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THE FISHERIES ACT, 1966.
(ACT 14 OF 1966).

THE FISHING VESSELS (CONTROL AND LICENSING) RULES, 1969.

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 7 of the Fisheries Act, 1966, the Minister for Law and National Development hereby makes the following Rules:—

1. These Rules may be cited as the Fishing Vessels (Control and Licensing) Rules, 1969.
2. No fishing vessel shall ply at any port in Singapore without a valid licence issued under these Rules.

3.—(1) The owner of a fishing vessel shall apply for a licence to the Director who may issue a licence subject to such conditions as he may think fit to impose.

(2) Such applicant shall—

- (a) give the type, dimensions and specifications of the vessel and the method of fishing for which it is intended;
- (b) furnish two copies of a recent photograph of himself, one of which shall be affixed to the licence which shall at all times be kept in the vessel in the custody of the person in charge of the vessel and the other in a Register of Licences; and
- (c) produce documentary or other evidence of ownership to the satisfaction of the Director.

(3) On a change of ownership of vessel, the new owner shall submit an application to the Director for the issue of a new licence, together with any documentary or other evidence of the transfer of the vessel from the previous owner.

(4) No alteration or amendment whatsoever shall be made on any licence issued under these Rules except by the Director.

(5) If any particulars on a licence become illegible or any photograph affixed thereto becomes defaced, the owner or the master of the vessel shall apply immediately to the Director for the issue of a replacement licence or for such particulars as have become illegible to be re-entered or endorsed thereon or for a new photograph to be affixed thereto, as the case may be.

4.—(1) The Director may require any fishing vessel for which a licence is required to be brought to any place for inspection.

(2) A fishery officer shall examine the vessel for its sea-worthiness and suitability for its intended use and submit a report thereon to the Director.

5. The fees for—

- (a) a licence issued under these Rules;
- (b) a replacement thereof;
- (c) a certified copy of the particulars entered in the Register of Licences or of a licence or other document; and
- (d) a change of number of any fishing vessel,

shall be as set out in the First Schedule to these Rules.

6.—(1) Upon the issue of a licence, the Director shall assign a number to the fishing vessel.

(2) The number of—

- (a) every fishing vessel which is not mechanically propelled or is propelled only by an outboard engine shall be prefixed with the letters "SF";
- (b) every fishing vessel which is propelled by an inboard engine shall be prefixed with the letters "SMF";
- (c) every fishing vessel propelled by an inboard engine and licensed to carry fish only, shall be prefixed with the letters "SMFC";

(d) every fishing vessel propelled by an inboard engine and licensed only to tow nibong poles for use in the fishing industry shall be prefixed with the letters "SMFT".

(3) The owner of every fishing vessel shall cause the number assigned by the Director to be carved out and painted on the boat in the manner set out in the Second Schedule to these Rules or as may be directed by the Director.

(4) The owner of such fishing vessel shall then furnish two copies of a photograph of the vessel showing its broadside with the number carved and painted on the outside of the forward end of the vessel, one copy of which shall be affixed to the licence and the other in the Register of Licences.

(5) No number or part thereof shall be obscured or rendered or allowed to become indistinguishable.

(6) The Director may if he thinks fit allow a change of number of any fishing vessel on the application of the owner of the vessel.

7.—(1) The Director shall maintain a Register of Licences in which the following particulars of fishing vessels licensed under these Rules shall be entered:—

- (a) the name and address of the owner and the master of the vessel, grade and number of the master's certificate and, if an engineer or engine driver is carried on board, his name and the number and grade of his certificate;
- (b) the number and grade of the crew employed;
- (c) the length, breadth, depth and gross tonnage of the vessel;
- (d) the method of propulsion including details of the engine;
- (e) particulars of fishing equipment carried, including life-saving appliances and safety equipment;
- (f) the number assigned to the vessel; and
- (g) the limits within which the vessel may ply.

(2) The owner or the master of a fishing vessel shall notify the Director of any change in the particulars appearing in the Register of Licences.

8.—(1) The owner of every fishing vessel shall maintain a crew book of a type approved by the Director in which the names, addresses, grades and certificate numbers and identity card numbers of all members of the crew shall be entered and to which their photographs shall be affixed.

(2) Such crew book shall be carried in the fishing vessel and produced for inspection on demand by any fishery officer.

(3) The owner or the master of any fishing vessel shall report any change in the crew of the vessel to any fishery officer.

(4) No amendment or alteration of any particulars appearing in the crew book shall be made nor shall any photograph affixed thereto be removed or substituted by another photograph except by the Director.

(5) If any particulars of the crew in the crew book become illegible or any photograph affixed thereto becomes defaced, the owner or the master of the vessel shall apply immediately to the Director for such particulars as have

become illegible to be re-entered or endorsed thereon, or for a new photograph to be affixed thereto, as the case may be, or, if so required by the Director, supply a new crew book.

9. The owner of any fishing vessel shall not allow the vessel to ply or operate beyond the area specified in his licence without the prior approval of the Director.

10.—(1) The owner or the master of any fishing vessel shall report to a fishery officer any breaking-up, loss or damage of the vessel within twenty-four hours of its occurrence and any collision, accident or other incident causing such breaking-up, loss or damage.

(2) The licence and the crew book in respect of such vessel shall forthwith be surrendered to the Director who may cause an inspection to be made of the vessel.

(3) After such inspection, the Director may, if he thinks fit, impose any additional condition which shall be endorsed on the licence or revoke the licence.

11. A fishery officer may seek the assistance of the police or such other assistance as is necessary to enable him to do any act or carry out any order or direction pursuant to these Rules.

12.—(1) Where a fishery officer has reason to suspect —

(a) that any of the provisions of these Rules; or

(b) that any of the conditions imposed in respect of the issue of any licence,

has not been complied with, he may board the fishing vessel with or without police assistance.

(2) The owner, the master or any other member of the crew shall, if required by the fishery officer, furnish any information or produce the licence, the crew book or any log-book or other document on board the vessel or in the possession or control of the owner, the master or any other member of the crew.

(3) The fishery officer may take copies of the licence, the crew book or any log-book or other document produced to him for inspection and question the owner, the master or any other member of the crew on any particular set out in such licence, crew book, log-book or document.

13.—(1) No person shall be employed on any fishing vessel or be engaged in any activity thereon unless he is registered for such employment by the Director.

(2) An applicant for such registration shall furnish the following particulars: —

(a) name;

(b) address;

(c) identity card number;

(d) name and address of employer;

(e) qualifications; and

(f) any other information required by the Director.

(3) The Director may on application either refuse to register or register the applicant subject to such conditions as he may think fit to impose.

(4) The fee for such registration shall be as set out in the First Schedule to these Rules.

14. The Director may if he thinks fit exempt any person from all or any of the provisions of these Rules.

FIRST SCHEDULE.

(Rules 5 and 13).

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Fees for licensing fishing vessels —	
(a) for every fishing vessel not mechanically propelled or propelled only by an outboard engine ...	2 00 per annum.
(b) for every fishing vessel propelled by an inboard engine —	
(i) not exceeding 15 gross tons ...	5 00 per annum.
(ii) exceeding 15 gross tons but not exceeding 30 gross tons ...	10 00 per annum.
(iii) exceeding 30 gross tons but not exceeding 45 gross tons ...	20 00 per annum.
(iv) exceeding 45 gross tons but not exceeding 60 gross tons ...	30 00 per annum.
(v) exceeding 60 gross tons ...	50 00 per annum.
For a certified copy of the particulars entered in the Register of Licences or of a licence ...	10 00
For every certified copy of a document ...	10 00
For every replacement of a licence ...	half the amount payable for a licence per annum.
For every person employed on any fishing vessel or engaged in any activity thereon ...	1 00 per annum.
For every change of number of any fishing vessel ...	20 00

SECOND SCHEDULE.

(Rule 6 (3)).

Carved Numbers:

The number shall be carved in the main beam or other conspicuous part of the vessel. The letters and figures comprising the number shall be of the following dimensions:—

3½ inches high, 2 inches broad and 7/16 inch thick, and shall be carved to a depth of 1/8 inch.

Painted Numbers:

The number shall be painted on the outside of the forward-end of the vessel on each side in accordance with the following specifications:—

<i>Length of fishing vessel.</i>	<i>Dimensions of each of the letters and figures of the number.</i>	<i>Colour of letters and figures.</i>	<i>Background.</i>
<i>Fishing vessels which are mechanically propelled.</i>			
Not exceeding 25 feet	12" high 6" broad 2" thick	White	Black.
Exceeding 25 feet but not exceeding 50 feet	18" high 10" broad 2½" thick	White	Black.
Exceeding 50 feet	26" high 13" broad 3½" thick	White	Black.
<i>Fishing vessels which are not mechanically propelled</i>			
All sizes	7" high 3½" broad 1" thick		

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