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## **THE FISHERIES ORDINANCE**

REGULATIONS made by the Minister of Fisheries by virtue of the powers vested in him by section 33 of the Fisheries Ordinance (Chapter 212) and approved by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

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Colombo,

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### Regulations

1. These regulations may be cited as the Registration of Fishing Boat Regulations 1980.
2. No person shall use or operate Sri Lankan waters any fishing boat for the purpose of fishing unless a certificate of registration in respect of such fishing boat has been issued under these regulations by the Director General of Fisheries or any officer authorized by him in that behalf.
3. (1). Every person who intends to register any boat as a fishing boat and obtain a certificate of registration in respect of such boat shall make an application in that behalf in Form Fisheries 49 specified in the First Schedule hereto , to the Director General of Fisheries or any other officer authorized by hm to accept an application for the issue of such certificate.

(2). Every application made in terms of paragraph (1) shall be accompanied  
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(a). a valid certificate of insurance in respect of the boat referred to in the application, which shall be issued upon the forwarding the certificate of seaworthiness in respect of such boat issued by the Director General of Fisheries or any officer authorized by him in that behalf, and

(b). in the case of offshore multi day fishing boats, a Certificate conforming the installation of a transponder in such boat, issued by the Director General of Fisheries or any officer authorized by him in that behalf,

Provided, that any person who on the date of coming into operation of these regulations is using or operating an offshore multi day fishing boat shall, within a period of three months from such date, be required to install a transponder in such boat and to obtain in respect of such boat a Certificate confirming such fact which shall be issued by the Director General of Fisheries or any officer authorized by him in that behalf

4.(1). Upon the receipt of an application for a certificate of registration, the Director General of Fisheries or any officer authorized by him may, after making such inquiry as he may deem necessary in respect of the fishing boat and on payment of relevant fee set out in list (A) in the Second Schedule hereto, issue to the applicant a receipt in Form General 172 specified in the First Schedule hereto.

(ii). A receipt issued under paragraph (1) in respect of any boat shall be accepted as a temporary licence in any matter relating to such boat until the issue of a certificate registration.

5. Upon the receipt of an application under regulation 3 the Director General of Fisheries shall, after registration of such boat, issue to the applicant a certificate of registration in respect of such boat in Form CR specified in the First Schedule hereto.

6. (1). The registration numbers assigned to a boat after the issue of a certificate of registration shall commence as Series "A" and continue as Series "B", "C" and so on. Each series shall have numbers from 1 to 9999.

(2). When a registration is allocated to a boat registered as fishing boat , the following code letters denoting the boat category and the area to which the boat belongs shall be added at the beginning and at the end of the registration number respectively :

<i>Boat Category</i>	<i>Code Letters</i>
Non - motorized traditional boats	NTRB
Motorized traditional boats	MTRB
Beach seine boats (non – motorized )	NBSB
Fiberglass boats with outboard motor	OFRP
Day boats with inboard engines	IDAY
Offshore Multi – day boats	IMUL

<i>District/Division</i>	<i>Code Letters</i>
Negambo	NBO
Colombo	CBO
Kalutara	KLT
Galle	GLE
Matara	MTR
Tangalle	TLE
Batticaloa	BCO
Trincomalee	TCO
Mullativu	MLT
Kalmunai	KMN
Jaffna	JFN
Mannar	MNR
Puttlam	PTM
Chillaw	CHW
Killinochchi	KCH
Anuradhapura	ANP
Badulla	BDL
Moneragala	MRG
Ratnapura	RNP
Polonnaruwa	PLN

Kandy	KND
Kegalle	KGL
Nuwara – Eliya	NEL
Kurunegala	KNG
Matale	MTL
Vavuniya	VVN

7. (1). On receipt of the Certificate of Registration issued under regulation 6, the holder of such certificate shall fix on to him boat a name board printed with the registration number appearing in the certificate.

(2).The registration number shall be painted with numbers and letters in black on an orange coloured background, at level six inches below the gunwale and one foot from the front end of the stem on a both outer sides in case of a motorized boat and in the case of a non- motorized boat with a gunwale , non- motorized boat without a gunwale , one foot from the front end of the stem on both outer sides. The size of letters shall be four inches high and 0.75 inches wide for all traditional crafts fiber glass boats powered by outboard engines, six inches high and one inch wide for all inboard engine boats, sixty feet in length and below and one foot high and two inches wide for all boats over sixty feet in length.

(3). No person shall deliberately display on boats, any wrong registration number.

8. A Certificate of registration issued under these regulations shall be valid for one calendar year. The renewal shall be made before the 31<sup>st</sup> day of January of the relevant calendar year by forwarding to the Fisheries Inspector in the area, a valid certificate of insurance and the current certificate of registration, accompanied by the relevant fee as specified in List “B” in the Second Schedule hereto.

9. Upon receipt of an application for the renewal of a certificate of registration under regulation 8, the Director General of Fisheries any officer authorized by him in that behalf may, after inspecting the boat in respect of which an application for the renewal of registration has been made, make the necessary entries in the certificate of registration and return such certificate to the applicant.

10. Where any fishing boat is transferred, Form Fisheries 56 specified in the First Schedule hereto, shall be perfected and handed over to the Fisheries Inspector, in the area, by the transferor. The transferee shall perfect and hand over together with the certificate of registration obtained from the transferor the Form Fisheries 52 specified in the First Schedule hereto, after paying fee the fee set out in list (C) in the Second Schedule.

(2). On receipt of Forms referred to in paragraph (1), after giving due consideration to the facts stated therein, the Director General of Fisheries or any officer authorized by him shall register the boat in the name of transferee as the new owner and shall deliver the certificate of registration to such transferee.

11. If an engine is installed into a registered non motorized fishing boat, such boat shall be required to be re – registered. After the installing of such engine to the boat, an application for registration shall be made in Fisheries Form 49A specified in First Schedule hereto, and the relevant registration fee as specified in List “A” of Schedule I shall be required to be paid in respect of such boat. The Certificate of registration shall be returned to the owner, after making necessary endorsements on the Certificate of Registration.

12. (1). If any registered fishing boat is not in a seaworthy condition, an application shall be made to the Director General of Fisheries on Form Fisheries 59 as specified in the First Schedule hereto, cancel the registration of such boat. Such application shall be accompanied by the certificate of registration issued in respect of the boat. No fee shall be charged for this purpose.

(2). On receipt of an application under paragraph (1), the Director General of Fisheries or any officer authorized by him may if he satisfied that such boat is not seaworthy, cancel the registration of such boat.

13. (1). If the Certificate Registration issued has been lost, torn or distorted, an application shall be made to the Director General of Fisheries or to an officer authorized by him, for the issue of a duplicate of such certificate by perfecting and forwarding Form Fisheries 55 specified in First Schedule hereto, together with a remittance equivalent to the fee payable for the renewal for the registration of a fishing boat as set out in “ List B” in the Second Schedule hereto ; and

First Schedule and Second Schedule thereof, of the following Schedules

(2). Upon receipt of an application under paragraph (1), the Director General of Fisheries or any officer authorized by him may issue a duplicate of the certificate of registration to the applicant.

14. (1). In case of death of the owner of any fishing boat , an application in Form Fisheries 53 specified in First Schedule hereto, shall be made to the Director General of Fisheries. Such application shall be accompanied with a report from the Assistant Government Agent of the Administrative District in which deceased lived in respect of the dependents of the deceased and a declaration giving consent of such other dependents for transferring the boat to the person to whom it is intended to be transferred. The Form Fisheries 57 duly, perfected and a copy of the death certificate in respect of the deceased shall also be forwarded with such application.

(2). Upon receipt of an application under paragraph (1) the Director General of Fisheries or any officer authorized by him shall return the certificate of registration to the applicant after making the necessary amendment therein.

15. Regulations published in the *Gazette* No. 10, 560 of August 7, 1953, as amended by the *Gazette* No. 10, 788 of April 23, 1955, are hereby rescinded.

16. In these regulations:

“ *motorized boat* ” means a boat which is propelled mechanically

“ Sri Lanka Waters ” includes –

- (a). the territorial sea of Sri Lanka as defined in the Maritime Zones Law, No. 22 of 1976;
- (b). all public bays, rivers, lakes, lagoons, estuaries ,streams, tanks, pools, ponds, and channels and all other public inland waters.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Fisheries 49 (amended)

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A FISHING BOAT

Registration Number Reserved :

1. Full Name and Address of the Owner/s:

Name:.....

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National

I.D.:

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Address:.....

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Name:.....

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National I.D.: .....

Address:.....

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2. Particulars of the Fishing Boat :

Type of Boat	Code	Make of Hull			Length		Year of construction	Boatyard Number
		Timber	FRP	Metal	Feet	Metres		

(Please see Page A for type of boat and code)

3. How the boat is propelled :

		Engine type					
		Make	Serial No.	Horse Power	Make	Serial No.	Horse Power
3.1	Oars						
3.2	Sail						
3.3	Out Board Motor						
3.4	In Board Motor						

4. Navigation, Communication and Fishing equipment :

Navigation Equipment							
4.1	Satellite Navigator						
4.2	Radar						
4.3	Depth Sounder						

Assistant Director,  
 .....(District),

Reference the application appearing overleaf, I certify that,



1. The sum of Rs. .... Was received as the registration fee for with the receipt No. .... dated. .... has been issued.
2. After the inspection conducted by me regarding the above-mentioned boat on ....., I found that it was completed in every respect and that it was found to be in a seaworthy condition.
3. The engine/s mentioned overleaf is/are ..... horse power/s of .....type/s and number/s .....
4. The particulars given overleaf are correct according to my knowledge,  
Registration of boat recommended,

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.....

Name of FI

F.I. Division

Signature of FI

Date : -

My No: .....

District Fisheries office

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Director General, Department of fisheries and Aquatic Resources, Colombo

The boat referred to in this Application I recommended for registration / has been registered.

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Name of AD  
Division

Signature of AD

F.I.

Date :-

Codes for fishing boats:

Traditional no-motorized boat	-	NTRB
Traditional motorized boat	-	MTRB
(Beach seine boat 9 non - motorized)	-	NBSB
FRP boat with out board Motor	-	OFRP
Day boats with inboard engine	-	IDAY
Offshore multi-day boat	-	IMUL

DECLARATION OF TRANSFER OF A FISHING BOAT

Director General,  
Department Fisheries and Aquatic Resources  
Colombo,

I/we, ..... Residing at ..... have transferred the ownership of boat bearing registration number ..... and boat yard number ..... fitted with ..... horse power.....engine of serial Number.....to Mr./Messer's/ ..... residing at ..... .

He/they has/have taken possession and signed below. The registration book and the insurance certificate are also forwarded herewith.

.....  
Signature of Transferor

.....  
Signature of Transferor

Date: .....

I/we hereby acknowledge that the boat described herein has been transferred to me/us.

.....  
Signature of Receiver

.....  
Signature of Receiver

Date: .....

Witnesses : 1. Signature : .....

Name and Address :  
.....

N.I.C. No. ....

2. Signature : .....

Name and Address :

.....

N.I.C. No. ....

*This form should be signed by the transferor/s, receiver/s and witnesses known to the transferor/s before the Fisheries Inspector of the area to which the transferor/s belong.*

Part II

My No :- .....

Assistant Director,  
District Fisheries Office,  
.....

The transferor/s, receiver/s and witnesses mentioned overleaf have signed before me. A sum of Rs..... have been received as the transfer fee and Receipt No .....dated ..... issued.

The Certificate of Registration of the boat and insurance certificate sent herewith.

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Name of Fisheries Inspector Division	Signature	F.I.
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Part III

My No: .....

District Fisheries Office  
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Director General,  
Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,  
Colombo.

The transfer of the boat affected on ..... has been duly endorsed in its Certificate of Boat Registration No..... and entered in my files.

..... Name of Asst. Director Director	..... Signature of Asst.
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..... District	..... Date
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APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF A FISHING BOAT AFTER  
TRANSFER (AMMENDENT)

Director General,  
Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,  
Colombo.

Consequent to the transfer of fishing boat from Mr./Ms.  
..... Residing at ....., I/we declare  
ownership of the fishing boat of length ..... ft, baring registration  
number ..... and fitted with .....HP ..... engine  
of serial No ..... and hereby request that I/we be registered as the  
new owner/s of this said boat.

- (i) Place where the boat is usually kept :  
.....
- (ii) The Certificate of Registration of a Fishing Craft No :  
....., issued to the Transferor in connection with  
this boat is forwarded herewith.
- (iii) Date of ownership.

I/we hereby declare that the information provided herewith are true and  
accurate. The registration certificate can be sent to the following address.

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Signature of new owner	Signature of new owner

Name : .....

N.I.C. No: .....

Date : .....

## APPLICATION FOR RE-REGISTRATION OF A FISHING BOAT AFTER MOTORIZATION

1. Full Name and Address of the owner/s

Name : :.....  
 Address :.....  
 National ID : .....

Name : .....  
 .....  
 Address .....  
 .....  
 National ID : .....

2. Particulars of the Fishing Boat :

Types of boat	Code	Make of Hull			Length		Year of construction		
		Timber	FRP	Metal	Feet	Metres	Y	M	D

(Traditional non-motorized, NTRB – Oru , Vallam, Teppam, Katumaram, etc)

3. Registration number of the boat and date of registration :  
 .....

4. Particular of engine installed :

- 4.1 Engine type and model : .....
- 4.2 Serial Number : .....
- 4.3 Date of purchase : .....
- 4.4 Fuel used : .....
- 4.5 Engine Horsepower : .....

5. Number of crew : .....

6. Place where the boat is kept :

	Type of landing site	Name of landing site	District
6.1	Fishery Harbour		
6.2	Anchorage		
6.3	Village landing site/Thotupola		

I/we hereby certify that the above particulars are true and accurate.

.....  
.....  
Signature of the owner  
the owner

Signature of

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Part II

Assistant Director,  
..... (District)

I certify that I have checked the number and make of the engine fitted to the boat mentioned in the application,

Receipt No: ..... dated ..... for Rs. .... being the re-registration fee, has been issued.

Re-registered of boat recommended.

.....  
Name of F.I.      Signature of F.I.      F.I. Division

Date : .....

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My No: .....  
Director Fisheries Office,  
.....

Director General,  
Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources ,  
Colombo.

Re-registered of the boat referred to in this application is recommended.  
The application for re-registration and the Certificate of boat Registration are  
forwarded.

.....	.....	.....
Name of A.D.	Signature of A.D.	District

Date : .....

APPLICATION FOR CANCELLATION OF REGISTRATION OF A  
FISHING BOAT

Director General,  
Department Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,  
Colombo.

I/We.....

..... presently ..... of  
..... hereby declare that fishing  
boat No..... of which I am/we are the registered  
owner/s has become PERMANENTLY UNSERVICEABLE and if unfit for further  
use. I/We, hereby apply for cancellation of its registration.

The certificate of registration is enclosed.

I/We declare as follows:

1. Whether the boat is repairable or not ?
2. Whether all parts are available for inspection ?
3. How its proposed to dispose of the available parts?
4. Address at which the parts of the boat can be inspected by an  
officer authorized by the Director General of Fisheries and Aquatic  
Resources
5. The present condition of the boat is due to the following  
circumstances.

.....  
Signature of Owner

.....  
Signature of owner

Name : .....

.....

Date : .....

*This application should be forwarded through the Fisheries Inspector of the area.*

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Assistant Director,  
District Fisheries Office.

I have inspected the boat referred to in this application and certify that it is not fit for use as a fishing boat. Cancellation of registration.

.....  
Name of Fishery Inspector.

.....  
Signature

.....  
F.I. Division

Date : .....

Director General,  
Department Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,  
Colombo.

I recommended / I have cancelled the registration of boat No..... and  
type ..... referred to in this application.

.....  
Name of Assistant Director.      Signature      District

Date : .....

APPLICATION FOR A DUPLICATE CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION

Director General,  
Department Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,  
Colombo.

I/We

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.....

as the owners of the boat bearing Certificate of boat registration  
No:..... for boat type .....  
hereby declares that the said Certificate of board registration has been  
lost/destroyed in the following circumstances (state facts)

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.....

I am/We are enclosing, herewith the defaced/damaged Certificate of board  
registration.

If the certificate of boat registration, which is reported to have been lost or  
destroyed is found, or any part of it hereafter recovered. I/we undertake to forward  
the same to you.

And I/We hereby declare that the above statements are true and accurate  
in every respect. And apply for the duplicate certificate of boat registration.

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.....

Signature of the owner  
the owner

Signature of

Date : .....

Part II

Assistant Director,  
District Fisheries Office.

A payment of Rs..... was made as the fees for the duplicate Certificate of boat registration and Receipt number..... dated has been issued.

The defaced / damaged certificate of board registration is forwarded herewith.

Issued of a duplicate certificate of board registration is recommended.

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.....  
Name of F.I.

.....  
Signature of F.I.

.....  
F.I. Division

Date : .....

Part III

Director General,  
Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources,  
Colombo.

Issued of a new Certificate of Board Registration is recommended.

.....  
Name of A.D.                      Signature of A.D.                      District

Date : .....

Part IV

Duplicate Certificate of Board Registration issued on

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.....  
For Director General.      Name      Designation

Date : .....



APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF FISHING BOAT ON THE  
DEATH OF REGISTERED OWNER

Director General,  
Department of fisheries and Aquatic Resources,  
Colombo.

Consequent to the death on the ..... day of  
..... 20 ..... of the registered owner of fishing boat No  
....., I/We ..... as the ..... of the deceased,  
hereby apply to be registered as the owner of that boat.

Place the boat will b usually kept : .....

I/We enclosure a report from the Divisional Secretary a declaration by the  
other heirs of the deceased consenting in the transfer on the boat to me/us and the  
Certificate of Boat Registration of the boat for necessary action.

The Certificate of Registration should be sent to the following address :

..... Signature	..... Signature
Name .....	.....
NIC No. ....	.....
Date .....	

Assistant Director  
District Fisheries Office .....

Receipt No ..... dated ..... for  
Rs..... has been issued in respect of re-registration of the above  
boat.

Request from the Divisional Secretary and declaration by the other heirs of the  
deceased consenting to the transfer of the boat to the applicant/s are also attached.  
Registration of the applicant/s as new owner/s of the craft is recommended.

..... Name of F.I.	..... Signature of F.I.	..... F.I. Division
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Date : .....  
Director General

Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources  
Colombo.

Registration of boat No ..... and type ..... in the name  
of the applicant/s has been affected / is recommended.

.....  
Name of Assis. Director                      Signature of Assis. Director                      District

Date : .....

NOTICE OF DEATH OF FISHING BOAT OWNER

Director General  
Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources  
Colombo.

I

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..... of  
.....hereby  
give notice of the death of ..... the  
registered owner of fishing boat No. .... Type  
..... The deceased died on ..... at  
..... P , as the ..... am the person having the  
custody of the boat.

A copy of the death certificate is attached.

.....  
Signature of Informant

Date .....

(Notice should be sent within three month of the death of the boat owner)

- 1. Full name in Capitals, also state whether Mr, Mrs or Miss.
- 2. Address
- 3. State whether executor, administrator , heir etc

## Second Schedule

### List 'A'

Fees to be recovered for registering a fishing boat for the first time.

	Rs	c.
1. For all motorized boats over 32ft, in length	500.00	
2. For boats up to 32 ft. in length fitted with inboard engines	250.00	
3. For motorized boats fitted with outboard engines	100.00	
4. For non-motorized boats	15.00	

### List 'B'

Fees to be renewal for registering of fishing boats

	Rs	c.
1. For all motorized boats over 32ft, in length	250.00	
2. For boats up to 32 ft. in length fitted with inboard engines	150.00	
3. For motorized boats fitted with outboard engines	50.00	
4. For non-motorized boats	10.00	

### List 'C'

Fees transfer of fishing boats.

	Rs	c.
1. For all motorized boats over 32ft, in length	250.00	
2. For boats up to 32 ft. in length fitted with inboard engines	150.00	
3. For motorized boats fitted with outboard engines	50.00	
4. For non-motorized boats	10.00	