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PART I : SECTION (I) — GENERAL

Government Notifications

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THE FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES ACT, No. 2 OF 1996

REGULATIONS made by the Minister of Fisheries under Section 61 of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996.

DOUGLAS DEVANANDA,
Minister of Fisheries.

Colombo,
1st of February, 2023.

Regulations

1. These regulations may be cited as Departure and Arrival of Mechanized Fishing Boats Regulations, No. 1 of 2023.
2. These regulations shall apply to any mechanized fishing boat registered under the Registration of Fishing Boats Regulations, 1980, published in *Gazette Extraordinary* No. 109 of October 03, 1980 engaged in fishing operations in Sri Lanka Waters or in the High Seas.



3. Unless under the authority of a valid permit issued by the Director-General for departure and arrival of a mechanized fishing boat specified in these regulations a person or an organization shall not operate any mechanized fishing boat for fishing either in Sri Lanka Waters or in the High Seas.

4. (1) Every owner of a mechanized fishing boat who seeks to obtain a permit for departure and arrival of such boat in respect of fishing in Sri Lanka Waters or in the High Seas shall submit an application to the Director-General or any other officer authorized by him, substantially in the form set out in Schedule I hereto.

(2) The Director-General may, subject to the provisions of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 and the regulations made thereunder and upon being satisfied of the fulfillment by the applicant of the requirements specified in these regulations, issue to the applicant a departure permit substantially in the form set out in Schedule II hereto and an arrival permit substantially in the form set out in Schedule III hereto.

(3) The permits issued under sub-regulation (2) of this regulation shall be obtained for each departure and arrival of the relevant mechanized fishing boat.

(4) Submission of the application under sub-regulation (1) of this regulation and the issue of the permits under sub-regulation (2) of this regulation can be made by electronic means through the official website of the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources.

(5) The Director-General may suspend, cancel or revoke the issued under these regulations if it is proved to the satisfaction of the Director-General that the requirements specified in these regulations have not been complied with.

(6) The permits issued under these regulations shall not be transferable and every permit holder shall notify the Director-General and obtain his approval in writing for the following:-

- (a) change of the permit holder;
- (b) change of skipper or any crew member of the relevant boat;
- (c) change of any information provided by the permit holder; or
- (d) change of any facility, equipment or procedure in relation to the boat, which has been approved by the Director-General.

(7) Every permit holder shall abide by the terms and conditions set out in Schedule IV hereto pertaining to the crew members and use of identification devices.

(8) The requirements specified in regulation 4 or any privilege granted to the permit holder under such permit may be amended, from time to time, if the Director-General considers it expedient in the interest of the safety, regularity or efficiency of service provided by the permit holder or in the interest of national security.

5. For the purpose of these regulations –

“Director-General” means the Director-General of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources appointed under section 2 of the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996;

“electronic” shall have the same meaning assigned to it by the Electronic Transactions Act, No. 19 of 2006;

“High Seas” shall have the same meaning assigned to it by the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996;

“official website” of the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources means the website “www.fisheriesdept.gov.lk”; and

“Sri Lanka Waters” shall have the same meaning assigned to it by the Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996.

SCHEDULE I

[Regulation 4(1),

APPLICATION FOR OBTAINING THE DEPARTURE AND ARRIVAL PERMITS FOR FISHING IN
SRI LANKA WATERS OR IN THE HIGH SEAS

Registration	Crew Members	Fishing Gear	Check List
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Application No.:

Full Name of the Applicant:

Address

National Identity Card No.

Telephone No.

Email Address

Fax

Area of Fishing Operation:

Sri Lanka Waters High Seas

Boat Registration No.:

Operational Licence No.:

Fisher's ID:

Skipper tagged to Operational Licence:

Departure Port:

Departure Date:

Previous Trip Details:

SKL No.:

Departure Note Registration

Registration	Crew Members	Fishing Gear	Check List
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Fisher's ID:

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Fisher's ID	Name	National Identity Card No	Action

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Departure Note Registration

Registration	Crew Members	Fishing Gear	Check List
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Gear Category	Gear	Length/ No. of Units	ADD
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Gear	Gear Category	Length (Metres)	Action

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Departure Note Registration

Registration	Crew Members	Fishing Gear	Log Book
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Vessel Registration Book	
Local Operational Licence	
High Seas Operational Licence	
Fishing Call Sign	
VMS	
Life Jackets	
Gear Marking	
Prohibited Fishing Gear on board	
Fire Extinguishers	
Line Cutter & Dehookers	
Boat Insurance	
No. of on board Plastic Water Bottles	

V.R.B No.

L.O.L. No.(Sri Lanka Waters)

H.O.L. No. (High Seas)

L.B. No.

Call Sign

Signature of the Applicant

Date

SCHEDULE II

[Regulation 4(2)]

**SAMPLE DEPARTURE PERMIT ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FISHERIES AND
AQUATIC RESOURCES FOR FISHING IN THE SRI LANKA WATERS OR IN THE HIGH SEAS**



DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES

P.O. Box 531, New Secretariat, Maligawatta, Colombo 10, Sri Lanka.
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Application No.

DEPARTURE PERMIT FOR FISHING IN THE SRI LANKA WATERS OR IN THE HIGH SEAS

1. Area of Fishing Operation	Sri Lanka Waters	High Seas	
2. Boat Registration No.			
3. Departure Port	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Departure Date</td> </tr> </table>		Departure Date
Departure Date			
4. Boat owner's Name			
5. High Seas Operational Licence No.			
6. Local Operational Licence No.			
7. Name of the Skipper			
SKL No.			
National Identity Card No.			

8. Details of Crew Members

Name	National Identity Card No.
i.	
ii.	
iii.	
iv.	

9. Information of Fishing Gear

Gear	Gear Category	Quantity

10. Check List for Fishing Boat Departure

Vessel Registration Book	
Local Operational Licence	
High Seas Operational Licence	
Fishing Log Book	
Radio Call Sign	
VMS	
Life Jackets	
Gear Marking	
Prohibited Fishing Gear on board	
Fire Extinguishers	
Line Cutter & Dehookers	
Boat Insurance	
No. of on board Plastic Water bottles	

11. Remarks

Signature of the
Harbor Officer

Signature of the
Harbor Manager

Signature of the
Coastguard Officer

Signature of the Director-General
of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources

Date of Issue

SCHEDULE III

[Regulation 4(2)]

**SAMPLE ARRIVAL PERMIT ISSUED BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF FISHERIES AND
AQUATIC RESOURCES FOR FISHING IN THE SRI LANKA WATERS OR IN THE HIGH SEAS**

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ARRIVAL PERMIT FOR FISHING IN THE SRI LANKA WATERS OR IN THE HIGH SEAS

1. Boat No.:
2. Boat Owner's Name:
3. Departure Request ID:
4. Departure Date:
5. Departure Port:
6. Arrival Date:
7. Arrival Port:
8. Arrival Approved by:
(Get the details from the login)
9. Remarks:

Signature of the Director-General
of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources

Date of Issue

SCHEDULE IV

[Regulation 4(7)]

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR CREW MEMBERS

1. Every permit holder shall ensure that all crew members specified in item 8 of the departure permit set out in Schedule II hereto have a valid life insurance coverage issued by an insurance company recommended by the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources before each departure of the relevant mechanized fishing boat.
2. Every such crew member shall be on board at the time of departure and arrival of the relevant mechanized fishing boat.
3. Crew members shall not be exchanged from or transferred to a local or foreign fishing boat after the departure of the relevant mechanized fishing boat unless in a situation where any crew member needs a medical or other assistance or in case of any similar emergency and in such a situation the crew member can be transferred to another fishing boat by prior notice to the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources *via* Single Side Band (SSB) radio communication.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON THE USE OF IDENTIFICATION DEVICES

1. (1) Every permit holder shall ensure that the relevant mechanized fishing boat is equipped with an Automatic Identification System (AIS) configured with Maritime Mobile Service Identity (MMSI) number for the buoys to mark the fishing gear and such devices are configured in compliance with the provisions of the Act and any regulation made thereunder and in accordance with the directions given by the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources and the Telecommunication and Regulatory Commission established under the Sri Lanka Telecommunications Act, No. 25 of 1991.
- (2) Unless the aforesaid procedure is adhered to the permit holder shall not be permitted to depart the relevant mechanized fishing boat for fishing either in Sri Lanka Waters or in the High Seas.

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