

L.N. 407 of 2004

**FISHERIES CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT,
2001
(ACT NO. II OF 2001)**

Fishing Vessels Regulations, 2004

IN exercise of the powers conferred by article 38 of the Fisheries Conservation and Management Act, 2001 the Minister for Rural Affairs and the Environment, with the concurrence of the Minister of Finance, has made the following regulations:-

Interpretation. **1.** The title of these regulations is the Fishing Vessels Regulations, 2004.

Title. **2.** In these regulations, unless the content otherwise requires -

“Act” means the Fisheries Conservation and Management Act, 2001;

“Department” means the Department responsible for fisheries and aquaculture.

“Director” means the officer responsible for fisheries and aquaculture;

“Fishing Vessels Register” means the register of local fishing vessels kept by the Director in terms of regulation 8 of these regulations;

“Minister” means the Minister responsible for fisheries and aquaculture;

Registration of fishing boats. **3.** (a) Every vessel being used for fishing shall be licensed for such an activity and registered in the Fishing Vessels Register.

Cap. 234 (b) Fishing vessels of all categories of six metres or over in length shall also be registered under the Merchant Shipping Act.

(c) The issued licence shall be kept on board the vessel at all times. Fishing vessels of all categories could be used for purposes described in the licence.

(d) These vessels could be used temporarily for any other purpose following an approval of a request to the Director.

4. Any fishing vessel which requires any other registration in accordance with any provision of prevailing maritime laws or other conventions, may obtain such other registration following the registration of such fishing vessel in the Fishing Vessels Register. Other laws or conventions.

5. (a) The owner or charterer or captain of a fishing vessel shall apply for the registration and licensing of such vessel using the form indicated in Schedule I to these regulations. This form shall be accompanied by a certificate indicating the tonnage and length of the vessel and it shall be issued in accordance with the related requirements of the Merchant Shipping Act and all regulations relative to tonnage made thereunder. Application forms.

(b) The owner and, or captain or master of the fishing vessel shall be resident in Malta in terms of the provisions of the Immovable Property (Acquisition by Non-Residents) Act. Eligibility.

6. (a) Vessels requesting inclusion in the Fishing Vessels Register for the first time shall be present in the registration port so that the necessary inspections could be carried out. Inspections prior to first registrations and renewals.

(b) Before every renewal of its registration and fishing licence, the fishing vessel and its gear shall be inspected, and the expenses incurred for this purpose shall be met by the owner, charterer and, or captain of the vessel when these are carried out in a port outside Malta.

7. Unless a licence indicates otherwise, the duration of this fishing licence shall be for a period of one year from its date of issue, and for a period of 24 hours in the case of each fishing trip. Licence period.

8. (a) There shall be kept a Fishing Vessels Register by the Director. Fishing Vessels Register.

(b) These shall be identified in the Fishing Vessels Register various categories of fishing vessels as follows:-

- A. Professional Fishing Vessels – Full-time
- B. Professional Fishing Vessels – Part-time
- C. Non-Commercial Fishing Vessels i.e. recreational
- D. Auxiliary Vessels (work boats) used in fishing operations.

(c) The registration and the licence shall be paid in accordance with Schedule II to these regulations. The rate for the registration shall be paid on first registration of the vessel and every time it is transferred inter vivos, unless it falls under the conditions of regulation 9 of these regulations, so however that in the case of a transfer inter vivos this should be effected to immediate members of the family. In the case that the vessel requests a transfer whilst being subject to any measure mentioned herein, the transfer could take place as long as the new person and, or owner takes on all the responsibilities of the case.

Temporary register. **9.** If a fishing vessel of category A or B does not register a catch and sale of fish of value as shown in Schedule III to these regulations, such vessel shall be recorded in a temporary register where it can remain for three years, in which period it could or shall restart its commercial fishing activity totally or shall otherwise continue to work on a low scale and shall therefore be included in Category C. A vessel losing its registration in Category A or B shall pay Lm1,000 in order to regain its right of registration in these categories.

Fishing vessels less than 6 metres long. **10.** The fishing vessels of all categories in the Fishing Vessel Register which are less than six metres in length shall not be allowed to carry out fishing activities or related activities beyond 12 nautical miles.

Fishing vessels over 6 metres long. **11.** The fishing vessels of six metres or over in length are allowed to fish in all fishing waters as well as in international waters or convention waters as indicated in the licence.

Fishing vessels over 10 metres long. **12.** (a) Every fishing vessel registered in Categories A, B and C which is 10 metres or over in length should keep details in a logbook which should be kept on board at all times, with declarations on catches and fishing activities, in accordance with the Schedule IV to these regulations.

(b) The logbook indicated in the said Schedule IV shall be filled in when the fishing vessel enters the port.

(c) A copy of the logbook shall be sent to the Department within 48 hours from when the fish is landed.

(d) The weights of fish which are recorded in this part could vary up to 20% from the quantity of fish taken on board.

(e) The catch declaration which is found below the dark black line in the said Schedule IV shall be filled in with the exact weight of the fish and submitted to the Department within 48 hours from the sale of fish.

(f) Catches of one species of fish larger than 50 kilograms shall be registered in the logbook. If the species is not listed in the existing column, an empty column should be used for the species.

13. Fishing vessels over 24 metres in length registered after the 1st January, 2002 shall be in conformity with the Torremolinos Convention. Fishing vessels over 24 metres long.

14. (a) All fishing vessels shall, during operations, have safety equipment according to Schedule V to these regulations which shall also be in conformity with all other regulations issued by the competent authorities from time to time. Safety Equipment, etc.

(b) The owner of a fishing vessel shall satisfy the Director that the vessel is seaworthy and that the machinery and gear, if existing, are suitable for the intended use of the vessel and are certified as such by a marine surveyor appointed in terms of the provisions of article 367 of the Merchant Shipping Act.

(c) Owners of fishing vessels should abide by the regulations on collisions under the Merchant Shipping Act.

15. The captain, second officer and navigation officer and communication officers of a fishing vessel having a length of more than 24 metres overall which has been registered since 1st January, 2002 shall be qualified as stated in the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessels. Qualification of captain etc.

16. (a) All vessels longer than 20 metres between perpendiculars or 24 metres in length overall cannot fish in all waters if they do not have an operating satellite monitoring system approved by the Department. Satellite monitoring system.

(b) The Director may order by notice in the Gazette any other fishing vessel different from those in paragraph (a) of this regulation to install an approved monitoring system and to follow the same conditions of paragraphs (a), (c), (d) and (e) hereof.

(c) If for some reason this system stops working during the fishing trip the captain or owner are bound to communicate the exact position of the fishing vessel by other means every two hours to the Department. The captain or owner of the fishing vessel shall come into port within 24 hours from when the automatic system stops functioning.

(d) In the failure to deliver this communication the captain shall stop his activities and return to port.

(e) The relevant details for the identification of the vessel within this system will be confidential and will be the responsibility of such person as is delegated by the Director.

Official markings.

17. (a) The official number of fishing vessels which are six metres or over in length and are registered under the Merchant Shipping Act, and the number indicating their registered tonnage shall be incised on the inside of their keel.

(b) The name and base port of the vessels of six metres or over in length registered under the Merchant Shipping Act shall be marked on the stern with coloured letters which show up on the base colour of the vessel according to the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act.

Display of fishing register number.

18. (a) Every vessel shall display the number assigned to it by the Department on both sides of the bow. The colour of these numbers should show up on the base colour of the vessel.

(b) Vessels up to six metres in length shall display a number which is at least 10cm high and 2 cm wide.

(c) Vessels over six metres but less than 10 metres in length shall display numbers which are 20cm high and 3cm wide.

(d) Vessels over 10 metres but less than 17 metres in length shall display numbers which are 25cm high and 4 cm wide.

(e) Vessels over 17 metres in length shall display numbers which are at least 45cm high and six cm wide.

Gear.

19. (a) Every fishing vessel may only use the gear indicated in any licence issued to it.

(b) All equipment on board and deployed at sea during fishing shall be marked with the number of the vessel indicated in regulation 18 of these regulations.

Fishing vessels over 17 metres long.

20. Vessels that are 17 metres or over in length shall carry a certificate in accordance with the Sixth Schedule to these regulations as approved by the Director of the Food and Veterinary Division, and plans of the fish holds which indicate the volume in cubic metres and

the temperature which they are capable of maintaining. This certificate and the plans shall indicate the presence of cold water tanks on board.

21. (a) The Director may order the presence of an observer during fishing by means of a letter sent to the owner or captain or master of the vessel. Observer on board vessel.

(b) The observer shall be appointed to remain on board for different periods but for not more than three months. Such observer may not leave the vessel during the period in which he is in charge unless he is replaced by another observer.

(c) The captain or master of the vessel shall give all facilities to the observer and co-operate with him in his duties on the vessel.

(d) The captain or master of the vessel who shall be informed in accordance with paragraph (a) of this regulation shall endeavour to facilitate the arrival and departure of the observer on the vessel. During the visit of the observer the captain or master shall provide him with accommodation and appropriate working facilities as indicated in Schedule VII to these regulations.

22. Any person who infringes any provision of these regulations shall be guilty of an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine (multa) of not less than five hundred liri (Lm500) but not exceeding two thousand five hundred liri (Lm2,500) for each contravention. Offences and penalties.

23. (a) The Registration of Fishing Boats Regulations, 1988 are hereby repealed. Repeals L.N. 90 of 1988.

(b) The existing vessels included in the current Fishing Vessels Register will be transferred automatically to the new register as appropriate. In this respect wherever there are rights of registration with the Department, such rights shall apply to vessels registered after the date of publication of these regulations.

(c) All fishing vessels which are presently included in the Fishing Vessels Register and which still require a registration with the Malta Maritime Authority and, or a radio licence or which still need to meet any other obligation in accordance with these regulations shall regularise their position by the 1st January, 2004.

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(d) In the case of a fishing vessel failing to observe the provisions of paragraph (c) hereof, such vessel shall automatically lose its fishing licence and registration in the Fishing Vessels Register, and the application for a new licence by such fishing vessel shall be considered as a new registration in the said Register.

Schedule I

Application for the Registration of a New Fishing Boat

For Official
Use**1. Fishing Vessel Characteristics**

1.1	Matriculation or Registration number	
1.2	Registration Office	Malta <input type="checkbox"/> Gozo <input type="checkbox"/>
1.3	Flag	_____
1.4	Registration Date	_____
1.5	Maritime registration number	_____
1.6	Name of the fishing vessel	_____
1.7	Type of fishing vessel	_____
1.8	Operational status	_____
1.9	Base port of the fishing vessel (permanent)	_____
1.10	Remarks	_____

2. Fishing Authorisation

2.1	Any previous authorisation	_____
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3. Structural characteristics of the fishing vessel

3.1	Overall length	_____
3.2	Width	_____
3.3	Height	_____
3.4	Place of construction	_____
3.5	Country	_____
3.6	Year of construction	_____
3.7	Shipyard where constructed	_____
3.8	Material used for construction of the hull	_____
3.9	Year of entry in fishery	_____
3.10	GRT	_____
3.11	NRT	_____
3.12	GT	_____
3.13	Remarks	_____

4. Engine	
ENGINE 1	
4.1.1	Inboard (1) or Outboard (2) _____
4.1.2	Type of propulsion _____
4.1.3	Engine Manufacturer _____
4.1.4	Custom Reference _____
4.1.5	Country of Manufacturer _____
4.1.6	Year of Manufacturer _____
4.1.7	HP (kw) _____
ENGINE 2	
4.2.1	Inboard (1) or Outboard (2) _____
4.2.2	Type of propulsion _____
4.2.3	Engine Manufacturer _____
4.2.4	Custom Reference _____
4.2.5	Country of Manufacturer _____
4.2.6	Year of Manufacturer _____
4.2.7	HP (kw) _____
ENGINE 3	
4.3.1	Inboard (1) or Outboard (2) _____
4.3.2	Type of propulsion _____
4.3.3	Engine Manufacturer _____
4.3.4	Custom Reference _____
4.3.5	Country of Manufacturer _____
4.3.6	Year of Manufacturer _____
4.3.7	HP (kw) _____
4.4	Remarks

5. Electronic Equipment

NAVIGATION

- 5.1.1.1 Navigational Equipment (1st) _____
- 5.1.1.2 Year of Purchase _____
- 5.1.2.1 Navigational Equipment (2nd) _____
- 5.1.2.2 Year of Purchase _____
- 5.1.3.1 Navigational Equipment (3rd) _____
- 5.1.3.2 Year of Purchase _____
- 5.1.4.1 Navigational Equipment - Other (specify) _____
- 5.1.4.2 Year of Purchase _____

COMMUNICATION APPARATUS

- 5.2.1.1 Radio VHF _____
- 5.2.1.2 Year of Purchase _____
- 5.2.2.1 Radio telephone _____
- 5.2.2.2 Year of Purchase _____
- 5.2.3.1 Cellular phone _____
- 5.2.3.2 Year of Purchase _____
- 5.2.4.1 Communication apparatus - Other (specify) _____
- 5.2.4.2 Year of Purchase _____
- 5.2.5 Radio Call Sign _____

ACOUSTIC APPARATUS

- 5.3.1.1 Echo-sounder _____
- 5.3.1.2 Year of Purchase _____
- 5.3.2.1 Sonar _____
- 5.3.2.2 Year of Purchase _____
- 5.3.3.1 Net sond _____
- 5.3.3.2 Year of Purchase _____
- 5.3.4.1 Fish Finder apparatus - Other (specify) _____
- 5.3.4.2 Year of Purchase _____

5.4 Remarks _____

6. Deck Fisheries Machinery			
6.1	Method of activating the fishing gear	(1) Mechanised <input type="checkbox"/>	(2) Manual <input type="checkbox"/>
	Type of Winch	Number	Operated by
6.2	Line winch	_____	_____
6.3	Net winch	_____	_____
6.4	Trammel net winch	_____	_____
6.5	Power block	_____	_____
6.6	Other (specify)	_____	_____
6.7	Other (specify)	_____	_____
6.8	Remarks:	_____	

7. Ownership		
7.1.1	Type of company	_____
7.1.2	Name of company	_____
7.1.3	Year company was established	_____
7.1.4	Address of company	_____
7.1.5	Postal code	_____
7.1.6	Town where headquarters is located	_____
7.2.1	Name of fishing vessel owner	_____
7.2.1.1	No. of co-owner	_____
7.2.2	Operated by:	Owner (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Skipper (2) <input type="checkbox"/>
7.2.2.1	Name of skipper	_____
7.2.3	Year of birth of owner / master	_____
7.2.4	Address of owner	_____
7.2.5	Postal code	_____
7.2.6	City where owner has residence	_____
7.3	Remarks:	_____

8. Crew

- 8.1 Maximum Number _____
- 8.2 Minimum Number _____
- 8.3 Number of registered full-time fisherman _____
- 8.4 Remarks: _____

9. Home port / Operative port

- 9.1 Base port (preferred)
Operating port during preceding year _____ Period e.g. June (06) - July (07)
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|------------------------|---------------|
| 9.2.1.1 1st port _____ | 9.2.1.2 _____ |
| 9.2.2.1 2nd port _____ | 9.2.2.2 _____ |
| 9.2.3.1 3rd port _____ | 9.2.3.2 _____ |
| 9.2.4.1 4th port _____ | 9.2.4.2 _____ |
| 9.2.5.1 5th port _____ | 9.2.5.2 _____ |

10. Fishing areas, Fishing period, Gear, Species

- Fishing operation foreseen _____
- 10.1.01 Fishing period Field 1 _____
- Fishing area 1 Field 2 _____
- Fishing area 2 Field 3 _____
- Fishing gear code Field 4 _____
- Elementary unit of gear Field 5 _____
- Number of elementary units Field 6 _____
- Group of species
- F. 7 F. 8 F. 9 F. 10
- Discarded Code Field 11 _____
- N of outings during fish period F. 12 _____

10.1.02 Fishing period	Field 1	_____
Fishing area 1	Field 2	_____
Fishing area 2	Field 3	_____
Fishing gear code	Field 4	_____
Elementary unit of gear	Field 5	_____
Number of elementary units	Field 6	_____
Group of species	<input type="checkbox"/> F. 7 <input type="checkbox"/> F. 8 <input type="checkbox"/> F. 9 <input type="checkbox"/> F. 10	
Discarded Code	Field 11	
N of outgoings during fish period	F. 12	_____
10.1.03 Fishing period	Field 1	_____
Fishing area 1	Field 2	_____
Fishing area 2	Field 3	_____
Fishing gear code	Field 4	_____
Elementary unit of gear	Field 5	_____
Number of elementary units	Field 6	_____
Group of species	<input type="checkbox"/> F. 7 <input type="checkbox"/> F. 8 <input type="checkbox"/> F. 9 <input type="checkbox"/> F. 10	
Discarded Code	Field 11	
N of outgoings during fish period	F. 12	_____
10.1.04 Fishing period	Field 1	_____
Fishing area 1	Field 2	_____
Fishing area 2	Field 3	_____
Fishing gear code	Field 4	_____
Elementary unit of gear	Field 5	_____
Number of elementary units	Field 6	_____
Group of species	<input type="checkbox"/> F. 7 <input type="checkbox"/> F. 8 <input type="checkbox"/> F. 9 <input type="checkbox"/> F. 10	
Discarded Code	Field 11	
N of outgoings during fish period	F. 12	_____

10.1.05 Fishing period	Field 1	_____
Fishing area 1	Field 2	_____
Fishing area 2	Field 3	_____
Fishing gear code	Field 4	_____
Elementary unit of gear	Field 5	_____
Number of elementary units	Field 6	_____
Group of species	<input type="checkbox"/> F. 7	<input type="checkbox"/> F. 8
	<input type="checkbox"/> F. 9	<input type="checkbox"/> F. 10
Discarded Code	Field 11	_____
N of outgoing during fish period	F. 12	_____
10.1.06 Fishing period	Field 1	_____
Fishing area 1	Field 2	_____
Fishing area 2	Field 3	_____
Fishing gear code	Field 4	_____
Elementary unit of gear	Field 5	_____
Number of elementary units	Field 6	_____
Group of species	<input type="checkbox"/> F. 7	<input type="checkbox"/> F. 8
	<input type="checkbox"/> F. 9	<input type="checkbox"/> F. 10
Discarded Code	Field 11	_____
N of outgoing during fish period	F. 12	_____
10.2 Remarks:		_____

11. Equipment for transforming the catch

12. Equipment for preserving the fish

12.1.1 Hold for fresh fish	_____
12.1.2 Capacity (cbm)	_____
12.2.1 Hold with refrigerating plant	_____
12.2.2 Capacity (cbm)	_____
12.2.3 Refrigeration temperature (°C)	_____
12.3.1 Plant for refrigerated sea water	_____
12.4.1 Hold for live fish	_____
12.4.2 Capacity (cbm)	_____
12.5.1 Other equipment or conserving the fish (specify)	_____
12.5.2 Capacity (cbm)	_____
12.6 Remarks:	_____

13. Other equipment	
13.1	Number of lift equipment (e.g. cranes) _____
13.2.1	Lights for fishing _____
13.2.2	Number of lights _____
13.2.3	Power of each light (candle power) _____
13.3	Remarks: _____

14. Safety equipment	
14.1	Number of life belts and jackets _____
14.2	Number of lifeboats _____
14.3	Number of flares _____
14.4	Number of fire equipment _____
14.5	Other safety equipment (specify) _____
14.6	Remarks: _____

15. General Remark	
15.1	Remarks: _____

Schedule II
Tariffs for Registration of Fishing Boats and Licences

FISHING BOAT			Initial Registration	Licence Fee
Category	Length			
A	FT CM	< 5.99 Mt	Lm200	Lm5 annually
B	PT CM	< 5.99 Mt	Lm200	Lm10 annually
C	REC	< 5.99 Mt	Lm200	Lm10 annually
D	Work Boats	< 5.99 Mt	Lm200	Lm5 annually
A	FT CM	6.00 – 7.99 Mt	According to registration with Malta Maritime Authority	Lm7.50 annually
B	PT CM	6.00 – 7.99 Mt		Lm15 annually
C	REC	6.00 – 7.99 Mt		Lm25 annually
D	Work Boats	6.00 – 7.99 Mt		Lm7.50 annually
A	FT CM	8.00 – 11.99 Mt	According to registration with Malta Maritime Authority	Lm10 annually
B	PT CM	8.00 – 11.99 Mt		Lm20 annually
C	REC	8.00 – 11.99 Mt		Lm35 annually
D	Work Boats	8.00 – 11.99 Mt		Lm10 annually
A	FT CM	12.00 – 14.99 Mt	According to registration with Malta Maritime Authority	Lm15 annually
B	PT CM	12.00 – 14.99 Mt		Lm30 annually
C	REC	12.00 – 14.99 Mt		Lm45 annually
D	Work Boats	12.00 – 14.99 Mt		Lm15 annually
A	FT CM	15.00 – 29.99 Mt	According to registration with Malta Maritime Authority	Lm25 annually
B	PT CM	15.00 – 29.99 Mt		Lm50 annually
C	REC	15.00 – 29.99 Mt		Lm65 annually
D	Work Boats	15.00 – 29.99 Mt		Lm25 annually
A	FT CM	> 30.00 Mt	According to registration with Malta Maritime Authority	Lm1 / ton GT Annually
B	PT CM		Not Registered	
C	REC		Not Registered	
D	Work Boats	> 30.00 Mt	According to registration with Malta Maritime Authority	Lm1 / ton GT Annually

The payment of a fishing licence for a period of less than one year will be paid proportionally, but initial registration is to be paid in full.

Fishing boats longer than 24 metres pay a fee of Lm3000 for the VMS system with the initial registration.

Schedule III
Minimum Value of Landings

A. Fishing Vessels in Category A:

<u>Length of Fishing Boat</u>	<u>Value of Landings</u>
< 5.99 metres:	Lm1500
From 6 to 7.99 metres:	Lm4000
From 8 to 11.99 metres:	Lm5500
From 12 to 14.99 metres:	Lm7000
From 15 to 29.99 metres:	Lm15000
> 30 metres:	Lm15000

B. Fishing Vessels in Category B:

<u>Length of Fishing Boat</u>	<u>Value of Landings</u>
< 5.99 metres:	Lm500
From 6 to 7.99 metres:	Lm750
From 8 to 11.99 metres:	Lm1000
From 12 to 14.99 metres:	Lm1500
From 15 to 29.99 metres:	Lm2500
> 30 metres:	Not Applicable

Schedule V

A List of Minimum Apparatus for Safety and Rescue Necessary
On Board Fishing Vessels

	All Waters	Within 50 NM	Within 25 NM	Within 12 NM	Within 3 NM	Within 1 NM	Within 300 m
Life saving raft (for all the persons on board)	✓	✓					
Floating Equipment (for all the persons on board)			✓				
Life Vests (for every person on board)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Life saving ring with rope	✓(1)	✓(1)	✓(1)	✓(1)	✓(1)	✓(1)	
Luminous flare	✓(1)	✓(1)	✓(1)	✓(1)			
Smoke flare (Smoke Generator)	✓(3)	✓(2)	✓(2)	✓(2)	✓(1)		
Compass and Deviation Tables (a)	✓	✓	✓				
Clock	✓	✓					
Barometer	✓	✓					
Binoculars	✓	✓					
Nautical Charts	✓	✓					
Chart Instruments	✓	✓					
Red hand held flare	✓(4)	✓(3)	✓(2)	✓(2)	✓(2)		
Red parachute flare	✓(4)	✓(3)	✓(2)	✓(2)			
First Aid Box (b)	✓	✓					
Regulation Lights	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Blow horn / Bell (c)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Radio positioning device (GPS)	✓	✓					
VHF Wireless Apparatus	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Radar	✓	✓					
E. P. I. R. B. (Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon)	✓						
Bilge Pumps	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Fire fighting system approved by the relevant Authority	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Eco Sounder	✓	✓	✓				
Anchor and Chain or Rope	✓ (60m)	✓ (60m)	✓ (60m)	✓ (30m)	✓ (30m)	✓ (30m)	
Berthing Ropes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

NOTES:

- a) Deviation tables are to be on board only for fishing expeditions over 25 miles. Deviation tables are only applicable for fishermen having a magnetic compass.
- b) First Aid Box contents should be according to Concerned Authorities.
- c) Both blow horn and bell are necessary on vessels over 12 meters whereas only one apparatus is necessary for vessels under 12 meters.

The number appearing in brackets () in each square indicates the quantity of items of the same equipment which should be on board the vessel

NM – NAUTICAL MILE

Schedule VI

Certificates of Holds for the Conservation of Fish on board the Fishing Boat

Registration No

Licence No. of Fishing Boat

Owner or Master

Name

Address

Captain or Master

Name

Address

Ice Making Machine

Model

Production Capacity

Type of Water used

Refrigeration System

Capacity of Cooling Generator

Measurements of Room/s

Volume of Room/s

Capacity in Fish weight

Lining Material used in Room/s

Room temperature during work

Schedule VII

Observers on Board

I ALLOCATION OF OBSERVERS ON BOARD FISHING BOATS

- (a) In order to carry out their tasks observers must have the following qualifications:
- Sufficient experience to identify fish species and fishing gear.
 - The capacity to accomplish elementary scientific tasks, for example, taking of samples where necessary and making accurate observations and keeping records in that connection.
 - Maritime navigation skills.
 - A satisfactory knowledge of conservation measures according to laws and conventions to which Malta is a member.
 - A satisfactory knowledge of the language of the flag of the vessel being observed.
- (b) The Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture must take appropriate measures to ensure that observers are received on board fishing vessels at the agreed time and place and to facilitate their departure on completion of the observation period.

II TASKS OF OBSERVERS

The main task of observers is to monitor compliance with regulations. In particular observers will:

- (a) Monitor the fishing operations of the vessels concerned and record them in a report.
- (b) Send a report to the Director of Fisheries and Aquaculture that indicates all their observations, especially the biological data collected.
- (c) The report is to be sent within twenty (20) days following the observation period.

III RELATIONS WITH THE CAPTAINS / AND, OR MASTERS OF FISHING VESSELS

- (a) The captain or master must be given sufficient notice of the date and place at which the observer is to be received and of the likely duration of the observation period.
- (b) The captain or master has to make contact with the observer to be able to organise the arrival and departure of the same observer on his ship.
- (c) The captain or master must ensure that the accommodation on his ship is adequate and satisfactory for periods of observation that are longer than twelve hours of duration.
- (d) The captain or master must provide all necessary drink and food for the observer during the period of observation.
- (e) The captain of the vessel may request a copy of the observer's report.