

Maritime Zones (Fishing Licences) Regulations 1978

GN 23/1978

Regulations made by the Prime Minister under section 15 of The Maritime Zones Act 1977

1. These regulations may be cited as the Maritime Zones (Fishing Licences) Regulations 1978.

2. In these regulations-

"Act" means the Maritime Zones Act;

"authorised officer" means any person duly authorised by the Minister of Fisheries to ensure compliance with these regulations;

"fishing" means the catching, taking, harvesting or attempted catching, taking or harvesting of any fish for any purpose and includes any support activity;

"fishing-support vessel" means any vessel which aids or assists one or more fishing vessels carrying out any fishing operations or any support activity;

"fishing vessel" means any vessel which is used for, equipped to be used for, or of a type normally used for fishing;

"licence" means a licence granted by or under the authority of the Prime Minister under section 7 (2) of the Act;

"maritime zones" includes the territorial waters, the exclusive economic zone, the continental shelf and historic waters;

"stock", in relation to fish, means any type, species or any other category capable of management and conservation as a unit;

"support activity" means any activity in support of any fishing operations and includes, inter alia, storage, refrigeration or processing;

"vessel" means any seagoing vessel, boat, ship, contrivance or other craft.

3. (1) Every application for the approval of a body corporate for the purposes of section 7 (5) of the Act shall be made in the form set out in the First Schedule.

(2) No body corporate shall be approved by the Minister of Fisheries unless it is substantially owned, and is controlled, by citizens of Mauritius.

4. (1) Every application for the grant of a licence shall be made in the form set out in the Second Schedule.

(2) Every application for a licence shall be accompanied by a fee of Rs 100.

(3) Every licensee shall, at the time of the issue of the licence, pay an annual fee of Rs 200 per gross registered ton in relation to the vessels in respect of which the licence is in force.

Amended by [\[GN No. 221 of 1978\]](#); [\[GN No. 344 of 1981\]](#)

5. A licence may contain such terms and conditions as the Prime Minister may determine and may include the following-

- (a) the stock, size number, weight, sex of the fish to be harvested or any matter relating thereto;
- (b) the use of specified types and sizes of fishing vessels, nets and any other fishing equipment;
- (c) the taking on board of authorised officers;
- (d) the inspection of any fishing or fishing-support vessel at any time while fishing in the maritime zones;
- (e) the area where fishing can be conducted;
- (f) the prohibition of fishing of any stock of fish during any specified periods;
- (g) the landing in Mauritius of fish;
- (h) the number of fishing vessels or fishing-support vessels to be used;
- (i) the period during which the licence has effect and the date of commencement of operations under the licence;
- (j) the charges to be paid;
- (k) the forfeiture of fishing vessels and fishing-support vessels and other penalties in the event of non-compliance with the terms and conditions of the licence;
- (1) the training and employment of Mauritian citizens.

FIRST SCHEDULE
(regulation 3)

APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF BODY CORPORATE

1. Name and address of body corporate

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2. Date of registration

3. Details of share structure

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4. Names of principal shareholders	Amount of shareholding	Nationality	Residence & Address
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5. Number and type of fishing vessels/fishing-support vessels to be used.....

6. If vessels are not owned by the body corporate, details of arrangements under which vessels are to be used

7. Method of fishing

8. Equipment to be used

I hereby certify that the information given above is correct.

Date

Signature of Applicant

SECOND SCHEDULE
(regulation 4)

APPLICATION FOR LICENCE

1. Name of applicant
2. Address
3. If application is made by a body corporate-

(a) Principal place of business in Mauritius

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(b) Nature of business

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(c) Name of directors

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4. Length of expedition (giving dates)

5. Description of area where fishing is intended

6. Description of stock intended to be fished

7. Name, registration, tonnage and other particulars of vessels intended to be used

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8. Method of fishing

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9. Equipment to be used

I hereby declare that the information given above is correct.

Signature of Applicant

Date