

Syrian Arab Republic  
Ministry of Agriculture  
and Agrarian Reform

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Subject: **Instructions to issue regular  
Fishing Permits**

To : Directorates of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform in Governorates of: Damascus, Damascus Countryside, Homs, Hama, Idlib, Al-Ghab, Aleppo, Raqqa, Deir-Ezzor, Hassakeh, Tartous, Lattakia, Daraa, Sweida, Quneitra.

For the purpose of the application of the provisions of aquatic faunae protection law promulgated by Legislative Decree number 30 for 1965 and for finalization of fishing boat limitations, you are hereby required to observe and comply with the instructions as hereunder in issuing fishing permits.

**First - Fishing Boat Permit:**

a) **Requirements:**

- 1) An application in writing in the attached form on which the legal stamp shall be affixed;
- 2) Property title of boat or hire contract;
- 3) Transcript of civil census record or photocopy of the personal identify card which the legal stamp shall be affixed for the boat operator and crew members;
- 4) Navigation and seaworthiness license or certificate to serve the very purpose issued by the General Directorate of Seaports;
- 5) Photograph for each crew member for health certificate;
- 6) Zipper file;
- 7) Health certificate for each crew member to certify that he is medically fit to be a fisherman;
- 8) Note to certify payment of the fishing permit fee on the strength of a slip referred by the Directorate of Agriculture to the Directorate of Finance in the Governorate (Muhafazat) determining the fee chargeable on the boat in the light of its specifications (Gross weight - Motorized or non-motorized) pursuant to table number 1 annexed to the above mentioned Legislative Decree number 30 for 1964.

- b) The applicant for a fishing permit shall, at the time of finalization of the requirements to issue the fishing permit, sign an undertake in writing to observe and comply strictly with aquatic faunae protection laws and regulations in form number 1 on which the legal stamp shall be affixed.
- c) The fishing permit shall be made in fishing boat form on the strength of the relevant particulars and shall be given a serial number with reference to the chronological order of the receipt of the file complete after the affixing of the legal stamps under the seal and signature of the Directorate of Agriculture.
- d) The permit number and Governorate code shall be endorsed in the appropriate space for the boat number and code under the control of the Department of Fish Resources. The permit shall be issued after verifying that the specifications of the boat to correspond to the particulars set out in the application for permit.

### **Second - Fisherman on Foot Permit:**

#### **a) Requirements:**

- 1) An application in writing and transcript of civil census record as it is applicable to fishing boat permit;
  - 2) Two personal photographs;
  - 3) Zipper file;
  - 4) Health certificate on the strength of a slip from the Directorate of Agriculture;
- b) The applicant for a fishing permit shall sign an undertaking in writing in form 2.
  - c) The fishing permit shall be made in fisherman on foot permit form on the strength of the relevant particulars, which shall be entered into the archives register. The relevant part of the permit sheet shall be sent to the Ministry of Agriculture, Department of Fish Resources.

### **Third- Files and Records:**

- a) The files of boats and fishermen shall be kept and maintained along with all relevant documents in good order in the Department of Fish Resources for easy reference if and when necessary.
- b) A register of licensed boats and a register of licensed fishermen on foot shall be made with a separate page for each boat and for each fishermen respectively to enter into all supervening developments (permit renewal, ownership conveyance, modification of descriptions, contravention, etc..).

#### **Fourth - Permit validity and renewal:**

##### **a) Fishing Boat permit:**

- 1) The fishing boat permit shall be valid up to the end of the material calendar year and shall be renewable by endorsement on the same permit booklet under the initial number.

The permit renewal shall be governed by the first clause of these instructions except the initial number requirement.

- 2) The licensed boat shall retain the initial number when the permit is renewed or a new booklet is issued. If and when the boat becomes out of service for any reason whatsoever (sinking, destruction by fire, fair wear and tear, etc.), the initial number shall be finally written off and shall not be allowed to be given to another boat.

##### **b) Fisherman on foot permit:**

The fisherman on foot permit shall be valid up to the end of the material calendar year and the fisherman shall be given a new permit under a new number as is prescribed in the second clause.

c) Anyhow reference shall be made, before permit renewal, to register entry of the fishing boat or the fisherman on foot to check the nature and number of the contravention committed, if any. If it appears that there are two contraventions that have been established by two regular procesverbaux, the permit shall not be renewed in accordance with clause (d) of article 54 of Law 30 for 1964.

#### **Fifth:**

For the purpose of the implementation of the provisions of article 25 of law 30 for 1964 that prescribes that fishing boats shall be numbered and shall be so colored to distinguish one from another, the following distinguishing codes and colors shall be given to the boats operating in Syria:

GOVERNORATE	CODE	D. COLOR	BOAT COLOR
Damascus countryside	D	Yellow & Black	White
Daraa	A	Green	White
Sweida	S	Green & Black	White
Quneitra	N	Red & Black	White
Homs	C	Yellow	White
Hama & Ghab	H	Black	White
Idleb	L	Red & Green	White
Tartous	T	Yellow & Red	White
Lattakia	LA	Yellow & Blue	White
Aleppo	B	Blue & Red	White
Raqqa	Q	Yellow & Green	White
Deir Ezzor	Z	Red	White
Hassakeh	K	Blue	White

This distinguishing color shall represent a horizontal strip surrounding the boat, cut at 4 places, namely:

- \* 2 on both sides of the stem on which there shall be overlaid the boat number in current Arabic figures followed by name of the boat;
- \* 2 on both sides of the stream on which there shall be overlaid the boat number in Latin figures followed by Governorate code. The black color shall be exclusively used for overlaying the number, code and name.

**Sixth:**

a) Conveyance of ownership:

According to article 13 of law 30 for 1964:

- \* It shall be not lawful for fisherman on foot permit to be assigned to third party;
- \* It shall be lawful for fishing boat permit to be assigned if and when the boat is sold or in part with the consent of the department responsible for the issue of fishing permits.

b) Applications for construction of new fishing boats or for re-construction of fishing boats that have become wear and tear shall be considered in the light of the fish holding of the fishing site intended to operate the boat at.

c) Applications for sale, assignment, construction or re-construction shall be referred as soon as they are coupled with the approval of the Department of Fish Resources to the General Directorate of Seaports for such action as may be necessary (Application forms attached shall be applied).

For perusal, implementation and notification of the boat owners that it is necessary to initiate overlaying their boats with such colors as specified in the attached illustrations within the current year. It is clearly understood that fishing permits next year will be issued solely to regular boats. Negative pictures of uniform numbers and codes are being prepared by the Central Administration and will be distributed as soon as they are finished to the Governorates.

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