

L.N. 1966 No. 141

Fisheries

CAP. 391

FISHING INDUSTRY (SAFETY) REGULATIONS, 1966

Authority : These regulations were made on the 25th August, 1966 by the Minister under section 21 of the *Fishing Industry Act, Cap. 262*.

Commencement: 3rd November, 1966.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the *Fisheries (Fishing Industry) (Safety) Regulations, 1966*.*

**[These regulations were saved under section 47 of the Fisheries Act, 1993 (Act 1993-6).]*

2.(1) Subject to regulation 4, no vessel, whether propelled by sail or by engine, shall be put to sea for the purposes of fishing unless

- (a) there are at least 2 persons therein who are licensed as fishermen under section 9 of the *Fisheries Act, Cap. 391*; and
- (b) it is equipped with at least
 - (i) two strips of red cloth, each at least 6 feet in length and one foot in width, or other approved equipment for giving signals of distress in the day;
 - (ii) six red flares or other approved equipment for giving signals of distress at night;
 - (iii) an anchor or other object adequate for anchoring with at least 10 fathoms of rope not less than three quarters of an inch in diameter;
 - (iv) an approved quantity of emergency rations;
 - (v) five gallons of drinking water;

- (vi) one vessel compass not less than 4 inches in diameter; and
- (vii) in the case of a vessel equipped with an engine, 6 gallons of fuel to be held in reserve and a supply of lubricating oil sufficient to provide a change of oil for the engine.

(2) In this regulation “approved” means approved by the Minister charged for the time being with the responsibility for the subject of Fisheries by notice published in the *Official Gazette*.

3.(1) Subject to regulation 4, every vessel, whether propelled by sail or by engine, which is put to sea for the purpose of fishing shall, when under way, carry

- (a) on the starboard side a green light so constructed as to show an unbroken light over an arc of the horizon of 10 points of the compass (112 1/2 degrees), so fixed as to show the light from right ahead to a point (22 1/2 degrees) abaft the beam on the starboard side, and of such a character as to be visible at a distance of at least 2 miles;
- (b) on the port side a red light so constructed as to show an unbroken light over an arc of the horizon of 10 points of the compass (112 1/2 degrees), so fixed as to show the light from right ahead to 2 points (22 1/2 degrees) abaft the beam on the port side, and of such a character as to be, visible at a distance of at least 2 miles.

(2) The provisions of this regulation shall be complied with in all weathers from sunset to sunrise.

4.(1) The provisions of regulations 2 and 3 shall not apply where a vessel is put to sea for use solely in bait catching, fish potting, seine-net fishing or other fishing within the hundred fathom curve of Barbados.

(2) The burden of proving that a vessel was put to sea for use solely in any occupation set out in paragraph (1) of this regulation shall lie on the person alleging the same.

5. The equipment required to be carried in a vessel by paragraph (1) (b) (ii) of regulation 2 of these regulations shall be kept stored in a watertight container.

6. Any person in charge of a vessel who contravenes any of the provisions of regulations 2, 3 or 5 shall be guilty of an offence and liable on conviction before a court of summary jurisdiction to a fine of \$50 or to imprisonment for 2 months.

7. The Chief Fisheries Officer may at any time enter on any vessel for the purpose of satisfying himself that the provisions of these regulations are being complied with.