

Mauritius

# Maritime Zones (Fishing Licences) Regulations, 1978 (as amended)

## Article 1

These regulations may be cited as the Maritime Zones (Fishing Licences) Regulations 1978.

## Article 2

In these regulations:

"Act" means the Maritime Zones Act 1977;

"authorised officer" means any person duly authorised by the Minister of Fisheries to ensure compliance with these regulations;

"fishing" means the catching, taking, harvesting or attempted catching, taking or harvesting of any fish for any purpose and includes any support activity;

"fishing support vessel" means any vessel which aids or assists one or more fishing vessels carrying out any fishing operations or any support activity;

"fishing vessel" means any vessel which is used for, equipped to be used for, or of a type normally used for fishing;

"licence" means a licence granted by or under the authority of the Prime Minister under section 7(2) of the Act;

"maritime zones" includes the territorial waters, the exclusive economic zone, the continental shelf and historic waters;

"stock" in relation to fish, means any type, species or any other category capable of management and conservation as a unit;

"support activity" means any activity in support of any fishing operations and includes, *inter alia*, storage, refrigeration or processing;

"vessel" means any seagoing vessel, boat, ship, contrivance or other craft.

## Article 3

(1) Every application for the approval of a body corporate for the purposes of section 7(5) of the Act shall be made in the form set out in the First Schedule.

(2) No body corporate shall be approved by the Minister of Fisheries unless it is substantially owned, and is controlled, by citizens of Mauritius.

## Article 4

(1) Every application for the grant of a licence shall be made in the form set out in the

Second Schedule.

- (2) Every application for a licence shall be accompanied by a fee of Rs. 100.
- (3) Every licensee shall, at the time of the issue of the licence, pay an annual fee of Rs. 200 per gross registered ton in relation to the vessels in respect of which the licence is in force.
- (4) A licence may contain such terms and conditions as the Prime Minister may determine and may include the following:
- (a) the stock, size number, weight, sex of the fish to be harvested or any matter relating thereto;
  - (b) the use of specified types and sizes of fishing vessels, nets and any other fishing equipment;
  - (c) the taking on board of authorised officers;
  - (d) the inspection of any fishing or fishing-support vessel at any time while fishing in the maritime zones;
  - (e) the area where fishing can be conducted;
  - (f) the prohibition of fishing of any stock of fish during any specified periods;
  - (g) the landing in Mauritius of fish;
  - (h) the number of fishing vessels or fishing-support vessels to be used;
  - (i) the period during which the licence has effect and the date of commencement of operations under the licence;
  - (j) the charges to be paid;
  - (k) the forfeiture of fishing vessels and fishing-support vessels and other penalties in the event of non-compliance with the terms and conditions of the licence;
  - (l) the training and employment of Mauritian citizens.

***(Schedules omitted)***