

SUBSIDIARY LEGISLATION 425.07**FISHING VESSELS REGULATIONS**

14th September, 2004

LEGAL NOTICE 407 of 2004, as amended by Legal Notice 426 of 2007.

- 1.** The title of these regulations is the Fishing Vessels Regulations. Title.
- 2.** In these regulations, unless the content otherwise requires - Interpretation.
 "Act" means the Fisheries Conservation and Management Act; Cap. 425.
 "Department" means the Department responsible for fisheries and aquaculture;
 "Director" means the officer responsible for fisheries and aquaculture;
 "Fishing Vessels Register" means the register of local fishing vessels kept by the Director in terms of regulation 8;
 "Minister" means the Minister responsible for fisheries and aquaculture.
- 3.** (a) Every vessel being used for fishing shall be licensed for such an activity and registered in the Fishing Vessels Register. Registration of fishing boats.
- (b) Fishing vessels of all categories of six metres or over in length shall also be registered under the Merchant Shipping Act. Cap. 234.
- (c) The issued licence shall be kept on board the vessel at all times. Fishing vessels of all categories could be used for purposes described in the licence.
- (d) These vessels could be used temporarily for any other purpose following an approval of a request to the Director.
- 4.** Any fishing vessel which requires any other registration in accordance with any provision of prevailing maritime laws or other conventions, may obtain such other registration following the registration of such fishing vessel in the Fishing Vessels Register. Other laws or conventions.
- 5.** (a) The owner or charterer or captain of a fishing vessel shall apply for the registration and licensing of such vessel using the form indicated in Schedule I. This form shall be accompanied by a certificate indicating the tonnage and length of the vessel and it shall be issued in accordance with the related requirements of the Merchant Shipping Act and all regulations relative to tonnage made thereunder. Application forms. Cap. 234.
- (b) The owner and, or captain or master of the fishing vessel shall be resident in Malta in terms of the provisions of the Immovable Property (Acquisition by Eligibility. Cap. 246.

Non-Residents) Act.

- Inspections prior to first registrations and renewals. **6.** (a) Vessels requesting inclusion in the Fishing Vessels Register for the first time shall be present in the registration port so that the necessary inspections could be carried out.
- (b) Before every renewal of its registration and fishing licence, the fishing vessel and its gear shall be inspected, and the expenses incurred for this purpose shall be met by the owner, charterer and, or captain of the vessel when these are carried out in a port outside Malta.
- Licence period. **7.** Unless a licence indicates otherwise, the duration of this fishing licence shall be for a period of one year from its date of issue, and for a period of twenty-four hours in the case of each fishing trip.
- Fishing Vessels Registers. **8.** (a) There shall be kept a Fishing Vessels Register by the Director.
- (b) There shall be identified in the Fishing Vessels Register various categories of fishing vessels as follows:
- A. Professional Fishing Vessels - Full-time
- B. Professional Fishing Vessels - Part-time
- C. Non-Commercial Fishing Vessels i.e. recreational
- D. Auxiliary Vessels (work boats) used in fishing operations.
- (c) The registration and the licence shall be paid in accordance with Schedule II. The rate for the registration shall be paid on first registration of the vessel and every time it is transferred *inter vivos*, unless it falls under the conditions of regulation 9, so however that in the case of a transfer *inter vivos* this should be effected to immediate members of the family. In the case that the vessel requests a transfer whilst being subject to any measure mentioned herein, the transfer could take place as long as the new person and, or owner takes on all the responsibilities of the case.
- Temporary register. Amended by: L.N. 426 of 2007. **9.** If a fishing vessel of category A or B does not register a catch and sale of fish of value as shown in Schedule III, such vessel shall be recorded in a temporary register where it can remain for three years, in which period it could or shall restart its commercial fishing activity totally or shall otherwise continue to work on a low scale and shall therefore be included in Category C. A vessel losing its registration in Category A or B shall pay €2,439.37 in order to regain its right of registration in these categories.
- Fishing vessels less than six metres long. **10.** The fishing vessels of all categories in the Fishing Vessel Register which are less than six metres in length shall not be

allowed to carry out fishing activities or related activities beyond 12 nautical miles.

- 11.** The fishing vessels of six metres or over in length are allowed to fish in all fishing waters as well as in international waters or convention waters as indicated in the licence. Fishing vessels over six metres long.
- 12.** (a) Every fishing vessel registered in Categories A, B and C which is ten metres or over in length should keep details in a logbook which should be kept on board at all times, with declarations on catches and fishing activities, in accordance with Schedule IV. Fishing vessels over ten metres long.
- (b) The logbook indicated in the said Schedule IV shall be filled in when the fishing vessel enters the port.
- (c) A copy of the logbook shall be sent to the Department within forty-eight hours from when the fish is landed.
- (d) The weights of fish which are recorded in this part could vary up to 20% from the quantity of fish taken on board.
- (e) The catch declaration which is found below the dark black line in the said Schedule IV shall be filled in with the exact weight of the fish and submitted to the Department within forty-eight hours from the sale of fish.
- (f) Catches of one species of fish larger than 50 kilograms shall be registered in the logbook. If the species is not listed in the existing column, an empty column should be used for the species.
- 13.** Fishing vessels over twenty-four metres in length registered after the 1st January, 2002 shall be in conformity with the Torremolinos Convention. Fishing vessels over twenty-four metres long.
- 14.** (a) All fishing vessels shall, during operations, have safety equipment according to Schedule V which shall also be in conformity with all other regulations issued by the competent authorities from time to time. Safety equipment, etc.
- (b) The owner of a fishing vessel shall satisfy the Director that the vessel is seaworthy and that the machinery and gear, if existing, are suitable for the intended use of the vessel and are certified as such by a marine surveyor appointed in terms of the provisions of article 367 of the Merchant Shipping Act. Cap. 234.
- (c) Owners of fishing vessels should abide by the regulations on collisions under the Merchant Shipping Act. Cap. 234.
- 15.** The captain, second officer and navigation officer and communication officers of a fishing vessel having a length of more than twenty-four metres overall which has been registered since 1st January, 2002 shall be qualified as stated in the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Fishing Vessels. Qualification of captain, etc.

- Satellite monitoring system. **16.** (a) All vessels longer than twenty metres between perpendiculars or twenty-four metres in length overall cannot fish in all waters if they do not have an operating satellite monitoring system approved by the Department.
- (b) The Director may order by notice in the Gazette any other fishing vessel different from those in paragraph (a) to install an approved monitoring system and to follow the same conditions of paragraphs (a), (c), (d) and (e).
- (c) If for some reason this system stops working during the fishing trip the captain or owner are bound to communicate the exact position of the fishing vessel by other means every two hours to the Department. The captain or owner of the fishing vessel shall come into port within twenty-four hours from when the automatic system stops functioning.
- (d) In the failure to deliver this communication the captain shall stop his activities and return to port.
- (e) The relevant details for the identification of the vessel within this system will be confidential and will be the responsibility of such person as is delegated by the Director.
- Official markings. **17.** (a) The official number of fishing vessels which are six metres or over in length and are registered under the Merchant Shipping Act, and the number indicating their registered tonnage shall be incised on the inside of their keel.
- Cap. 234.
- (b) The name and base port of the vessels of six metres or over in length registered under the Merchant Shipping Act shall be marked on the stem with coloured letters which show up on the base colour of the vessel according to the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Act.
- Cap. 234.
- Display of fishing register number. **18.** (a) Every vessel shall display the number assigned to it by the Department on both sides of the bow. The colour of these numbers should show up on the base colour of the vessel.
- (b) Vessels up to six metres in length shall display a number which is at least 10cm high and 2cm wide.
- (c) Vessels over six metres but less than ten metres in length shall display numbers which are 20cm high and 3cm wide.
- (d) Vessels over ten metres but less than seventeen metres in length shall display numbers which are 25cm high and 4 cm wide.
- (e) Vessels over 17 metres in length shall display numbers which are at least 45cm high and six cm wide.

19. (a) Every fishing vessel may only use the gear indicated in any licence issued to it.
- (b) All equipment on board and deployed at sea during fishing shall be marked with the number of the vessel indicated in regulation 18.
20. Vessels that are seventeen metres or over in length shall carry a certificate in accordance with the Sixth Schedule as approved by the Director of the Food and Veterinary Division, and plans of the fish holds which indicate the volume in cubic metres and the temperature which they are capable of maintaining. This certificate and the plans shall indicate the presence of cold water tanks on board.
21. (a) The Director may order the presence of an observer during fishing by means of a letter sent to the owner or captain or master of the vessel.
- (b) The observer shall be appointed to remain on board for different periods but for not more than three months. Such observer may not leave the vessel during the period in which he is in charge unless he is replaced by another observer.
- (c) The captain or master of the vessel shall give all facilities to the observer and co-operate with him in his duties on the vessel.
- (d) The captain or master of the vessel who shall be informed in accordance with paragraph (a) shall endeavour to facilitate the arrival and departure of the observer on the vessel. During the visit of the observer the captain or master shall provide him with accommodation and appropriate working facilities as indicated in Schedule VII.
22. Any person who infringes any provision of these regulations shall be guilty of an offence and shall, on conviction, be liable to a fine (*multa*) of not less than one thousand and one hundred and sixty-four euro and sixty-nine cents (€1,164.69) but not exceeding five thousand and eight hundred and twenty-three euro and forty-three cents (€5,823.43) for each contravention.
23. (a) The existing vessels included in the current Fishing Vessels Register kept under the Registration of Fishing Boats Regulations, 1988*, will be transferred automatically to the new register as appropriate. In this respect wherever there are rights of registration with the Department, such rights shall apply to vessels registered after the date of publication of these regulations.
- (b) All fishing vessels which are presently included in the Fishing Vessels Register and which still require a registration with the Malta Maritime Authority and, or a radio licence or which still need to meet any other

Fishing vessels over seventeen metres long.

Observer on board vessel.

Offences and penalties.
Amended by:
L.N. 426 of 2007.

Savings.

*Revoked by these regulations.

obligation in accordance with these regulations shall regularise their position by the 1st January, 2004.

- (c) In the case of a fishing vessel failing to observe the provisions of paragraph (b), such vessel shall automatically lose its fishing licence and registration in the Fishing Vessels Register, and the application for a new licence by such fishing vessel shall be considered as a new registration in the said Register.
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Schedule I

Application for the Registration of a New Fishing Boat

For Official Use

1. Fishing Vessel Characteristics	
1.1	Matriculation or Registration number _____
1.2	Registration Office Malta <input type="checkbox"/> Gozo <input type="checkbox"/>
1.3	Flag _____
1.4	Registration Date _____
1.5	Maritime registration number _____
1.6	Name of the fishing vessel _____
1.7	Type of fishing vessel _____
1.8	Operational status _____
1.9	Base port of the fishing vessel (permanent) _____
1.10	Remarks _____

2. Fishing Authorisation	
2.1	Any previous authorisation _____

3. Structural characteristics of the fishing vessel	
3.1	Overall length _____
3.2	Width _____
3.3	Height _____
3.4	Place of construction _____
3.5	Country _____
3.6	Year of construction _____
3.7	Shipyard where constructed _____
3.8	Material used for construction of the hull _____
3.9	Year of entry in fishery _____
3.10	GRT _____
3.11	NRT _____
3.12	GT _____
3.13	Remarks _____

4. Engine	
ENGINE 1	
4.1.1	Inboard (1) or Outboard (2) _____
4.1.2	Type of propulsion _____
4.1.3	Engine Manufacturer _____
4.1.4	Custom Reference _____
4.1.5	Country of Manufacture _____
4.1.6	Year of Manufacture _____
4.1.7	HP (kw) _____
ENGINE 2	
4.2.1	Inboard (1) or Outboard (2) _____
4.2.2	Type of propulsion _____
4.2.3	Engine Manufacturer _____
4.2.4	Custom Reference _____
4.2.5	Country of Manufacture _____
4.2.6	Year of Manufacture _____
4.2.7	HP (kw) _____
ENGINE 3	
4.3.1	Inboard (1) or Outboard (2) _____
4.3.2	Type of propulsion _____
4.3.3	Engine Manufacturer _____
4.3.4	Custom Reference _____
4.3.5	Country of Manufacture _____
4.3.6	Year of Manufacture _____
4.3.7	HP (kw) _____
4.4	Remarks

5. Electronic Equipment

NAVIGATION

- 5.1.1.1 Navigational Equipment (1st) _____
- 5.1.1.2 Year of Purchase _____
- 5.1.2.1 Navigational Equipment (2nd) _____
- 5.1.2.2 Year of Purchase _____
- 5.1.3.1 Navigational Equipment (3rd) _____
- 5.1.3.2 Year of Purchase _____
- 5.1.4.1 Navigational Equipment - Other (specify) _____
- 5.1.4.2 Year of Purchase _____

COMMUNICATION APPARATUS

- 5.2.1.1 Radio VHF _____
- 5.2.1.2 Year of Purchase _____
- 5.2.2.1 Radio telephone _____
- 5.2.2.2 Year of Purchase _____
- 5.2.3.1 Cellular phone _____
- 5.2.3.2 Year of Purchase _____
- 5.2.4.1 Communication apparatus - Other (specify) _____
- 5.2.4.2 Year of Purchase _____
- 5.2.5 Radio Call Sign _____

ACOUSTIC APPARATUS

- 5.3.1.1 Echo-sounder _____
- 5.3.1.2 Year of Purchase _____
- 5.3.2.1 Sonar _____
- 5.3.2.2 Year of Purchase _____
- 5.3.3.1 Net sond _____
- 5.3.3.2 Year of Purchase _____
- 5.3.4.1 Fish Finder apparatus - Other (specify) _____
- 5.3.4.2 Year of Purchase _____

- 5.4 Remarks: _____

6. Deck Fisheries Machinery		
6.1 Method of activating the fishing gear	(1) Mechanised <input type="checkbox"/>	(2) Manual <input type="checkbox"/>
Type of Winch	Number	Operated by
6.2 Line winch	_____	_____
6.3 Net winch	_____	_____
6.4 Trammel net winch	_____	_____
6.5 Power block	_____	_____
6.6 Other (specify)	_____	_____
6.7 Other (specify)	_____	_____
6.8 Remarks:	_____	

7. Ownership	
7.1.1 Type of company	_____
7.1.2 Name of company	_____
7.1.3 Year company was established	_____
7.1.4 Address of company	_____
7.1.5 Postal code	_____
7.1.6 Town where headquarters is located	_____
7.2.1 Name of fishing vessel owner	_____
7.2.1.1 No. of co-owner	_____
7.2.2 Operated by:	Owner (1) <input type="checkbox"/> Skipper (2) <input type="checkbox"/>
7.2.2.1 Name of skipper	_____
7.2.3 Year of birth of owner / master	_____
7.2.4 Address of owner	_____
7.2.5 Postal code	_____
7.2.6 City where owner has residence	_____
7.3 Remarks:	_____

8. Crew

- 8.1 Maximum Number _____
- 8.2 Minimum Number _____
- 8.3 Number of registered full-time fishermen _____
- 8.4 Remarks: _____

9. Home port / Operative port

- 9.1 Base port (preferred) _____
- Operating port during preceding year Period e.g. June (06) - July (07)
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|------------------|-------|---------|-------|
| 9.2.1.1 1st port | _____ | 9.2.1.2 | _____ |
| 9.2.2.1 2nd port | _____ | 9.2.2.2 | _____ |
| 9.2.3.1 3rd port | _____ | 9.2.3.2 | _____ |
| 9.2.4.1 4th port | _____ | 9.2.4.2 | _____ |
| 9.2.5.1 5th port | _____ | 9.2.5.2 | _____ |

10. Fishing areas, Fishing period, Gear, Species

- Fishing operation foreseen _____
- 10.1.01 Fishing period Field 1 _____
- Fishing area 1 Field 2 _____
- Fishing area 2 Field 3 _____
- Fishing gear code Field 4 _____
- Elementary unit of gear Field 5 _____
- Number of elementary units Field 6 _____
- Group of species _____
- F.7 F.8 F.9 F.10
- Discarded Code Field 11 _____
- N of outgoings during fish period F.12 _____

10.1.02	Fishing period				Field 1	_____
	Fishing area 1				Field 2	_____
	Fishing area 2				Field 3	_____
	Fishing gear code				Field 4	_____
	Elementary unit of gear				Field 5	_____
	Number of elementary units				Field 6	_____
	Group of species	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	_____
		F.7	F.8	F.9	F.10	
	Discarded Code				Field 11	_____
	N of outgoings during fish period				F.12	_____
10.1.03	Fishing period				Field 1	_____
	Fishing area 1				Field 2	_____
	Fishing area 2				Field 3	_____
	Fishing gear code				Field 4	_____
	Elementary unit of gear				Field 5	_____
	Number of elementary units				Field 6	_____
	Group of species	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	_____
		F.7	F.8	F.9	F.10	
	Discarded Code				Field 11	_____
	N of outgoings during fish period				F.12	_____
10.1.04	Fishing period				Field 1	_____
	Fishing area 1				Field 2	_____
	Fishing area 2				Field 3	_____
	Fishing gear code				Field 4	_____
	Elementary unit of gear				Field 5	_____
	Number of elementary units				Field 6	_____
	Group of species	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	_____
		F.7	F.8	F.9	F.10	
	Discarded Code				Field 11	_____
	N of outgoings during fish period				F.12	_____

10.1.05	Fishing period	Field 1	_____
	Fishing area 1	Field 2	_____
	Fishing area 2	Field 3	_____
	Fishing gear code	Field 4	_____
	Elementary unit of gear	Field 5	_____
	Number of elementary units	Field 6	_____
	Group of species	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	
		F.7 F.8 F.9 F.10	
	Discarded Code	Field 11	_____
	N of outgoings during fish period	F.12	_____
10.1.06	Fishing period	Field 1	_____
	Fishing area 1	Field 2	_____
	Fishing area 2	Field 3	_____
	Fishing gear code	Field 4	_____
	Elementary unit of gear	Field 5	_____
	Number of elementary units	Field 6	_____
	Group of species	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	
		F.7 F.8 F.9 F.10	
	Discarded Code	Field 11	_____
	N of outgoings during fish period	F.12	_____
	Remarks:		_____

11. Equipment for transforming the catch

12. Equipment for preserving the fish		
12.1.1	Hold for fresh fish	_____
12.1.2	Capacity (cbm)	_____
12.2.1	Hold with refrigerating plant	_____
12.2.2	Capacity (cbm)	_____
12.2.3	Refrigeration temperature (°C)	_____
12.3.1	Plant for refrigerated sea water	_____
12.4.1	Hold for live fish	_____
12.4.2	Capacity (cbm)	_____
12.5.1	Other equipment or conserving the fish (specify)	_____
12.5.2	Capacity (cbm)	_____
12.6	Remarks:	_____

13. Other equipment		
13.1	Number of lift equipment (e.g. cranes)	_____
13.2.1	Lights for fishing	_____
13.2.2	Number of lights	_____
13.2.3	Power of each light (candle power)	_____
13.3	Remarks:	_____

14. Safety equipment		
14.1	Number of life belts and jackets	_____
14.2	Number of lifeboats	_____
14.3	Number of flares	_____
14.4	Number of fire equipment	_____
14.5	Other safety equipment (specify)	_____
14.6	Remarks:	_____

15. General Remark		
15.1	Remarks:	_____

Schedule II

Substituted by:
L.N. 426 of 2007.

Tariffs for Registration of Fishing Boats and Licences

FISHING BOAT			Initial Registration	Licence Fee
Category	Length			
A	FT CM	< 5.99 Mt	€465.87	€1.65 annually
B	PT CM	< 5.99 Mt	€465.87	€3.29 annually
C	REC	< 5.99 Mt	€465.87	€3.29 annually
D	Work Boats	< 5.99 Mt	€465.87	€1.65 annually
A	FT CM	6.00 - 7.99 Mt	According to registration with Malta Maritime Authority	€17.47 annually
B	PT CM	6.00 - 7.99 Mt		€34.94 annually
C	REC	6.00 - 7.99 Mt		€8.23 annually
D	Work Boats	6.00 - 7.99 Mt		€17.47 annually
A	FT CM	8.00 - 11.99 Mt	According to registration with Malta Maritime Authority	€3.29 annually
B	PT CM	8.00 - 11.99 Mt		€46.59 annually
C	REC	8.00 - 11.99 Mt		€81.53 annually
D	Work Boats	8.00 - 11.99 Mt		€3.29 annually
A	FT CM	12.00 - 14.99 Mt	According to registration with Malta Maritime Authority	€34.94 annually
B	PT CM	12.00 - 14.99 Mt		€69.88 annually
C	REC	12.00 - 14.99 Mt		€104.82 annually
D	Work Boats	12.00 - 14.99 Mt		€34.94 annually
A	FT CM	15.00 - 29.99 Mt	According to registration with Malta Maritime Authority	€8.23 annually
B	PT CM	15.00 - 29.99 Mt		€116.47 annually
C	REC	15.00 - 29.99 Mt		€51.41 annually
D	Work Boats	15.00 - 29.99 Mt		€8.23 annually
A	FT CM	> 30.00 Mt	According to registration with Malta Maritime Authority	€2.33 / ton GT annually
B	PT CM		Not Registered	
C	REC		Not Registered	
D	Work Boats	> 30.00 Mt	According to registration with Malta Maritime Authority	€2.33 / ton GT annually

The payment of a fishing licence for a period of less than one year will be paid proportionally, but initial registration is to be paid in full.

Fishing boats longer than 24 metres pay a fee of €6,988.12 for the VMS system with the initial registration.

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Schedule III
Minimum Value of Landings

A. Fishing Vessels in Category A:

Length of Fishing Boat	Value of Landings
< 5.99 metres:	€3,494.06
From 6 to 7.99 metres:	€9,317.49
From 8 to 11.99 metres:	€12,811.55
From 12 to 14.99 metres:	€16,305.61
From 15 to 29.99 metres:	€34,900.60
> 30 metres:	€34,900.60

B. Fishing Vessels in Category B:

Length of Fishing Boat	Value of Landings
< 5.99 metres:	€1,164.69
From 6 to 7.99 metres:	€1,747.03
From 8 to 11.99 metres:	€2,329.37
From 12 to 14.99 metres:	€3,494.06
From 15 to 29.99 metres:	€5,823.43
> 30 metres:	Not applicable

Schedule V

A list of Minimum Apparatus for Safety and Rescue necessary
on board Fishing Vessels

	All Waters	Within 50 NM	Within 25 NM	Within 12 NM	Within 3 NM	Within 1 NM	Within 300 m
Life saving raft (for all the persons on board)	✓	✓					
Floating Equipment (for all the persons on board)			✓				
Life Vests (for every person on board)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Life saving ring with rope	✓(1)	✓(1)	✓(1)	✓(1)	✓(1)	✓(1)	
Luminous flare	✓(1)	✓(1)	✓(1)	✓(1)			
Smoke flare (Smoke Generator)	✓(3)	✓(2)	✓(2)	✓(2)	✓(1)		
Compass and Deviation Tables (a)	✓	✓	✓				
Clock	✓	✓					
Barometer	✓	✓					
Binoculars	✓	✓					
Nautical Charts	✓	✓					
Chart Instruments	✓	✓					
Red hand held flare	✓(4)	✓(3)	✓(2)	✓(2)	✓(2)		
Red parachute flare	✓(4)	✓(3)	✓(2)	✓(2)			
First Aid Box (b)	✓	✓					
Regulation Lights	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Blow horn / Bell (c)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Radio positioning device (GPS)	✓	✓					
VHF Wireless Apparatus	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Radar	✓	✓					
E.P.I.R.B. (Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacon)	✓						
Bilge Pumps	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Fire fighting system approved by the relevant Authority	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Eco Sounder	✓	✓	✓				
Anchor and Chain or Rope	✓ (60m)	✓ (60m)	✓ (60m)	✓ (30m)	✓ (30m)	✓ (30m)	
Berthing Ropes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
NOTES:							
a) Deviation tables are to be on board only for fishing expeditions over 25 miles. Deviation tables are only applicable for fishermen having a magnetic compass.							
b) First Aid Box contents should be according to Concerned Authorities.							
c) Both blow horn and bell are necessary on vessels over 12 meters whereas only one apparatus is necessary for vessels under 12 meters.							
The number appearing in brackets () in each square indicates the quantity of items of the same equipment which should be on board the vessel.							
NM - NAUTICAL MILE							

Schedule VI

Certificates of Holds for the Conservation of Fish on board the Fishing Boat

Registration No
 Licence No. of Fishing Boat
 Owner or Master Name
 Address

 Captain or Master Name
 Address

 Ice Making Machine Model
 Production capacity
 Type of Water used
 Refrigeration System Capacity of Cooling Generator
 Measurements of Room/s
 Volume of Room/s
 Capacity in Fish weight
 Lining Material used in Room/s.....
 Room temperature during work.....
 Instruments for Temperature Control
 Temperature Description (a)
 Location (b)
 Thermograph Description (a)
 Location (b)

Hereunder I confirm that details given above are correct.

Signature of Fisheries Protection Officer

Official Stamp of the
 Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture

 Authorised time within which product can be kept on board Fishing Boat.

a) Less than 8 hours

b) Between 8 and 24 hours

c) More than 24 hours

Signature of Veterinarian

Official Stamp of the
 Department of Veterinary Service

Schedule VII

Observers on Board

I ALLOCATION OF OBSERVERS ON BOARD FISHING BOATS

(a) In order to carry out their tasks, observers must have the following qualifications:

- Sufficient experience to identify fish species and fishing gear.
- The capacity to accomplish elementary scientific tasks, for example, taking of samples where necessary and making accurate observations and keeping records in that connection.
- Maritime navigation skills.
- A satisfactory knowledge of conservation measures according to laws and conventions to which Malta is a member.
- A satisfactory knowledge of the language of the flag of the vessel being observed.

(b) The Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture must take appropriate measures to ensure that observers are received on board fishing vessels at the agreed time and place and to facilitate their departure on completion of the observation period.

II TASKS OF OBSERVERS

The main task of observers is to monitor compliance with regulations. In particular observers will:

- (a) Monitor the fishing operations of the vessels concerned and record them in a report.
- (b) Send a report to the Director of Fisheries and Aquaculture that indicates all their observations, especially the biological data collected.
- (c) The report is to be sent within twenty (20) days following the observation period.

III RELATIONS WITH THE CAPTAINS / AND OR MASTERS OF FISHING VESSELS

(a) The captain or master must be given sufficient notice of the date and place at which the observer is to be received and of the likely duration of the observation period.

(b) The captain or master has to make contact with the observer to be able to organise the arrival and departure of the same observer on his ship.

(c) The captain or master must ensure that the accommodation on his ship is adequate and satisfactory for periods of observation that are longer than twelve hours of duration.

(d) The captain or master must provide all necessary drink and food for the observer during the period of observation.

- (e) The captain of the vessel may request a copy of the observer's report.
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