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THE FISHERIES ACT.  
(CHAPTER 294).

THE FISH CULTURE (CONTROL AND LICENSING) RULES, 1981.

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

1. These Rules may be cited as the Fish Culture (Control and Licensing) Rules, 1981, and shall come into operation on the 20th day of March, 1981.

2. In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires —

“fish culture” means any activity involving the maintenance, propagation and promotion of the growth of fish in captivity or upon the sea bed within the territorial waters of Singapore;

“fish culture farm” means any establishment or site in which fish culture is carried out and includes all structures and equipment within the establishment or site;

“licence” means a fish culture licence issued under these Rules.

3. No person shall erect, operate or maintain a fish culture farm except under and in accordance with the terms and conditions of a licence.

4. The Director may designate areas within which fish culture may be carried out and may specify the type of fish to be cultured in each fish culture farm.
5. An application for a fish culture licence shall be in such form as the Director may determine.
- 6.—(1) The Director may issue a fish culture licence in such form as the Director may determine.
- (2) The licence shall be subject to the conditions set out in the Schedule to these Rules, unless expressly excluded in such licence by the Director.
- (3) The Director may refuse to issue a licence or may vary or impose such other conditions as he thinks fit or revoke any licence already issued without assigning any reason therefor.
7. The fee for a licence shall be five hundred dollars for each five thousand square metres or part thereof for a period of one year or part thereof, expiring in every case on the 31st day of December, of the year in which it is issued.
8. The Director may, before issuing a licence, require the applicant to furnish a deposit to ensure compliance with these Rules and the conditions of the licence. The amount of deposit shall be five thousand dollars for each five thousand square metres or part thereof of fish culture farm.
9. In the event of doubt arising as to the correct description of the types of fish cultured under the licence, the name or description given by the Director shall be deemed to be final and correct.
10. The Director may in his discretion restrict the number of licences which may be issued in any area and in respect of any type of fish to be cultured.
- 11.—(1) The licensee shall, upon expiry or revocation of the licence or when he ceases to operate the fish culture farm, remove forthwith, or within such time as a fishery officer may direct, any structure and any poles, anchor, floats and ancillary equipment used for fish culture.
- (2) Where the licensee fails to comply with paragraph (1), the fishery officer may remove or demolish the structure and any expenses incurred thereby shall be deducted from the deposit made under rule 8.
- 12.—(1) No person shall be employed on any fish culture farm or be engaged in any activity thereon unless he is registered for such employment by the Director.
- (2) An application for such registration shall be in such form as the Director may determine.
- (3) The Director may either refuse to register or register the applicant subject to such conditions as he may think fit to impose or revoke the registration of a person without assigning any reason therefor.
- (4) The fee for such registration shall be five dollars for each person.
- (5) A person registered under this rule shall observe all directives which the Director may issue from time to time.
13. The Director may if he thinks fit exempt any person from all or any of these Rules.

**THE SCHEDULE.**  
**CONDITIONS.**

Rule 6 (1)

1. The licensee shall use the site allocated to him solely as a fish culture farm and for no other purpose.
2. All structures in the site allocated shall be constructed or installed only in accordance with plans approved by the Director and any directive which may be issued by the Director. Any addition or alteration to the structures shall only be carried out with the prior written approval of the Director.
3. The licensee shall maintain his fish culture farm in good condition and ensure that the waters at and around his farm are clean and pollution-free at all times.
4. The licensee shall display on the fish culture farm such identification marks as may be prescribed by the Director to denote that it is a licensed fish culture farm.
5. The licensee shall ensure that his fish culture farm is lighted at night to the satisfaction of the Director.
6. The Director or any person authorised by the Director shall have reasonable access to the fish culture farm for the purpose of inspection.
7. If a structure or any part thereof at the fish culture farm is, in the opinion of the Director or any person authorised by the Director, causing obstruction or impediment to navigation or development of port and other facilities, the licensee shall, within one month of a written notice given by the Director, remove structure or any part thereof. The removal shall be carried out at the licensee's own expense.
8. The Director or any person authorised by the Director shall carry out a survey of the fish culture farm after all structures referred to in condition 2 have been constructed or installed or after any structure or part thereof referred to in condition 7 has been removed. The cost of such survey shall be borne by the licensee.
9. The licensee shall within forty-eight hours inform the Director if he ceases to carry out any fish culture.
10. The licensee shall surrender his expired licence before a new licence is issued to him.
11. The licensee shall observe all directives which the Director may issue from time to time.
12. The licensee shall at all times carry with him the licence and shall on demand by a fishery officer produce it for inspection.
13. The licensee shall furnish such information on his fish culture and any other information relating to fish culture as may be required by a fishery officer.

Made this 10th day of March, 1981.

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