

REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF FISHERIES IN WATERS OUTSIDE THE FISHERIES JURISDICTION OF ANY STATE

On 4 March 1998, pursuant to section 6 of the Act of 16 June 1972 (No. 57) relating to participation in the fisheries, cf. Royal Decree of 29 October 1993 and sections 4 and 9 of the Act of 3 June 1983 (No. 40) relating to sea-water fisheries, etc., the Ministry of Fisheries laid down the following regulations:

§ 1 Scope

These regulations apply to Norwegian nationals and persons resident in Norway who are engaged in fishing operations with Norwegian vessels in waters outside the fisheries jurisdiction of any state for stocks that are not regulated by the Norwegian authorities.

§ 2 Participation

It is prohibited to carry out fishing operations such as are mentioned in section 1 without first obtaining authorization to register the vessel with the Directorate of Fisheries. Such registration is valid for one calendar year.

The Directorate of Fisheries may by regulations lay down further provisions relating to registration pursuant to this section.

§ 3 Authority to refuse registration of a vessel

The Directorate of Fisheries may refuse registration of a vessel if

- a) the fishery is considered to be in conflict with Norwegian fisheries interests,
- b) international agreements make this necessary,
- c) the fishery is regulated by regional or subregional fisheries management organizations or arrangements,
- d) it is necessary for conducting or completing fishing or hunting activities in a rational or proper manner.

§ 4 Authority to remove vessels from the register

The Directorate of Fisheries may remove vessels from the register if the owner or user of the vessel has contravened the regulations in force for the area set out in section 1, or if conservation or management measures laid down by regional or subregional fisheries management organizations or arrangements have been contravened.

§ 5 Duty to provide notification

Any person who takes part in fisheries pursuant to section 2 shall send notification when fishing operations begin and when they are discontinued and weekly notification to the Directorate of Fisheries on the quantities taken, specified by species and by the areas in which the catches were taken.

The Directorate of Fisheries may by regulations lay down further provisions on the duty to provide notification pursuant to the first paragraph.

§ 6 Duty to report catch data

Any person who takes part in fisheries pursuant to section 2 shall keep a catch logbook and shall submit this to the Directorate of Fisheries no more than one month after the end of the fishing trip, of the Regulations of 26 July 1993 (No. 772) relating to the duty for fishing and hunting vessels to report catch data.

§ 7 Penal measures

Any willful or negligent violation of provisions set out in these regulations or issued pursuant thereto is subject to a penalty pursuant to section 11 of the Act of 16 June 1972 (No. 57) relating to participation in the fisheries and section 53 of the Act of 3 June 1983 (No. 40) relating to sea water fisheries, etc.

§ 8 Entry into force

These regulations enter into force immediately.