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FISHERIES REGULATIONS

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To provide for the conservation and regulation of fisheries in Vanuatu waters and the issue of licences.

PART 1 – FOREIGN FISHING LICENCES

1. Applications

(1) Subject to subregulation (2) every application for a foreign fishing licence shall be substantially in the form set out in Part A of Schedule 1 to these regulations.

(2) On or following the operative date of any Order made under section 7 of the Act, it shall be sufficient for any application for a foreign fishing licence to be substantially in the form set out in Part B of Schedule 1 to these regulations.

(3) Every application for a foreign fishing licence shall be addressed to the Minister and be in writing or in the form of a telex or cable, in English or in French.

2. Licence form

Every foreign fishing licence shall be in writing or in the form of a telex or a cable and substantially in the form set out in Schedule 2 to these regulations.

3. Fees

(1) The fee payable for the issue or renewal of a licence in respect of a foreign fishing vessel shall be set in accordance with the calculation described under Schedule 3 of these regulations.

(2) No foreign fishing licence shall be issued unless the Minister is satisfied that any fee payable in respect of that licence has been paid and that adequate arrangements have been made for the payment of any royalties and other charges payable under section 14 of the Act.

4. General conditions

(1) Subject to regulation 5, every foreign fishing licence issued under section 4 of the Act shall be subject to the following general conditions –

(a) the vessel shall at all times while in Vanuatu waters –

(i) fly the flag of its flag state; and

(ii) display in a place clearly visible both from the sea and from the air, in letters and numbers at least 1 metre high on a contrasting background its international radio call sign;

(b) any change in the information set out in the application form shall be notified to the Director as soon as practicable and, in any case, no later than 7 days from the date of the change;

(c) no fishing shall be undertaken in Vanuatu waters except as authorized by the licence;

(d) no fish may be transhipped from or onto the vessel while in Vanuatu waters except with the permission of the Director and in accordance with such conditions as he may specify;

(e) the master of the vessel shall cause a logbook to be maintained on a daily basis in such form as the Director may from time to time require for the purpose of recording the fishing operations of the vessel while within Vanuatu waters;

(f) the logbook maintained under paragraph (e) shall be transmitted in its original and unaltered form to the Director or to any other person or organization designated by him -

(i) not later than 7 days after the completion of the voyage to which the log book relates; or

(ii) at any other time at the request of the Director or of any authorized officer;

(g) the master of the vessel shall cause reports to be made to the Director or to such other person or organization as the Director may designate containing the information set out in paragraph (h) at the following times –

(i) immediately upon entry into Vanuatu waters;

(ii) every Wednesday or such other day as the Director may specify while the vessel is in Vanuatu waters;

- (iii) immediately upon departure from Vanuatu waters; and
 - (iv) such other times as the Director may specify.
 - (h) each report made under paragraph (g) shall contain details of –
 - (i) the international radio call sign or the number assigned to the vessel under any regional register referred to in an Order made under section 7 of the Act;
 - (ii) the position of the vessel at the time of reporting;
 - (iii) the total catch by species on board the vessel at the time of reporting;
 - (iv) such other matters as the Director may from time to time require.
 - (i) the master or owner of the vessel or his authorized local representative shall notify the Director or such other person or organization as the Director may designate of the estimated time of entry of the vessel into any Vanuatu port at least 24 hours prior to such entry.
 - (j) the master of the vessel shall, while in Vanuatu waters, allow any fisheries officer or other person designated in writing by the Director to board and remain on board the vessel as an observer and shall –
 - (i) proceed to such port or place as the Director may require to allow an observer to board or disembark from the vessel;
 - (ii) allow the observer full access to all equipment, including navigation and communications equipment, records and documents and to any fish on board the vessel;
 - (iii) allow the observer to make such tests, observations and records and to take and remove such samples as he may reasonably require in connection with the vessel's activities in Vanuatu waters; and
 - (iv) provide without charge food, accommodation and medical treatment at least equivalent to that provided for officers of the vessel.
 - (k) the master of the vessel shall, while in Vanuatu waters, take all reasonable measures and precautions to avoid causing damage to any local fishing operations including non-commercial operations.
- (2) Any records, logbooks or notifications required to be maintained or made under this regulation shall be maintained or made in English or in French.

5. Exemption

The Director may, by notice published in the Gazette, exempt any locally based foreign fishing vessel or any class of locally based foreign fishing vessel from any or all of the requirements of paragraphs (g), (h), (i) and (j) of regulation 4(1).

PART 2 – LOCAL FISHING LICENCES

6. Form of licence and application

Every licence in respect of a local fishing vessel and every application for such a licence shall be in writing in the appropriate form set out in Schedule 4 to these regulations.

7. Fees

(1) Subject to subregulation (2), the fee payable for the issue or renewal of a licence in respect of a local fishing vessel shall be the amount set out for vessels of that kind in Schedule 5 to these regulations.

(2) Where a licence is issued for a part of a year only, the fee payable shall be the amount payable under subregulation (1) for a complete year less one twelfth of that amount for each complete month that the licence will not have had effect.

8. Grounds for refusal of a licence

No licence in respect of a local fishing vessel may be issued or renewed unless –

(a) an application has been made in accordance with regulation 6 and is true and correct in every way;

(b) any information requested by the Minister or the Director and relevant to the proposed fishing operation has been provided in the manner requested;

(c) there is held in respect of the vessel a valid safety certificate issued by the Ports and Harbour Department under the law from time to time dealing with shipping safety; and

(d) the fee prescribed in regulation 7 has been paid.

9. General conditions

Every licence in respect of a local fishing vessel shall be subject to the following general conditions –

(a) any change in the information set out in the application form shall be notified to the Director as soon as practicable and in any case no later than 7 days from the date of the change;

(b) the vessel shall display such identification markings as the Director may from time to time require;

(c) no fishing shall be undertaken except as authorized by the licence;

(d) no fish may be transhipped from or onto the vessel except with the permission of the Director and in accordance with such conditions as he may specify;

(e) the master of the vessel shall, if so required by the Director, cause a logbook to be maintained on a daily basis in such form as the Director may from time to time require for the purpose of recording the fishing operations of the vessel;

(f) any logbook maintained under the preceding paragraph shall be transmitted in its original and unaltered form to the Director at such times as he may require;

(g) if the vessel is fishing in waters other than Vanuatu waters, the vessel shall comply with such written laws relating to fishing of any other country, if any, as may be recognized by the Republic of Vanuatu as having force in those waters.

PART 3 – FISH EXPORT PROCESSING ESTABLISHMENT LICENCES

10. Applications

Every licence to operate a fish export processing establishment and every application for such a licence shall be in writing in the form set out in Schedule 6 to these regulations.

11. Fees

There shall be payable for the issue or renewal of a licence to operate a fish export processing establishment a fee of VT 10,000.

12. Licence conditions

Every licence to operate a fish export processing establishment shall be subject to the following conditions in addition to any conditions endorsed on the licence –

- (a) the establishment shall be maintained and operated in a clean and sanitary manner;
- (b) accurate records shall be maintained relating to the operations carried out in the establishment, including records of the quantity, type and quality of fish received, processed, sold or exported, and all such records shall be open to inspection by any authorized officer;
- (c) such returns shall be made to the Director concerning the operations of the establishment as the Director may from time to time require;
- (d) any change in the information set out in the application form shall be notified to the Director as soon as practical and in any case not later than 7 days from the date of the change.

PART 4 – FISHERY CONSERVATION MEASURES

13. Rock lobster

- (1) In this regulation "rock lobster" means a crustacean of genus *Panulirus*.
- (2) No person shall harm, take, have in his possession, sell or purchase –
 - (a) any rock lobster carrying eggs; or
 - (b) any rock lobster which is less than 22 centimetres in length when laid flat and measured from immediately behind the rostral horns to the rear edge of the telson or whose carapace is less than 7.5 centimetres when measured along the mid-line from immediately behind the rostral horns to the rear edge as illustrated in Schedule 7 to these regulations.
- (3) No person shall spear or attempt to spear a rock lobster.

(4) No person shall remove the eggs from a rock lobster or have in his possession, sell or purchase a rock lobster from which the eggs have been removed.

14. Slipper lobster

(1) In this regulation "slipper lobster" means a crustacean of species *Parribacus caledonicus*.

(2) No person shall harm, take, have in his possession, sell or purchase –

(a) any slipper lobster carrying eggs; or

(b) any slipper lobster which is less than 15 centimetres in length when laid flat and measured from the front edge of the carapace to the rear edge of the telson as illustrated in Schedule 8 to these regulations.

(3) No person shall spear or attempt to spear a slipper lobster.

(4) No person shall remove the eggs from a slipper lobster or have in his possession, sell or purchase a slipper lobster from which the eggs have been removed.

15. Coconut crab

(1) In this regulation "coconut crab" means a crustacean of species *Birgus latro*.

(2) No person shall harm, take, have in his possession, sell or purchase –

(a) any coconut crab carrying eggs; or

(b) any coconut crab which is less than 9 centimetres in length when measured along the carapace from immediately behind the rostral horn to the rear edge of the carapace in the mid-line, as illustrated in Schedule 9 to these regulations.

(3) No person shall remove the eggs from a coconut crab or have in his possession, sell or purchase any coconut crab from which the eggs have been removed.

16. Green snail

(1) In this Regulation "green snail" means a mollusc of the species *Turbo Marmaratus*.

(2) Subject to subregulation (3), a person must not take, harm, have in his or her possession, sell or purchase any green snail during the period starting on 1 October 2005 and ending on 1 October 2020.

(3) A person may take or have in his or her possession a green snail for the purpose of carrying out a research or for breeding the species during the period mentioned in subregulation (2).

17. Trochus

(1) In this regulation "trochus" means a mollusc of the species *Trochus niloticus*.

(2) A person must not take, harm, have in his or her possession, sell or purchase a trochus shell that is less than 9 centimeters or more than 13 centimeters in length.

(3) No person shall export trochus except with the written permission of the Minister and in accordance with such conditions as he may specify.

(4) The maximum quantity of trochus that can be harvested within Vanuatu in a year is 550 tonnes.

18. Trumpet shell

(1) In this regulation "trumpet shell" means a mollusc of the species *Charonia tritonis*.

(2) No person shall harm, take, have in his possession, sell or purchase any trumpet shell which is less than 20 centimetres in length when measured along the outside of the shell from one end to the other.

19. Aquarium coral and other invertebrates

(1) Subject to subregulation (2), a person must not dive for or collect a living coral or an invertebrate from a marine protected area designated by the Minister under the Act.

(2) The Minister may in writing authorize a person on such conditions as the Minister may specify to dive for or collect a living coral or invertebrate from a marine protected area referred to in subsection (1).

(3) Without limiting subregulation (2), the Minister may specify conditions in relation to all or any of the following:

- (a) a location to dive for or collect a living coral or invertebrate;
- (b) the period permitted to dive for or collect a living coral or invertebrate;
- (c) the measures to conserve and protect the environment where the living coral or invertebrate is to be collected;
- (d) the amount of the living coral or invertebrate that can be collected;
- (e) any fees and royalties for such activity.

19A. Diving for fish

(1) A person must not capture or dive for fish in a marine protected area that is designated by the Minister under the Act.

(2) The Minister may in writing authorize a person on such conditions as the Minister may specify to capture or dive for fish from a marine protected area mentioned in subregulation (1).

20. Marine ornamental products

(1) For the purpose of this Regulation, marine ornamental product includes a fish, invertebrates, live rock, live coral and giant clam.

(2) Subject to subregulation (3), a person must not export a marine ornamental product.

(3) The Minister may in writing authorize a person to export a marine ornamental product on such conditions as the Minister may specify.

21. Marine turtles

(1) Subject to subregulation (2), a person must not:

(a) take, kill, have in his or her possession, export, sell or purchase any turtle of the species *Dermochelys Coriacea* known as leatherback turtle; or

(b) take, have in his or her possession, sell, purchase or export any shell of the turtle species referred to in paragraph (a); or

(c) interfere with or disturb in any way a turtle nest or any turtle that is in the process of laying eggs; or

(d) take, have in his or her possession, export, sell or purchase any turtle egg; or

(e) use any weapon to harm, capture, kill or destroy any turtle species.

(2) A person may apply in writing to the Director for an exemption from all or any of the provisions under subregulation (1) for the purpose of carrying out a customary practice.

22. Crustaceans

22. No person shall export any crustacean except with the written permission of the Minister and in accordance with such conditions as he may specify.

23 Bêche-de-mer

(1) The annual quota allocation of any Bêche-de-mer that can be exported from Vanuatu in a year is 26 tonnes.

(2) A person must not export any Bêche-de-mer referred to in subsection (1) unless the Bêche-de-mer is of the required size as specified under Schedule 10.

24. Offences

Any person who contravenes any provision of this Part is guilty of an offence and is punishable on conviction by a fine not exceeding:

(a) in the case of an individual, VT 200,000; or

(b) in the case of a company or association or body of persons corporate or unincorporated VT 1,000,000.

PART 4A – FISHING EQUIPMENT

24A. Diving equipment

(1) Subject to subregulation (2), a person must not use for the purpose of fishing (other than for

a marine aquarium collection):

- (a) a self-contained breathing apparatus; or
- (b) any diving equipment that utilizes compressed gas or surface supplied air.

(2) The Director may in writing authorize a person to use a breathing apparatus referred to in subregulation 1(a) or diving equipment mentioned in subregulation 1(b) if the Director is satisfied that the person is a certified diver who possesses a scuba or hookah diving certificate.

(3) A person authorized under subregulation (2) must keep a dive log and must submit the dive log to the Director every month for inspection.

(4) An authorization is subject to such other conditions as the Director specifies in writing.

24B. Fishing nets

(1) A person must not use for fishing:

a drag net or a beach seine net that has a mesh size of less than 50 millimeters when fully stretched; or

(b) any cast net that has a mesh size of less than 20 millimeters when fully stretched or a radius that exceeds 2 meters in diameter.

(2) A person may use for the purpose of carrying out a research:

(a) a net referred to in subregulation (1)(a) that has a mesh size of less than 50 millimeters when fully stretched; or

a net mentioned in subregulation 1(b) that has a mesh size of less than 20 millimeters when fully stretched, or a radius of which does not exceed 2 meters in diameter.

PART 5 – FISH AGGREGATING DEVICES

25. Placing of devices

(1) No person shall place a fish aggregating device in Vanuatu waters except with the permission of the Director and in accordance with such conditions as he may specify or as are otherwise specified in this Part.

(2) The permission of the Director under this regulation may be given in the form of a telex or cable or in writing whether as a condition of the licence or otherwise.

(3) Permission to place a fish aggregating device shall not confer any exclusive right to fish in the vicinity of the device.

(4) The master of any vessel placing a fish aggregating device shall notify the Director within 24 hours of the nature and location of the device.

(5) Any person who contravenes the provisions of this regulation shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding VT 100,000.

26. Designated fish aggregating device

(1) The Director may, by notice published in the Gazette, declare any fish aggregating device to be a designated fish aggregating device for the purposes of this regulation.

(2) Subject to subregulation (3), no person shall fish within a radius of 1 nautical mile from a designated fish aggregating device except with the permission of the Director and in accordance with such conditions as he may specify.

(3) The Director may, by notice published in the Gazette declare that any class of persons who are Vanuatu citizens may fish within a radius of 1 nautical mile of a designated fish aggregating device or a class of designated fish aggregating devices.

(4) Any person who contravenes the provision of this regulation shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding VT 1,000,000.

27. Marking of devices

(1) Any fish aggregating device placed in Vanuatu waters shall –

(a) be clearly marked with the name of the owner and of the vessel from which the device was placed;

(b) bear a radar reflector and such lights as shall be clearly visible at night from a distance of 1 nautical mile; and

(c) have such other equipment or markings as the Director may from time to time require.

(2) Any person who contravenes the provisions of this regulation shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding VT 50,000.

28. Disposal of unauthorized device

Any fish aggregating device placed in Vanuatu waters otherwise than in accordance with a permission given under regulation 25 or found in Vanuatu waters without a marking or piece of equipment required by regulation 27 may be used or disposed of in such manner as the Minister may direct.

PART 6 – MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

29. Offences and penalties

Any person contravening any of the provisions of these regulations shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable on conviction where no specific fine is provided therefor to a fine not exceeding VT 100,000.

SCHEDULE 1

(Regulation 1)

APPLICATION FORMS FOR FOREIGN FISHING LICENCES

PART A - FULL APPLICATION FORM

REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

FISHERIES REGULATIONS

Application Form for a Foreign Fishing Licence

INSTRUCTIONS:

- *Underline surnames*
- *Address means complete mailing address*
- *Mark **X** where appropriate*
- *If not applicable mark **N/A***
- *Type or print clearly*
- *All units metric, specify units if other system used*

To: Minister of Lands, Minerals and Fisheries

I hereby apply for a foreign fishing licence.

1. Name of vessel: _____

2. Name of owner: _____

3. Address of owner: _____

4. Name of charterer: _____

5. Address of charterer: _____

6. Country of registration: _____

7. Country registration number: _____

8. Radio call sign: _____

9. Operational base(s): port: _____ country: _____

port: _____ country: _____

10. Name of vessel master: _____

11. Address of vessel master: _____

12. Name of fishing master: _____

13. Address of fishing master: _____

14. Type of vessel

☐ Single purse seiner ☐ Group purse seiner

☐ Longliner ☐ Purse seiner carrier

☐ Pole and liner

☐ Other (Specify) _____

15. Normal total number of crew: _____

16. Flag state authorised fishing areas: _____

17. Hull materials: ☐ Steel ☐ Wood ☐ FRP

☐ Other (Specify) _____

18. Year built: _____

19. Place of construction: _____

20. Gross tonnage: _____

21. Overall length: _____ metres

22. Main engine(s) power: _____ (Specify units)

23. Fuel carrying capacity: _____ kilolitres

24. Daily freezing capacity (more than 1, if appropriate)

Method Capacity Temperature

(X where appropriate) (metric tons/day) (C)

☐ Brine (NaCl) BR _____

☐ Brine (CaCl) CB _____

☐ Air (Blast) BF _____

☐ Air (Coils) RC _____

☐ Other (Specify) _____

25. Storage capacity (more than 1, if appropriate)

Method Capacity Temperature

(X where appropriate) (cubic metres) (C)

Ice IC _____

Refrigerated

☐ Sea Water RW _____
☐ Brine (NaCl) BR _____
☐ Brine (CaCl) CB _____
☐ Air (Coils) BC _____
☐ Other (Specify) _____

[Complete either A, B, or C below as appropriate.]

A. For Purse Seiners

26. Net length _____ metres

27. Net depth _____ metres

28. Support vessels:

Name _____ Type _____

Name _____ Type _____

Name _____ Type _____

B. For Pole and Line Vessels

29. Bait storage, (more than 1, if appropriate)

Circulation method Capacity

(X where appropriate) (cubic metres)

☐ Natural NN _____

☐ Circulation CR _____

☐ Refrigerated RC _____

C. For Support Vessels

30. Activities (X more than 1, if appropriate)

☐ Refrigerated carrier

☐ Scouting boat

☐ Anchor boat

___ Supply/Mothership
___ Other (Specify) _____

31. Fishing vessel(s) supported _____

I understand I am required to:

- i. report any changes in items 1 to 13 within 60 days, and
- ii. annually notify any other changes in the information contained in this application to the Director of Fisheries, Port Vila, Vanuatu.

Signature of applicant: _____

___ Owner ___ Charterer ___ Duly authorised agent

Address of applicant _____

PART B - SHORT APPLICATION FORM

I hereby apply for a licence to fish in Vanuatu waters.

1. Name of vessel: _____

2. Regional register number: _____

3. Nature of fishing operations to be undertaken (including use of aggregating devices):

4. Proposed fishing areas: _____

5. Period of validity of licence requested: _____

6. Proposed date of commencement of fishing operation: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Specify whether owner, charterer or agent: _____

Name and address of applicant: _____

SCHEDULE 2

(Regulation 2)

FOREIGN FISHING LICENCE

Licence Number _____

REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

FISHERIES REGULATIONS

FOREIGN FISHING LICENCE

The person named as the licence holder below is hereby licensed in accordance with section 4(2) of the [Fisheries Act](#), Cap. 158 to use the vessel described below for fishing in Vanuatu waters and in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in this licence and the conditions prescribed from time to time in the Fisheries Regulations.

Name of licence holder: _____

Name of vessel: _____

Radio call sign: _____

Regional register number: _____

Authorized fishing areas: _____

Authorized fishing period: _____

Authorized fishing operation: _____

Authorized target species and quota (where applicable): _____

Other special conditions

Permitted transshipment operations (where applicable): _____

Permitted use of fish aggregating devices (where applicable): _____

Minister of Lands, Minerals and Fisheries Date

SCHEDULE 3

(Regulation 3)

FEES FOR FOREIGN FISHING LICENCES

A foreign fishing vessel licence fee shall be equal to the catch allocation multiplied by the landed catch value and again multiplied by a percentage of the catch value.

SCHEDULE 4

(Regulation 6)

LOCAL FISHING VESSEL LICENCE

REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

FISHERIES REGULATIONS

Application Form for a Local Fishing Vessel Licence

INSTRUCTIONS:

- *Underline surnames*
- *For "address" provide as much detail as possible*
- *Leave no question blank*
- *If not applicable, write N/A*
- *Specify units of measurement*

ADDRESS TO: Director of Fisheries, Fisheries Department, Port Vila

I hereby apply for a fishing licence for the vessel described below.

1. Name of vessel: _____

2. Name and address of charterer (if applicable): _____

3. International radio call sign (if applicable): _____

4. Name and address of master: _____

5. Nature of fishing operation to be undertaken (attach full description): _____

6. Nature of vessel (attach full description, including hull construction, main engine type and power, where and when built, history of use)

7. Number of crew expected: _____

8. Fish storage capacity, for each storage method: _____

I declare that the vessel described above is wholly owned by: (tick (a), (b), (c), or (d)) –

___ (a) the Government of Vanuatu

___ (b) a public corporation established by or under a law of Vanuatu

___ (c) one or more persons who are citizens of Vanuatu

___ (d) a company, society or other association of persons incorporated or established under the laws of Vanuatu,

and that the full name and address or names and addresses of the owner or of all the owners are:

I understand that I am required to report any changes in the information contained in this form to the Director of Fisheries, Port Vila, within 7 days of the change.

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

Specify whether owner or charterer: _____

Name and address of applicant: _____

Licence form Licence Number _____

REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

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LOCAL FISHING VESSEL LICENCE

The person named as the licence holder below is hereby licensed in accordance with section 9(2) of the [Fisheries Act](#), Cap. 158 to use the vessel described below for fishing in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in this licence and the conditions prescribed from time to time in the Fisheries Regulations.

Name of licence holder: _____

Name of vessel: _____

Radio call sign (if applicable): _____

Period of licence: _____

Special conditions: _____

Permitted transshipment operations (where applicable): _____

Permitted use of fish aggregating devices (where applicable): _____

Director of Fisheries Date

SCHEDULE 5

(Regulation 7)

FEES FOR LOCAL FISHING VESSEL LICENCES

Size of vessel in gross registered tonnes Fee payable

Less than 100 tonnes VT 5,000

100 tonnes or more, up to 1,000 tonnes VT 5,000 and, in addition,

VT 25 per tonne in excess of 100

1,000 tonnes or more VT 27,500

SCHEDULE 6

(Regulation 10)

FISH EXPORT PROCESSING ESTABLISHMENT LICENCES

REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

FISHERIES REGULATIONS

Application Form for a Fish Export Processing Establishment Licence

INSTRUCTIONS:

- *Underline surnames*
- *For "address" provide as much detail as possible*
- *Leave no question blank*
- *If not applicable, write N/A*
- *Specify units of measurement*

ADDRESS TO: Director of Fisheries, Fisheries Department, Port Vila

I hereby apply for a licence to operate a fish export processing establishment at the place and in the manner described below.

1. Address of establishment: _____

2. Name and address of owner of establishment: _____

3. Name and address of lessee (if leased): _____

4. Products to be processed, including sources of supply (attach full description):

5. Nature of processing operation (attach full description):

6. Cleanliness and sanitation (attach full description of construction and maintenance standards):

I understand that I am required to report any changes in the information contained in this form to the Director of Fisheries, Port Vila within 7 days of the change.

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

Specify whether owner or lessee: _____

Name of applicant: _____

Licence form Licence Number _____

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FISH EXPORT PROCESSING ESTABLISHMENT LICENCE

The person named as the licence holder below is hereby licensed in accordance with section 21(1) of the [Fisheries Act](#), Cap. 158 to use the premises described below as a fish export processing establishment in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in this licence and the conditions prescribed from time to time in the Fisheries Regulations.

Name of licence holder: _____

Address of premises: _____

Kinds of fish authorized to be processed: _____

Kinds of processing authorized to be carried out: _____

Further conditions:

Minister of Lands, Minerals and Fisheries Date

SCHEDULE 7

(Regulation 13)

MINIMUM LEGAL SIZE FOR ROCK LOBSTER

SCHEDULE 8

(Regulation 14)

MINIMUM LEGAL SIZE FOR SLIPPER LOBSTER

SCHEDULE 9

(Regulation 15)

MINIMUM LEGAL SIZE FOR COCONUT CRAB

SCHEDULE 10

(Regulation 23)

Minimum sizes of Bêche-de-mer for export

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4
Common name	Scientific name	Minimum Length (Wet)	Minimum Length (Dry)
Black teatfish	Holothuria nobilis	22.00cm	10.00cm
Curry fish	Stigopus variegates	25.00cm	10.00cm
Greenfish	Stichopus chloronotus	20.00cm	10.00mm
Prickley redfish	Thelenota ananas	32.00cm	15.00mm
Sandfish	Holothuris scabra	22.00cm	10.00mm
Surf redfish	Actinopyga mauritiana	20.00cm	9.00cm
White teatfish	Holothuria fuscogilva	35.00cm	15.00mm

Brown sandfish	Bohadschia vitiensis	20.00cm	10.00cm
Deep-water redfish	Actinopyga echinites	25.00cm	15.00cm
Elephant trunkfish	Holothuria fuscopunctata	32.00cm	15.00cm
Lolly fish	Holothuria atra	30.00cm	15.00cm
Pinkfish	Holothuria edulis	25.00cm	10.00mm
Tigerfish	Bohadschia argus	20.00cm	10.00cm

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