Port	Date	Purpose
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8) State names of geographic coordinates of the marine territories where researches are to be conducted.

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9) State route and navigation plan of the vessel in performing its duties.

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12) If the vessel is equipped with unmanned research submarines, please state regarding :

a) Specifications

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b) Mode of operation

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c) Built in systems used in research

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d) Speed

e) Manufacturer

f) Date of Manufacture

13) If there were other remotely controlled systems used under water surface, please state :

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14) If there were any systems to be used on water, whether immobile, floating or towed, please state with period of stay on water, and function of each system.

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15) Are there any explosives on Vessel Board ?

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16) If "Yes" what is the purpose of using them ?

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17) State category, weight and impact of explosives on environment.

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18) How many plants are there on the Vessel ? Please state.

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19) State kinds of researches and scientific contributions conducted by the vessel.

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20) last date when the vessel conducted scientific researches.

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Date territory

21) Mention any scientific issue or research you have already read, published or will be published in a scientific periodical directly relevant to the researches under progress; state name of this periodical.

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22) What are the scientific activities already carried out by the vessel with names of territories.

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23) Are there any foreign parties already cooperated with, for the same research purpose ?

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24) If "Yes" mention such parties

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25) In what manner, you think, the Kingdom may participate in this research?

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26) Name of vessel Its Nationality
- The flag it carries Date of Construction.....
- Plate No. International Paging
- Name of Owner

27) Specifications of the vessel :
Length M/F, Width M/F
Maximum speed Nautical mile
Weight Tons, Submersed part M/F

28) Fuel tanks :
Number Capacity Gallons.

29) If scientific studies are shared with a Saudi party, the following shall be stated :

- a) Supporting documents and agreements.
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- b) The Saudi Department participating in these studies
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- c) Name of the direct superior of the said Saudi Department ?
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34) Types of existing radar systems :

Type	Model	Range	Date of Manufacture	Manufacturer

35) Types of telecommunication systems

Type	Frequency	Range	Date of Manufacture	Manufacturer

34) List all other survey and research systems, according to the below table :

Type	Model	Function	Date of Manufacture	Manufacturer

- 39) A form including names of participating scientists on Vessel board only.

a) resume

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| 1- | Name : | | |
| | Residence Address | | |
| 2- | Name of street and P.O. box | | |
| 3- | City : | | |
| 4- | Postal Code : | | |
| 5- | Country : | | |
| 6- | Telephone No. & City Code : | | |
| | Office Address : | | |
| 7- | Name of street and P.O. box | | |
| 8- | City : | | |
| 9- | Postal Code : | | |
| 10- | Country : | | |
| 11- | Telephone No. & City Code : | | |
| 12- | Cable : | | |
| 13- | Telex : | | |

B- Personal Data

- 14- Sex (.....) Male (.....) Female
- 15- Date of Birth : 19 G. 14 H.
- 16- Place of Birth : city:
- 17- Country :
- 18- Nationality :
- 19- Religion :
- 20- Marital Status : (.....) single (.....) Married

c) Educational History

- 21- Academic history :

Degree	Year	Name of University /Institute	Major Specialty	Minor Specialty	Country
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- 22- Present job title :
- 23- Academic title ;

- 24- Present specialty :
- 25- Special skills :
- 26- Scientific & Professional Organizations Membership:
- 27- Scientific experiences in brief :
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- 28- Practical experiences in brief :
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- 29- Published researches :
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D) Languages

30- Native language: Arabic () Foreign () State ()

31- Other languages :

Language :	Speaking	Reading	Writing
a)
b)
c)

32) Present employer :

33) Grade :

34) Position (job) :

35) Date of Joining Service :

Year.....14 Month..... Day

Year 19 Month..... Day

Previous Job

36) Previous employer :

37) Grade :

38) Position (job) :

39) Date of Joining Service :

From: Year.....14 H Month..... Day

Year19 G Month..... Day

To : Year14 H Month..... Day

Year19 G Month..... Day

Previous Job

40) Previous employer :

41) Grade :

42) Position (job) :

43) Date of Joining Service :

From Year.....14 H Month..... Day

Year 19 G Month..... Day

To : Year 14 H. Month Day
Year 14 G. Month Day

F) Additional Information :

44- Have you ever worked in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, or dealt with a company having business therein ?

Yes (.....) No (.....)

45) If yes, please give details and date of employment.

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46) Have you worked in other countries ?

Yes (.....) No (.....)

47) If yes, please give name of the country and employer with date, in detail.

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48) The form is filled out by :

Name :

Job title :

Signature :

Date of filling out :

Year14 H. Month..... Day

Year19 G. Month..... Day

40)

An Undertaking

I have read the Marine Research Regulations in the Marine Territories of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia booklet, and do hereby undertake to comply with all the bylaws and rules stated under these regulations, otherwise I shall be subject to the penalties stated therein.

Name of the Direct superior :

Job title :

Signature :

Date :

Seal :

