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**IN EXERCISE OF THE POWERS CONFERRED UPON ME BY SECTION 79 OF THE FISHERIES ACT, I MAKE THE FOLLOWING REGULATIONS:-**

**PART I**

**PRELIMINARY**

Citation. 1. These Regulations may be cited as the Fisheries Regulations 2018.

Interpretation. 2. In these Regulations –

“bycatch reduction device” means a device inserted into a fishing gear, usually a trawl net, close to the bag or cod end to allow escapement of unwanted or endangered species of aquatic life;

“communication equipment” means a transponder or a transmitter equipped with a global positioning system;

“charterer” means an individual or entity that leases a vessel for a fixed period of time;

“fish aggregating device” means a permanent, semi-permanent or temporary structure or device made from any material and used to lure fish;

“fish pen” means a fixed net or structure erected in tidal waters for the purpose of catching fish;

“pin seine” means a curtain type net varying in a height of up to two meters and a length of up to two thousand three hundred meters fixed on sticks and pinned to the bed of the sea or a river used to catch fish or other aquatic life;

“trans-shipment” means the act of transferring fish caught in the fisheries waters from one vessel to another vessel, whether or not the other vessel is a fishing vessel.

“trawl net” means a fishing net consisting of a cone shaped body closed by the bag or cod end and extended at the opening by the wings which may be towed by a fishing vessel and dragged along the sea bed or at a given depth below the water to catch fish or other aquatic life;

“turtle excluder device” means any device that fits into the back end of a trawl net immediately before the bag or cod end and permits shrimp and certain sizes of fish to pass into the bag or cod end while simultaneously providing turtles, but not shrimps and other fishes, with the means of escape from the net;

“vessel monitoring device” or “beacon” means an electronic device attached to a fishing vessel that is designed to transmit information related to the position and activity of the vessel and is a component of the vessel monitoring system.

“vessel monitoring system” or “VMS” means a satellite surveillance system used in commercial fishing to allow environment and fisheries regulatory organisations to minimally monitor the position, length of time at a position, course and speed of fishing vessels;

“VMS coordinator” means the administrative staff designated by the Chief Fisheries Officer to monitor activities related to a VMS.

**PART II**  
**FOREIGN FISHING VESSEL**

Application for  
foreign fishing  
vessel licence.  
Third Schedule

3. An application for a foreign fishing vessel licence issued under section 18 of the Act shall be in Form A in the Third Schedule.

Form of foreign  
fishing vessel  
licence.  
Third Schedule

4. A foreign fishing vessel licence issued by the Minister shall be in Form B in the Third Schedule.

Fees and expiry of  
foreign fishing  
vessel licence.

5. (1) An application for a foreign fishing vessel licence shall be accompanied by the payment of fees to be negotiated by the Minister and the applicant.

(2) When considering an appropriate fee under subregulation (1), the Minister shall take into account the size of the proposed operation, the type of fish to be fished, the proposed area to be fished and any other relevant consideration as the Minister thinks fit.

(3) A foreign fishing vessel licence shall be an annual licence expiring on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December in the year of issue unless otherwise stated in the licence.

Conditions of  
foreign fishing  
vessel licence.

6. Every foreign fishing vessel licence issued by the Minister shall be subject to the conditions set out in regulations 7 to 18, inclusive.

Notice of change  
of information.

7. Any change in the information provided in the application form for a foreign fishing vessel licence shall be notified to the Minister as soon as practicable and in any case, not later than fourteen days from the date of the change.

Daily logbook to be kept.

8. The master of a foreign fishing vessel shall cause a logbook to be maintained on a daily basis in such form as the Chief Fisheries Officer may from time to time require for the purpose of recording the fishing operations of the vessel while the vessel is in the fisheries waters.

Transmission of logbook to Chief Fisheries Officer.

9. The logbook shall be transmitted in its original form to the Chief Fisheries Officer not later than fifteen days after the completion of the voyage to which the logbook relates.

Particulars to be provided by the master of vessel prior to departure from fisheries waters.

10. Unless requested otherwise, the master of a foreign fishing vessel shall, immediately upon entry in, and immediately prior to the departure from, the fisheries waters, provide the Chief Fisheries Officer with a report containing the following details –

- (a) the international radio call sign or the number assigned to the vessel;
- (b) the position of the vessel at the time of reporting;
- (c) the total catch by species on board the vessel at the time of reporting;
- (d) such other matters relating to the fishing operations as the Chief Fisheries Officer may from time to time require.

Prior notice of entry into port.

11. The owner, charterer or master of a foreign fishing vessel or his authorised local representative shall notify the Chief Fisheries Officer of the estimated time of entry of the vessel into any port in Guyana at least twenty four hours prior to that entry.

Ensuring safety of fishing operations.

12. The master of a foreign fishing vessel while in the fisheries waters, shall take all reasonable measures and precautions to avoid causing damage to any local fishing operation.



- Trans-shipment of fish. 13. Fish may not be trans-shipped from or unto a foreign fishing vessel while in the fisheries waters except with the permission of the Chief Fisheries Officer and in accordance with such conditions as the Chief Fisheries Officer may specify.
- Bycatch of shrimping. 14. Fish caught as bycatch to shrimping operations shall, to the extent specified by the Chief Fisheries Officer, be landed at such place or places as may be designated by the Chief Fisheries Officer for that purpose.
- Vessel may be stopped, boarded, inspected or brought to port. 15. The master and each member of the crew of a foreign fishing vessel while in the fisheries waters shall comply with any directions given by any authorised officer and in particular, shall on request by the officer –
- (a) stop the vessel;
  - (b) permit the officer to board and inspect the vessel;
  - (c) bring the vessel into port.
- Vessel in fisheries waters to display flag and other information. 16. A foreign fishing vessel shall at all times while in the fisheries waters –
- (a) fly the flag of its flag State;
  - (b) display in such a way as to be clearly visible both from the sea and from the air –
    - (i) its international radio call sign; or
    - (ii) such other number as may be assigned to it by the Chief Fisheries Officer.
- Master to allow authorised officer to board and remain on vessel to access equipment, carry out tests, etc. 17. The master of a foreign fishing vessel shall, while in the fisheries waters, allow any authorised officer to board and remain on board the vessel and shall allow the officer –
- (a) access to navigation and communication equipment, records and documents and to any fish on board the vessel;

- (b) to make any tests, observations and records as he may reasonably require in connection with the vessel's activities in the fisheries waters;
- (c) to take and remove any samples of fish, other aquatic life or fishing gear on board the vessel;
- (d) without charge, access to food and accommodation at least equivalent to that provided for officers of the vessel; and
- (e) to disembark from the vessel at any port in the territory of Guyana.

All records to be  
in English.

18. All records, logbooks, notices, documents and information required of a foreign fishing vessel by an authorised officer shall be in English.

Recovery of  
pursuit costs.

19. (1) This regulation may be applied in determining costs incurred by or on behalf of the Department of Fisheries that are directly attributable to the conduct of hot pursuit activities directly related to foreign fishing vessels under section 48(2)(c) of the Act.

(2) Where an authorised officer gives a direction to the master of a foreign fishing vessel and the master does not comply with the direction, the pursuit is deemed to have begun when the direction was given.

(3) A pursuit is deemed to have ended when the vessel arrives at the processing plant or port as instructed by the officer.

(4) The categories of costs that may be recovered include –

- (a) the overtime costs to be paid to any personnel of an agency involved in the pursuit who are required to participate in the pursuit in excess of their normal hours of work or for performing any task outside of

- that personnel's normal duties because of the pursuit;
- (b) the costs of deploying any additional personnel not mentioned in paragraph (a) involved in the pursuit, whether on board a pursuing boat or providing land-based support to the pursuit;
  - (c) any accommodation, relocation, travel or like costs provided to the personnel mentioned in paragraphs (a) and (b) to undertake, continue or support the pursuit;
  - (d) any costs in relation to the use of boats, other vessels or aircraft in the pursuit, including the costs of repair for any damage incurred by such boat, vessel or aircraft;
  - (e) the costs of the use of services or equipment, electronic or otherwise, associated with the surveillance of the pursued boat;
  - (f) the costs of the use of services or equipment associated with maintaining communication between agencies involved in the pursuit;
  - (g) the costs of any ancillary services required to maintain the pursuit including medical, legal or other professional assistance or advice; and
  - (h) any other costs that have arisen as a consequence of the pursuit, the apprehension of the vessel or bringing the vessel to a processing place.

### **PART III**

#### **LOCAL FISHING VESSEL**

Application for  
local fishing  
vessel licence.

20. (1) An application for a local fishing vessel licence issued under section 13 of the Act shall be in Form C (1) or C (2) in the Third Schedule.

Third Schedule (2) An application for a local fishing vessel licence shall be accompanied by the payment of the fee as specified in the First Schedule.

First Schedule

(3) A local fishing vessel licence issued by the Chief Fisheries Officer shall be in Forms D (1), D (2), D (3) or D (4) in the Third Schedule.

Registration of local fishing vessel.

Third Schedule

First Schedule

21. (1) An application for a certificate of registration of a local fishing vessel in accordance with section 9 of the Act shall be in Form C (3) in the Third Schedule.

(2) An application for a certificate of registration of a local fishing vessel shall be accompanied by the payment of the fee as specified in the First Schedule.

(3) A certificate of registration of a fishing vessel issued by the Chief Fisheries Officer or any person authorised by him in writing shall be in Form D (5) in the Third Schedule.

Commercial fisher's licence. Third Schedule. First Schedule.

22. (1) An application for a commercial fisher's licence under section 14 of the Act and the renewal of that licence shall be in Form C (4) in the Third Schedule.

(2) An application for a commercial fisher's licence or the renewal of the licence shall be accompanied by the payment of the fee as specified in the First Schedule.

(3) A commercial fisher's licence issued by the Chief Fisheries Officer shall be in Form D (6) in the Third Schedule.

Expiry of local fishing vessel

23. A local fishing vessel licence, certificate of registration of a local fishing vessel and a commercial fisher's licence shall be annual licences

licence, etc.                    expiring on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December in the year of issue unless otherwise specified.

Conditions of local fishing vessel and commercial fisher's licences.                    24. Every local fishing vessel licence or commercial fisher's licence issued by the Chief Fisheries Officer shall be subject to the conditions set out in regulations 7, 8, 9, and 13 *mutatis mutandis* and regulations 25, 26 and 27.

Vessel to display identification marking.                    25. A local fishing vessel shall display any identification markings assigned to it by the Chief Fisheries Officer in such manner as the Chief Fisheries Officer may require.

Compliance with reasonable directions of authorised officer.                    26. The master and each member of the crew of a local fishing vessel shall comply with any reasonable direction given by an authorised officer.

Compliance with other Regulations.                    27. The master of a local fishing vessel shall comply with the provisions pertaining to fishing vessels under the Harbour Regulations made under the Transport and Harbours Act and the Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collision at Sea 1972.

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Application for export or import licence.                    28. (1) An application to the Chief Fisheries Officer for an export or import licence issued under section 47 of the Act shall be in Forms C (5) in the Third Schedule.

Third Schedule  
First Schedule

(2) An application for an export or import licence shall be accompanied by the payment of the fee as specified in the First Schedule.

(3) An export or import licence shall be issued in Form D (7) in the Third Schedule and shall be subject to such conditions as may be specified by the Chief Fisheries Officer.

- (4) An export or import licence shall either be an—
- (a) annual general export or import licence expiring on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December in the year of issue unless otherwise specified; or
  - (b) individual shipping licence which shall be valid for one calendar month from the date of issue.

(5) An individual export or import licence shall be required for each individual shipment for which the licence was applied.

Application to  
operate fish  
processing  
establishment.  
Third Schedule  
First Schedule

29. (1) An application to the Chief Fisheries Officer for a licence to operate a fish processing establishment issued under section 46 of the Act shall be in Form C (6) in the Third Schedule.

(2) An application for a licence to operate a fish processing establishment shall be accompanied by the payment of the fee as specified in the First Schedule.

(3) A licence to operate a fish processing establishment shall be issued in Form D (8) in the Third Schedule and shall be subject to such conditions as may be specified by the Chief Fisheries Officer.

(4) A licence to operate a fish processing establishment shall be an annual licence expiring on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December in the year of issue unless otherwise specified.

#### **PART IV HIGH SEAS FISHING**

Application for  
high seas fishing  
permit.

30. (1) An application for a high seas fishing permit issued under section 34 of the Act shall be in Form E (1) in the Third Schedule.

## Third Schedule

(2) An application for a high seas fishing permit shall be accompanied by the payment of the fees published by the Minister from time to time by notice in the *Gazette*.

(3) A high seas fishing permit issued by the Minister shall be in Form E (2) in the Third Schedule.

Expiry of high seas fishing permit.

31. A high seas fishing permit shall be an annual permit expiring on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December in the year of issue unless otherwise specified.

**PART V****FISHING GEAR, EQUIPMENT AND DEVICE**

Fishing methods and materials.

32. (1) A person shall not use any fishing methods or material to conduct any fishing activities regulated by the Act unless that person receives the written approval of the Chief Fisheries Officer.

(2) The approval of the Chief Fisheries Officer shall be given at the time of the issue of any licence or permit to fish in the fisheries waters or on the written request of the person seeking approval any time during the licence period but after the issue of a licence or permit to fish.

Application for and issue of fish pen or pin-seine permit.  
Third Schedule  
First Schedule

33. (1) A person shall not erect, maintain or use a fish pen or pin-seine unless that person is the holder of a valid fish pen or pin-seine permit and a valid commercial fisher's licence.

(2) An application for a fish pen or pin-seine permit or the renewal of that permit shall be made to the Chief Fisheries Officer in Form F (1) of the Third Schedule.

(3) An application for a fish pen or pin seine permit shall be accompanied by the fee as specified in the First Schedule.

(4) A fish pen or pin seine permit shall be an annual permit expiring on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December in the year of issue unless otherwise specified and shall be issued by the Chief Fisheries Officer in Form F(2) of the Third Schedule.

(5) A permit under this regulation shall not be issued unless the Chief Fisheries Officer inspects the intended location for the fish pen or pin-seine and finds the location satisfactory for that method of fishing.

(6) The Chief Fisheries Officer may refuse to grant a permit under this regulation if the Chief Fisheries Officer is satisfied that the issue of the permit would not be in the best interest of the fishing industry or if the fish pen or pin seine would be an obstruction or is likely to constitute a danger to the navigation of vessels in the fisheries waters.

(7) Where the Chief Fisheries Officer refuses to grant a permit under this regulation, the applicant may, within twenty-one days after the refusal, appeal that decision in writing to the Minister.

(8) No permit issued under this regulation shall be sold or in any way transferred without the approval in writing of an authorised officer and every sale or transfer shall be recorded on the permit by the authorised officer.

(9) The conditions set out in regulations 7, 8, 9 and 13, shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to a fish pen or pin-seine permit.

Stowage of gear.

34. Fishing gear required to be stowed in accordance with section 31 of



the Act shall be stowed in the following manner –

- (a) fishing gear shall be carried wholly inboard the vessel and stowed in a manner that makes it not readily available for fishing;
- (b) all hooks, nets, trawl boards and weights shall be disconnected from their towing or hauling wires, ropes or rigid frame and all mechanical hauling devices shall be sufficiently disconnected as to be incapable of immediate use; and
- (c) where possible, fishing gear shall be stowed below deck and fishing gear carried on deck shall be secured to some part of the superstructure of the vessel.

Examination of pots or traps.

35. (1) Subject to subregulation (2), a person shall not leave a pot or trap in the fisheries waters unattended or un-examined for a period exceeding forty-eight hours.

(2) Where weather conditions prevent a pot or trap from being attended to or examined within forty-eight hours, that period shall be extended to a reasonable period within which it is practical to attend to or examine the pot or trap.

Unmarked gear and equipment.

36. A fish trap, fish pen, buoy or other fishing gear or equipment required to be marked, if not marked, shall be disposed of by an authorised officer.

Removal or relocation of fishing gear.

37. A person who intentionally removes fishing gear or changes the location of the fishing gear without the permission of the Minister or the Chief Fisheries Officer commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Destruction of fishing gear or equipment.

38. (1) A person who unlawfully damages or destroys fishing gear owned or operated by another person commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

(2) A person does not commit the offence in subregulation (1) if the person receives the written permission of the Minister or the Chief Fisheries Officer prior to damaging or destroying the fishing gear or equipment.

Collection of fish.

39. A person who collects fish from fishing gear owned or operated by another person without that person's knowledge or permission commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Interfering with authorised officer's equipment.

40. A person who damages or interferes in anyway with any vessel, gear or equipment used by an authorised officer for the purpose of carrying out that officer's duties under these Regulations commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Bycatch reduction device.  
Second Schedule

41. (1) All trawler type vessels rigged to fish in the fisheries waters shall be fitted with a bycatch reduction device which shall at all times be in use when fishing.

(2) Every bycatch reduction device shall comply with the specifications set out in the Second Schedule.

(3) An authorised officer shall issue a bycatch reduction device certificate where the officer is satisfied that the device meets the specification of the Second Schedule.

(4) A person who fishes in the fisheries waters with a trawler type vessel using a bycatch reduction device without a bycatch reduction device certificate issued under subregulation (3) or using a tampered bycatch reduction device commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

## PART VI FISH AGGREGATING DEVICE

Fish aggregating  
device permit.  
Third Schedule  
First Schedule

42. (1) A person shall not deploy a fish aggregating device in the fisheries waters except with the written permission of an authorised officer and in accordance with any condition specified by the officer.

(2) (a) An application for a permit mentioned in subregulation (1) shall be in Form G(1) of the Third Schedule.

(b) An application for a permit under this regulation shall be accompanied by the payment of the fee as negotiated by the authorised officer and the applicant.

(3) An application for a permit under this regulation shall be processed by the officer within fourteen days of its receipt.

(4) The permit shall be an annual permit expiring on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December in the year of issue unless otherwise specified and shall be issued in Form G (2) in the Third Schedule.

(5) The Chief Fisheries Officer shall establish and maintain a register of all fish aggregating devices permitted in the fisheries waters.

(6) A permit issued under this regulation shall contain a fish aggregating device registration number assigned by the Chief Fisheries Officer for the purpose of maintaining the register under subregulation (5).

(7) The permit shall confer an exclusive right to fish in the vicinity of the device for the period stated in the permit.

(8) The permit shall not relieve the master of a vessel from obligations arising under any other law concerning safety of navigation and shipping.

(9) The master of a vessel deploying a permitted fish aggregating device into the fisheries waters shall notify the Chief Fisheries Officer within twenty four hours of deploying the device of the nature of the device and the intended location where the device will be deployed.

Designated fish aggregating device.

43. (1) The Chief Fisheries Officer may by notice published in the *Gazette* and a local newspaper of wide circulation, declare any fish aggregating device a designated fish aggregating device for the purpose of this regulation.

(2) A person shall not fish within a radius of one half of a nautical mile from any designated fish aggregating device except with the written permission of the Chief Fisheries Officer and in accordance with such conditions the Chief Fisheries Officer may specify.

Marking of fish aggregating device.

44. (1) Any fish aggregating device deployed into the fisheries waters shall –

- (a) bear a radar reflector and such lights as shall be clearly visible from five nautical miles;
- (b) be clearly marked with the name of the owner of

the device and of the vessel from which the device was deployed;

- (c) have such other equipment or markings as an authorised officer may require.

(2) A fish aggregating device found unmarked in the fisheries waters may be disposed of in an appropriate manner by an authorised officer.

Disposal of fish aggregating device.

45. A fish aggregating device deployed in the fisheries waters without the written permission of an authorised officer shall be disposed of in a manner as the Chief Fisheries Officer may direct.

## PART VII

### PROTECTION OF TURTLES

Protection of turtles.

46. A person who fishes in the fisheries waters for, buys, sells, or has in his possession, a turtle of the species –

- (a) *Eretmochelys Imbricata* (Hawksbill turtle);
- (b) *Chelonia Mydas* (Green turtle);
- (c) *Dermochelys Coriacea* (Leatherback turtle);
- (d) *Lepidochelys Olivacea* (Olive Ridley turtle),

commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of one million dollars.

Release of sea turtles.

47. A master of a fishing vessel shall return to the water, immediately and with minimum harm, any live sea turtle caught accidentally while fishing and when necessary, use the resuscitation procedure to be used on turtles established by the Ministry of Agriculture.

Requirements for the protection of

48. (1) The owner, charterer or master of a fishing vessel with a trawl

sea turtle.  
Fourth Schedule.

net rigged to fish in the fisheries waters, or while fishing in the fisheries waters, shall not have or use a trawl net without a turtle excluder device with the specifications set out in the Fourth Schedule, which shall not be removed.

(2) A person shall not use a turtle excluder device without a Turtle Excluder Device Certificate issued by an authorised officer where the officer is satisfied that the device meets the specifications set out in the Fourth Schedule.

(3) There shall be at least one spare turtle excluder device on board a fishing vessel while that vessel is using a trawl net to fish in the fisheries waters.

(4) The Minister or the Chief Fisheries Officer may suspend a licence or permit to fish in the fisheries waters for a period not exceeding thirty-one days or revoke the licence or permit of a person who contravenes the provisions of this regulations.

(5) Where a person contravenes the provisions of this regulation more than two times in a licence or permit year that person commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of one million dollars.

Revocation of the  
Turtle Excluder  
Device regulation,  
etc.  
Reg. 5/2006  
O.23/1994

49. The Fisheries (Turtle Excluder Device) Regulations 2006 and the Maritime Boundaries (Turtle Excluder Device) Order 1994 are revoked.

## PART VIII

### VESSEL MONITORING SYSTEM

Establishment of  
Fisheries  
Monitoring

50. There shall be a Fisheries Monitoring Centre in the Ministry of Agriculture which shall be responsible for operating a vessel monitoring

Centre. system (VMS) for the effective monitoring, control and surveillance of fishing activities.

Vessel monitoring device. 51. (1) Every owner of a fishing vessel licensed or permitted to fish in the fisheries waters or for related activities shall ensure that the vessel is fitted with a vessel monitoring device approved by the Chief Fisheries Officer within the implementation period specified in the Fifth Schedule.

Fifth Schedule.

Sixth Schedule.

(2) The Minister may, in his sole discretion, extend the time stipulated for the installation of a vessel monitoring device for not more than two months.

(3) After installation, the owner shall submit the relevant information on the vessel monitoring device to the Chief Fisheries Officer in Form A in the Sixth Schedule along with a certified administrative copy of the operationalisation of the equipment from the supplier of the device.

Tampering with vessel monitoring device. 52. A charterer, owner or master of a vessel licensed or permitted to fish in the fisheries waters shall ensure that at all times the vessel monitoring device installed on the vessel is not tampered with or manipulated to distort the position of the vessel or any other information that may be relayed by the device.

Transmitting to the Fisheries Monitoring Centre. 53. The vessel monitoring device shall be programmed to automatically transmit, continuously and throughout the period of the licence or permit to fish, to the Fisheries Monitoring Centre data relating to -

- (a) the identification of the vessel;
- (b) the most recent geographical position of the vessel with a margin of error not exceeding 500 meters;
- (c) the date and time of the fixing of the position of the vessel;

(d) the speed and course of the vessel.

Administration.

54. (1) Data from the VMS shall be retrieved at least two times daily, interpreted, processed and stored in a computer-readable form by the VMS coordinator.

(2) For the purposes of this regulation, the interpretation of the data retrieved from the VMS means the assessment of the data visible on the VMS screen at the Fisheries Monitoring Centre so as to ascertain a vessel's activities in a particular area in the fisheries waters including the speed and position of the vessel and its trawling and fishing activities.

(3) Where illegal fishing activities are identified by the VMS coordinator, an illegal fishing card shall be created and an image which identifies the relevant vessel and its route shall be stored in at least one computer-readable form.

(4) The owner, charterer or master of a fishing vessel shall keep data from the vessel monitoring device of the fishing vessel in a computer-readable format for a period of at least three years.

Examination of  
vessel monitoring  
device.

55. (1) Where the VMS coordinator does not receive data referred to in regulation 53 for twelve consecutive hours, the VMS coordinator shall inform the owner or a representative of the owner as soon as practicable.

(2) Where the VMS coordinator has not received the data within the period mentioned in subregulation (1) on more than three occasions within a licence or permit year, the Chief Fisheries Officer shall designate a person or persons to ensure that the vessel monitoring device of the vessel in question is examined to determine if the equipment has been tampered with.



- Suspension or revocation of licence.                    56. The Chief Fisheries Officer may suspend or revoke a fishing vessel's licence where there is a breach of the provisions of regulation 51, 52 or 53
- Reporting.  
Seventh Schedule                    57. (1) The VMS coordinator shall report to the Chief Fisheries Officer the activities of all fishing vessels equipped with a vessel monitoring device on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> day of each calendar month in the VMS Coordinator's Report Form in the Seventh Schedule.
- (2) Upon the detection of illegal fishing activities of fishing vessels or other irregularities by the VMS, the VMS Coordinator shall immediately inform the Chief Fisheries Officer in writing of the following information –
- (a) the name of vessel;
  - (b) the vessel's beacon number;
  - (c) the date and time of the infringement;
  - (d) the type of infringement; and
  - (e) any other information regarding the infringement which may include furnishing the Chief Fisheries Officer with any document in connection with the infringement.
- Switching off of vessel monitoring device.                    58. A vessel monitoring device may, with the prior approval of the Chief Fisheries Officer, be switched off when the vessel is anchored in Port Georgetown.
- Notification before leaving port.                    59. The owner, charterer or master of a vessel permitted by the Chief Fisheries Officer to switch off its vessel monitoring device shall notify the Fisheries Monitoring Centre at least six hours before leaving the Port and provide any other information requested by the Fisheries Monitoring Centre prior to the departure of the vessel.

Reporting fault.

60. (1) The owner, charterer or master of a vessel licensed or permitted to fish in the fisheries waters shall –

- (a) report immediately to the Fisheries Monitoring Centre any malfunctioning of the vessel monitoring device of a fishing vessel;
- (b) repair or cause to be repaired or replaced any faulty vessel monitoring device within thirty days of the malfunctioning of the vessel monitoring device or within a reasonable period approved by the Chief Fisheries Officer; and
- (c) report the position of the fishing vessel at least once every twenty-four hours, to the Fisheries Monitoring Centre during the period of repair or replacement.

(2) Any vessel monitoring device reported for more than three times in a licence or permit year to the Fisheries Monitoring Centre to be malfunctioning shall be replaced by the owner of the fishing vessel.

Fishing in prohibited areas.

61. (1) The Minister may, by order published in the *Gazette*, declare an area a prohibited area for the purpose of these Regulations.

(2) Where it is detected by the VMS coordinator that a fishing vessel has fished in a prohibited area, the owner or charterer of the fishing vessel breaches the terms of his licence or permit and the Chief Fisheries Officer shall notify that owner or charterer of the breach in writing to which the owner or charterer must respond within fourteen days.

(3) Where the owner or charterer of a fishing vessel is found to be in breach of his licence or permit more than three times in a licence or permit year under this regulation, the Chief Fisheries Officer may after written warning, suspend the vessel licence or permit for a period not exceeding

thirty-one days.

(4) The owner or charterer of a fishing vessel which continues to fish in an area declared to be a prohibited area any time after his fishing vessel licence or permit has been suspended in accordance with subregulation (3) or during the period of suspension commits an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Liability of a  
master of fishing  
vessel fishing in a  
prohibited area.

62. (1) For the purpose of this regulation, every owner or charterer of a fishing vessel shall submit a list of the names of the master and crew members of the fishing vessel with a copy of a valid form of photo identification of the master and crew members of the fishing vessel before the departure of the fishing vessel from any port in the fisheries waters.

(2) The master of a fishing vessel who fishes in a prohibited area shall be suspended for a period of fourteen days from a date to be determined by the Chief Fisheries Officer after the Chief Fisheries Officer receives the response of the owner or charterer in accordance with regulation 61(2) or from the expiration of the fourteen days period where there is no response, and the master shall be prohibited from being on board any fishing vessel as a master or member of the crew during the period of suspension.

(3) Where a master of a fishing vessel breaches the terms of suspension for a second time, the penalty shall be doubled and where that master breaches it thrice it shall be tripled.

(4) A master of a fishing vessel who has fished in a prohibited area more than three times in a licence or permit year shall be suspended from being on board a fishing vessel as a master or member of the crew for a period of one hundred days.

**PART IX**  
**CONTROLLED AREAS**

Taking of  
particular species  
of fish prohibited  
in specified areas.

63. The Minister may, by notice published in the *Gazette* or a local newspaper of wide circulation, prohibit the taking of fish or aquatic life of a particular species from an area where –

- (a) the species pose a risk to human health;
- (b) there is a risk of the spread of aquatic pests, contamination or disease to other fish or aquatic life if moved to another area; or
- (c) the species is vulnerable, depleted or there is significant population decline that taking of the species of fish or aquatic life would pose a threat to the recovery of the fish or aquatic life population.

Controlled areas.

64. The Minister may, by notice published in the *Gazette* or a local newspaper of wide circulation, declare –

- (a) an area containing diseased fish or aquatic life to be a quarantined area;
- (b) on the recommendation of the Fisheries Advisory Committee, where the fish or aquatic life is at risk of contracting a disease, an area a protected area; or
- (c) an area containing an aquatic pest to be a restricted area.

Regulation of  
controlled areas.

65. Where an area has been declared to be a quarantined area, a protected area or a restricted area under these Regulations, the Minister may by notice published in the *Gazette* or a newspaper of wide circulation–

- (a) regulate or prohibit all transportation of fish or aquatic life from, into or within the area;
- (b) regulate or prohibit the movement of persons, vehicles, vessels or aircraft into, within or out of the area;

- (c) specify the particular species of fish or aquatic life to which the notice applies;
- (d) prohibit the release of water from an aquaculture facility without his written permission; and
- (e) order the treatment or destruction of diseased fish, aquatic life feed, contaminated equipment, water or other things which, may transmit disease or cause the spread of aquatic pest.

## PART X TRAINING AND RESEARCH

Training and  
research.

66. (1) The Minister may commission or permit training programmes and fisheries related research or survey operations to be undertaken in the fisheries waters which are appropriate to the growth, management and development of the fishing industry.

(2) The Minister may define the scope of a fisheries related research or survey operations commissioned or permitted under subregulation (1).

Application for  
research  
permission.

67. (1) An application to undertake fisheries related research or survey operations in the fisheries waters shall be made to the Minister in writing and shall be supported by a detailed plan of the research or survey operations to be undertaken.

(2) Permission granted by the Minister to undertake fisheries related research or survey operations within the fisheries waters shall be in writing and shall be subject to the conditions set out in section 24(5) of the Act and any other conditions as the Minister thinks fit.

(3) The breach of any of the conditions in subregulation (2) shall automatically terminate the permission given under this regulation and any

request for further permission shall be subject to section 24(7) of the Act.

Research permitted or commissioned by the Minister.

68. Where a fisheries research or survey operation is permitted or commissioned by the Minister, the Minister may request from the owner or charter of any fishing vessel, fish farm or related entity, the supply of any further data, information or general cooperation of the owner that may assist the Minister when undertaking the research or survey operation.

Foreign researcher.

69. No foreign person, body, entity, institution or organisation shall undertake fisheries related research of any kind without the prior permission of the Minister, unless that foreign person, body, entity, institution or organisation is an international organisation or agency to which section 24(2) of the Act applies.

Approved local research institutions.

70. The Minister may designate in writing any local scientific or academic institution as an approved local research institution which shall –

- (a) submit to the Chief Fisheries Officer, at least once a year unless otherwise specified, a list and description of all fisheries research projects undertaken together with a summary of results obtained;
- (b) give the Chief Fisheries Officer or any authorised officer designated for this purpose, access to the results of any completed research project including any data generated during the project;
- (c) submit to the Chief Fisheries Officer any other data that may be required;
- (d) comply with any other condition outlined by the Chief Fisheries Officer in relation to the proper management of fisheries resources, the protection of the environment and the observance of other obligations under the Act.

**PART XI**  
**MISCELLANEOUS**

- Permission to harvest protected species.            71. No protected species of fish shall be harvested except with the written permission of an authorised officer.
- Prohibition against movement and sale.            72. A person shall not—  
    (a) move diseased or contaminated fish, aquatic life or aquatic pest from a water catchment or storage unit to another water catchment or storage unit unless it is permitted by the Minister and supervised by the relevant authorities;  
    (b) sell diseased or contaminated fish or aquatic life.
- Sale of fish, etc. at sea.            73. It is an offence for the master or any member of the crew of a local or foreign fishing vessel licensed to fish in the fisheries waters to sell or barter at sea any fish, fish products, fuel or fishing gear except with the written permission of the Minister or the Chief Fisheries Officer and in accordance with such conditions as the Minister or the Chief Fisheries Officer may specify.
- Fisheries observers.            74. (1) The Minister or Chief Fisheries Officer may appoint observers to accompany fishing vessels on fishing trips for the purpose of monitoring and inspection during the fishing trip.  
  
    (2) An owner, charterer or master of a fishing vessel who is notified by an authorised officer of the appointment of an observer to accompany the fishing vessel on an observation trip shall give to the authorised officer at least one week notice of his intended departure from and expected landing at a port.

Observer  
accommodation  
and access.

75. An owner, charterer or master of a vessel on which an observer appointed under regulation 75 embarks shall—

- (a) provide accommodation and food that are equivalent to those provided to the crew to the observer;
- (b) allow the observer access to and use of the vessel's observer device and personnel upon request for the transmission and receipt of messages related to the observer's duties;
- (c) allow the observer access to and use of the vessel's navigation equipment and personnel upon request to determine the vessel's position;
- (d) allow the observer free and unobstructed access to the vessel's bridge, working decks, holding bins, weight scales, holds and any other space used to hold, process, weigh or store fish;
- (e) allow the observer to inspect and copy the vessel's daily logbook, communication logs and any records associated with the catch and distribution of fish for that trip.

Signals.

76. In every communication by radio, flag or light between a fishing vessel and any government authority, the signals specified in the International Code of Signals (2005) published by the International Maritime Organisation shall be used.

Number of  
licence.

77. The number of licences or permits to be issued for each kind of vessel, gear or device shall be at the discretion of the Minister or the Chief Fisheries Officer.

Revocation.  
Reg. 13/1957

78. The Fisheries Regulations 1957 is revoked.



**FIRST SCHEDULE**(Regulations 5, 20, 21, 22, 28, 29,  
33, and 42)


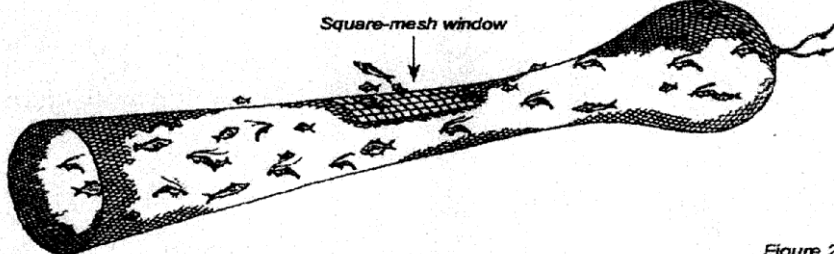
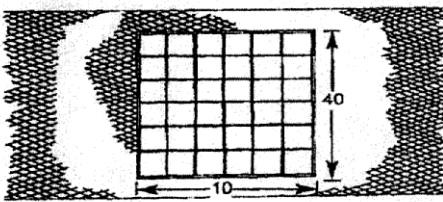
<b>LICENCE/PERMIT</b>	<b>FEE</b>
1. Artisanal Fishing Vessel Licence (not exceeding 15 m.)	\$900.00 (per m.)
2. Artisanal Fishing Vessel Licence (exceeding 15 m.)	\$1,500.00 (per m.)
3. Certificate of Registration of Fishing Vessel	\$1,000.00
4. Commercial Fisher's Licence (workman permit)	\$1,000.00
5. Fish Pen or Pin Seine Permit	\$1,000.00
6. Individual Export or Import Licence	\$2,000.00
7. Red Snapper Fish Licence (Territorial Sea)	\$50,000.00
8. Trawler Licence (Prawn or Shrimp – Territorial Sea)	\$50,000.00
9. Tuna Fish Licence - (Territorial Sea)	\$50,000.00
10. Annual Processing Establishment Licence (Small – Fish or Shrimp)	\$75,000.00
11. Annual Processing Establishment Licence (Large - Fish or Shrimp)	\$100,000.00
12. Annual Export or Import Licence (Large Processing Establishment - Fish)	\$100,000.00
13. Annual Export or Import Licence (Large Processing Establishment - Shrimp)	\$100,000.00
14. Red Snapper Fish Licence (EEZ)	\$150,000.00
15. Trawler Licence (Prawn or Shrimp – EEZ)	\$250,000.00
16. Tuna Fish Licence – (EEZ)	\$500,000.00

**SECOND SCHEDULE**

(Regulation 41(2))

All trawler typed vessels rigged to fish in the fisheries waters are to be fitted with a bycatch reduction device conforming with the following specifications or other bycatch reduction device as approved by the Chief Fisheries Officer –

## The Square-Mesh Window

Excluded Species	Description
 <p>Figure 1</p>	<p>The square-mesh window is designed to allow fish to voluntarily swim from the trawl (Figure 1). This BRD is simply a panel of large meshes hung on the bar so they remain open during the tow (Figure 2). This is in contrast to diamond meshes which tend to close under tension. The following details describe the construction of a 150 mm (75 mm bar length) square-mesh window measuring 6 bar lengths long by 6 bar lengths wide to fit a codend with a 45 mm (1¾") mesh size.</p>
 <p style="text-align: center;">Square-mesh window</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Figure 2</p>	
<p><b>Construction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cut out a rectangular hole in the top of the codend measuring 40 meshes wide by 12 meshes long (Figure 3).</li> <li>• Cut out the square-mesh window from 150 mm (6") netting measuring 6 bar lengths wide by 6 bar lengths long.</li> <li>• Reinforce the edges of the window with 4mm rope.</li> <li>• Secure the window to the codend at desired location ensuring codend meshes are distributed evenly between the bars.</li> </ul>	 <p style="text-align: right;">Figure 3</p>
<p><b>Trouble Shooting</b></p> <p><b>Shrimp loss:</b> This may be due to knot slippage, incorrect mesh or window size selection and poor window location. To prevent knot slippage the window may need to be replaced with knotless netting or netting made from thicker twine. Reducing mesh or window size will reduce shrimp loss, as will relocating the window further forward of the catch.</p> <p><b>Poor exclusion rate:</b> The mesh size may be too small, however, careful selection of a larger mesh size is required to prevent shrimp loss. Relocating the window closer to the accumulated catch may increase fish loss, but may increase the risk of shrimp loss particularly when large catches are taken.</p>	

**THIRD SCHEDULE****FORM A**

(Regulation 3)

**APPLICATION FORM FOR A FOREIGN FISHING VESSEL LICENCE TO FISH IN  
GUYANA'S FISHERIES WATERS****INSTRUCTIONS –**

- a) please underline surnames;
- b) for addresses, please provide complete mailing address;
- c) please mark X where appropriate;
- d) please do not leave any space blank, if not applicable write NA;
- e) units of measurement should be specified;
- f) applications should be addressed to the -

**THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE,  
c/o THE CHIEF FISHERIES OFFICER,  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE,  
REGENT & SHIV. CHANDERPAUL DRIVE  
GEORGETOWN, GUYANA  
SOUTH AMERICA;**

- g) **the application shall be accompanied by the following documents –**
  - I. **photographs of the vessel;**
  - II. **evidence of registration;**
  - III. **insurance;**
  - IV. **evidence of ownership;**
  - V. **seaworthiness certificate;**
  - VI. **receipt of payment for radio frequency; and**
  - VII. **beacon number.**

1. Name of Owner:		SURNAME		OTHER NAME(S)	
2. Address of Owner:					
3. Nationality of Owner:		4. Name of Vessel:	5. Country of Registration:	6. Country Registration Number:	
7. Length of Vessel:		8. Length of Beam:	9. Draught:	10. Gross Tonnage:	11. Net Registered Tonnage:
12. Hull (Material)		13. Make and Horsepower of Engine:		14. Engine Number:	15. Engine Speed:
16. Number of Winch/ Winch Capacity (Tons):		17. Radio Type : C.H.F _____ V.H.R _____ Other _____		18. Radar: Auto Pilot _____ Other _____	19. Beacon Number:
20. Beacon Service Provider:		21. Radio Call Sign/Number Channels:		22. Type of Vessel Monitoring Device:	
23. Processing Equipment:		24. Facilities for Preserving Catch:		25. Storage Capacity:	26. Type of BRD:
27. Gear to be used: Type _____ Quantity _____		28. Type of Turtle Excluder Device:		29. Species to be Caught:	30. Fuel Capacity:
31. Means of Obtaining Fuel:		32. Base of Operations: Name of Port _____ Country _____		33. Name of Vessel Master:	34. Total Number of Crew:
35. Proposed Fishing Area:  Proposed Fishing Zone:		36. If previously licensed, state the number of the previous licence and any change to the information previously given to attain that licence: _____			

37. Period of Validity of Licence Requested:	38. Proposed date of commencement of fish operations:	39. Current Fishing Licences held for elsewhere in the region:
Any other information relevant to this application or as may be requested by the Minister or a designated authorised officer:		

**FORM B**

(Regulation 4)

**FOREIGN FISHING VESSEL LICENCE TO FISH IN****GUYANA'S FISHERIES WATERS**

Permission is hereby granted to \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (being a registered owner of a foreign fishing vessel) to engage in fishing within the waters of Guyana until \_\_\_\_\_

Name of vessel

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Minister

**Form C (1)**

(Regulation 20(1))

**GUYANA**

**Application Form for Local Fishing Vessel Licence –Artisanal Vessel**

For Official Use Licence No. _____
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Name of Vessel \_\_\_\_\_ Reg. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Radio call sign \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Captain \_\_\_\_\_ Reg. No. \_\_\_\_\_

Fishing Gear Type,	Size	Amount
1. _____		
2. _____		
3. _____		

Species targeted:
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Areas Used:	(Examples only)
( ) Zone 1	( ) Zone 6
( ) Zone 2	( ) Zone 7
( ) Zone 3	( ) Zone 8
( ) Zone 4	( ) Zone 9
( ) Zone 5	

(For Official Use)
Conditions of Licence:
+ trans-shipment operations
+ use of fish aggregating device
+ other special conditions
_____
_____
_____
_____
_____
Registration Expiry Date:
_____

Landing Sites Used:
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Date format: dd/mm/yy

Applicant's  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_ F.O.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Form C (2)****Reg. 20 (1)****Application Form for Local Fishing Vessel Licence – Trawler, Red Snapper and Tuna Licence.**

The application form shall contain details of-

1. Name of Owner:		SURNAME		OTHER NAME(S)	
2. Address of Owner:					
3. Nationality of Owner:		4. Name of Vessel:	5. Country of Registration:	6. Country Registration Number:	
7. Length of Vessel:		8. Length of Beam:	9. Draught:	10. Gross Tonnage:	11. Net Registered Tonnage:
12. Hull (Material)		13. Make and Horsepower of Engine:		14. Engine Number:	15. Engine Speed:
16. Number of Winch/ Winch Capacity (Tons):		17. Radio Type : C.H.F _____ V.H.R _____ Other _____		18. Radar: Auto Pilot _____ Other _____	19. Beacon Number:
20. Beacon Service Provider:		21. Radio Call Sign/Number Channels:		22. Type of Vessel Monitoring System:	
23. Processing Equipment:		24. Facilities for Preserving Catch:		25. Storage Capacity:	26. Type of BRD:
27. Gear to be used: Type _____ Quantity _____		28. Type of Turtle Excluder Device:	29. Species to be Caught:	30. Fuel Capacity:	
31. Means of Obtaining Fuel:		32. Base of Operations: Name of Port _____	33. Name of Vessel Master:	34. Total Number of Crew:	

		Country	
35. Proposed Fishing Area:  Proposed Fishing Zone:	36. If previously licensed, state the number of the previous licence and any change to the information previously given to attain that licence: _____ _____		
37. Period of Validity of Licence Requested:	38. Proposed date of commencement of fish operations:	39. Current Fishing Licences held for elsewhere in the region:	
Any other information relevant to this application or as may be requested by the Minister or a designated authorised officer: _____ _____ _____ _____			

**Documents to be submitted**

Photographs of vessel

Evidence of registration

Insurance

Evidence of ownership

Seaworthiness Certificate

Receipt of payment for Radio frequency

Beacon number



**Form C (3)**

(Regulation 21 (1))

**APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF FISHING BOAT**

I .....  
residing at.....  
do hereby make an application for registration of an existing or new fishing boat, the particulars  
of which is given below –

**PARTICULARS**

OWNER'S NAME.....  
NAME OF VESSEL.....  
LENGTH.....  
WIDTH.....  
DEPTH.....  
ENGINE.....  
DESCRIPTION.....  
DATED THIS.....DAY OF.....20....  
TYPE OF FISHING GEAR.....

COST (G\$)

**REGISTRATION**

**LICENCE**

**COMMERCIAL FISHER'S LICENCE**

**FISH PEN**

.....

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT**

.....

**FOR CHIEF FISHERIES OFFICER**

**Form C (3) (cont'd)**

(Regulation 21(1))

**GUYANA**

**Application for REGISTRATION OF VESSEL**

For Official Use:

Registration No. ....

Vessel _____	Radio Call _____
Registered Owner _____	Pin No. _____

Port of Registration _____
Operations _____

Vessel Type _____
Material _____
Description _____

Captain _____
Fishers No. _____

L.O.A _____
B.O.A _____
Draught _____
Tonnage _____

Partner _____
Fishers No. _____

Engine	Make & Type	H.P.
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____

Partner _____
Fishers No. _____

(Attach details of other stakeholders)

Investments & Commissions Granted:	
1. _____	_____
2. _____	_____
3. _____	_____

Fishery Type _____
Storage Capacity _____
Ice: ( ) Yes ( ) No
No. of Crew _____

Date format: dd/mm/yy		(For Official Use)	
Inspection : Date _____	Expiry _____	Registration Expiry _____	_____

Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approved by \_\_\_\_\_

F.O.

Date format: dd/mm/yy  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_

**(Regulation 22(1))**

**Form C (4)**

For Official Use

**GUYANA**

Registration No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Application for Commercial Fisher's Licence**

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Village: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ID: National ( ) Social Security ( ) Drivers Licence ( )  
 Passport ( ) Other: \_\_\_\_\_ ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Contact Information**  
 Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Role in Fishery**  
 registered Owner  
 Owner  
 Captain  
 Crew  
 Vendor  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Education**  
 Elementary  
 CSEC  
 CAPE  
 Post Secondary  
 College/University

**Qualification in Fishery**  
 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. \_\_\_\_\_

**Operating Site:**

**Cooperative Affiliation**  
 1. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Time Working**  
 Full Time  
 Part Time  
 Weekend Only  
 None

**Family Status** \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. of Dependants \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. of Children \_\_\_\_\_  
 No. of Girls \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Boys \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Application: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Registration: \_\_\_\_\_

**FORM C (5)**

(Regulations 28 (1))

**FISHERIES DEPARTMENT  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE****APPLICATION FOR LICENCE TO EXPORT OR IMPORT FISH**

Please Print the purpose of application \_\_\_\_\_ (IMPORT OR EXPORT)

1. Name of Applicant.....
2. Address.....
3. Fishery product to be exported or imported e.g. fish, shrimp, crab, squid, etc.  
.....  
.....

Quantity to be exported or imported:-

Ser.	Species	Weight	Ser.	Species	Weight
1.			11.		
2.			12.		
3.			13.		
4.			14.		
5.			15.		
6.			16.		
7.			17.		
8.			18.		
9.			19.		
10.			20.		

4. Date of shipment: .....
5. F.O.B. Value of export or import:  
.....
6. Supplier of the resources to exporter Name.....  
or importer: Fishing Boat (Reg. No.).....

## Processing

Establishment.....

7. Where scale fish is exported or to be imported please specify:-

- a. Whole clean fish ( ) Fillets ( ) Fingers ( )  
 b. Trimmings ( ) Fresh ( ) Frozen ( ) Other ( ) Please  
 specify .....

8. Where shrimp is exported or to be imported specify:-

- a. Prawns ( ) Seabob ( ) White Belly ( )  
 b. Whole ( ) Tail ( ) Peeled ( ) Other ( ) please  
 specify .....

9. a. Location of exporter's or importer's factory where fishery resource is processed or preserved

.....

b. Description of factory:

(i) Size (dimension) of premises .....

(ii) Source of water supply.....

(ii) Freezer size .....

(iv) Major equipment .....

c. If exporter or importer does not have factory, where is product stored before exportation or before resale after importation?

Name and location .....

.....

10. Brand name (if any) under which fishery resources exported .....

.....

11. Method by which fishery is exported or imported:-

a. Air freight ( ) b. Private aircraft ( ) c. Air charter ( )

d. Sea freight ( ) e. Name of carrier.....

.....

12. Consignee name and address: .....

.....

13. Port of entry to or departure from which fishery resources is to be imported or exported

.....

.....

.....

Signature of Applicant

.....

Date



Documents to be submitted:

- (1) Receipt verifying purchase (where applicable)
- (2) Veterinary Public Health Unit (VPHU) Certificate of quality of product
- (3) Completed CD 3 Forms
- (4) Completed Customs Export or Import Forms
- (5) CARICOM Certificate (where applicable)
- (6) Bill of Laden (where applicable)

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY:      APPROVED    ( )    REJECTED    ( )

**FORM C (6)**

(Regulations 29(1))

**FISHERIES DEPARTMENT  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE**

**APPLICATION TO OPERATE A SEAFOOD PROCESSING ESTABLISHMENT**

1. Name of Applicant/Owner .....

2. Address .....

3. Name of Company/Establishment  
.....

4. Address .....

5. Number and type of products processed e.g. Fish, Shrimp, Molluses

**6. TYPE OF PROCESSING**

- a. Fresh (on ice)
- b. Frozen
- c. Cooking
- d. Salting, pickling, marinating
- e. Smoking
- f. Meals / Oils / Silage
- g. Canning
- h. Other

**7. Utility Supplies**

- a. Water supply
  - 1) Artesian well
  - 2) Filtered Reservoir Water
  - 3) Clean Sea Water

- b. Power Source (Electricity)
  - 1) National Grid
  - 2) Other Source

**GENERATOR**

TYPE/BRAND .....

NO .....

GENERATING CAPACITY .....

c. Ice Supply

1) Ice Plant Type/Brand .....

2) No .....

3) Capacity .....

d. Other .....

8. Description of factory/premises

a. Condition of

1) Walls.....

2) Floor.....

3) Ceiling .....

9. Plant Equipment

a. Cold Storage Facilities

1) Type.....

2) No .....

3) Capacity .....

4) Others .....

b. Blast Freezing Facilities

1) Type.....

2) No .....

3) Capacity .....

4) Others .....

c. Chill Storage Facilities

1) Type.....

2) No .....



3) Capacity .....

4) Others .....

d. Shrimp Lines

1) Type.....

2) No .....

3) Capacity .....

e. Fish Lines

1) Type.....

2) No .....

3) Capacity .....

f. Smoking Kiln

1) Type.....

2) No .....

3) Capacity .....

g. Dryers

1) Type.....

2) No .....

3) Capacity .....

h. Water Storage Capacity.....

i. Other Equipment

1)

2)

10. Disposal/Treatment of Waste water

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.....  
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11. Processing/Laboratory Facilities

a) Type of Laboratory Facilities

- 1) Biochemical
- 2) Processing (Engineering)
- 3) Biophysical

b) Routine tests conducted on products (please complete if applicable)

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c) OTHER

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12. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- a. Land Use Clearance (Approval in principle) and Building Plans
- b. Approval from Central Housing and Planning Authority
- c. Registration with the Georgetown City Council (Applicable only within the limits of the City of Georgetown) Yes/No
- d. Registration with other Town Council/ Neighbourhood Democratic Council where establishment is located
- e. Certificate of Fitness of premises/factory for food processing from the Central Board of Health or Mayor and City Council (only applicable within the limits of the City Council) Yes/No
- f. Food Handlers Certificate for establishment personnel. Yes/No
- g. I hereby certify that all the information given by me/us on this form is true and correct to the best of my/our knowledge.

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SIGNATURE

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FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

APPROVED/REJECTED

.....

Chief Fisheries Officer

**FORM D (1)**

(Regulations 20(3))

**LICENCE TO FISH**

Fisheries Department  
Ministry of Agriculture  
Georgetown  
Guyana

.....20.....

Permission is hereby granted to ..... of .....  
(being the registered owner of a fishing boat other than a trawler **not exceeding 15 meters** in length) to engage in fishing with the said fishing boat within the fisheries waters until the 31<sup>st</sup> of December, 20.....

Name of Fishing Boat.....

FEE: G\$ 900/m.

Mesh size.....cm.

Gear type.....

Quantity.....kgs.

.....

Chief Fisheries Officer

**Form D(2)**

(Regulation 20(3))

**LICENCE TO FISH**

Fisheries Department  
Ministry of Agriculture  
Georgetown  
Guyana

.....20.....

Permission is hereby granted to ..... of .....  
(being the registered owner of a fishing boat other than a trawler **exceeding 150 meters in**  
length) to engage in fishing with the said fishing boat within the fisheries waters until the 31<sup>st</sup> of  
December, 20.....

Name of Fishing Boat.....

FEE: G\$ 1,500/m.

Mesh size.....cm.

Gear type.....

Quantity.....kgs.

.....  
Chief Fisheries Officer

**Form D(3)**

(Regulation 20(3))

**LICENCE TO FISH**

Fisheries Department  
Ministry of Agriculture  
Georgetown  
Guyana

.....20.....

Permission is hereby granted to ..... of .....  
(being the registered owner of a fishing trawler/boat exceeding 15 meters in length) to engage in  
fishing with the said fishing trawler/boat within the fisheries waters until the 31<sup>st</sup> of December,  
20.....

Name of Fishing Trawler/Boat.....

Type of Fishery.....

FEE: (TS) \$50,000.00

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Chief Fisheries Officer

**FORM D(4)**

**Regulation. 21(3)**

FISHERIES DEPARTMENT  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE  
GEORGETOWN  
GUYANA

LICENCE TO FISH IN GUYANA FISHERY ZONE (COMMERCIAL)

Permission is hereby granted to .....  
of..... (being the  
Registered owner of a fishing trawler/boat based in .....  
.....) to engage in fishing with the said vessel within the Fishery Zone of  
Guyana until .....20.....

Details of Vessel:

Name of Vessel .....  
Length Overall .....  
Beam .....  
Draft .....  
Gross Tonnage .....  
Make of Engine .....  
Horsepower of Engine .....  
Engine Number .....

FEE: .....

Dated this..... day of..... 20

.....  
Chief Fisheries Officer

**FORM D (5)**

(Regulation 21(3))

FISHERIES DEPARTMENT  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE  
GEORGETOWN  
GUYANA

**CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION OF FISHING VESSEL**

The Fishing Vessel..... has this .....  
day of ..... been registered with the Fisheries Department.

Registration No: .....  
Owner's Name: .....

Dimensions:

Length Overall: .....  
Beam: .....  
Depth: .....

Description: .....  
Engine: .....

Fee: G\$ 1,000.00

.....  
Chief Fisheries Officer

**FORM D (6)**

(Regulation 22(3))

**COMMERCIAL FISHER'S LICENCE TO FISH**

Fisheries Department  
Ministry of Agriculture  
Georgetown  
Guyana

..... 20.....

Permission is hereby granted to.....  
of .....  
to fish within the fisheries waters until the 31<sup>st</sup> December, 20.....

FEE:\$.....

FISHERS' #:.....

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Chief Fisheries Officer



**FORM D (7)**

(Regulation 28(3))

**LICENCE TO EXPORT OR IMPORT FISH**

Fisheries Department  
 Ministry of Agriculture  
 Georgetown  
 Guyana

.....20.....

Licence is hereby granted to .....

of .....

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..... to export or import as specified in the schedule below.

**SCHEDULE**

Description	Quantity	Value

1. This licence shall remain in force until the .....day

of .....20.....

2. ....  
 .....  
 .....

(Insert any other conditions that may be imposed)

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Chief Fisheries Officer

Fee: \$

**FORM D (8)**

(Regulation 29(3))

Fisheries Department  
Ministry of Agriculture  
Georgetown  
Guyana

.....20.....

**LICENCE TO OPERATE PROCESSING ESTABLISHMENT**

Permission is hereby granted to .....

of .....

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to operate a fish processing establishment, situated at

.....

.....

for the purpose of .....

.....

until the 31<sup>st</sup> December 20.....

FEE: G\$

Dated this .....day of .....20.....

.....

Chief Fisheries Officer

Form E(1)

(Regulation 30(1))

## GUYANA

**Application Form for High Seas Fishing Permit**

The application form shall contain details of –

PART A: General Fisheries Information				
1. Name of Owner:	SURNAME		OTHER NAME(S)	
2. Address of Owner:				
3. Nationality of Owner:	4. Name of Vessel:	5. Country of Registration:	6. Country Registration Number:	
7. Length of Vessel:	8. Length of Beam:	9. Draught:	10. Gross Tonnage:	11. Net Registered Tonnage:
12. Hull (Material)	13. Make and Horsepower of Engine:	14. Engine Number:	15. Engine Speed:	
16. Number of Winch/ Winch Capacity (Tons):	17. Radio Type : H.F. _____ V.H.F. _____ Other _____	18. Radar Type: Auto Pilot _____ Other _____	19. Beacon Number:	
20. Beacon Service Provider:	21. Radio Call Sign/Number Channels:	22. Type of Vessel Monitoring Device:		
23. Processing Equipment:	24. Facilities for Preserving Catch:	25. Storage Capacity:	26. Type of BRD:	
27. Gear to be used: Type _____	28. Type of Turtle Excluder Device:	29. Species to be Caught:	30. Fuel Capacity:	

Quantity _____			
31. Means of Obtaining Fuel:	32. Base of Operations: Name of Port _____ Country _____	33. Name of Vessel Master:	34. Total Number of Crew:
35. Proposed Fishing Area:  Proposed Fishing Zone:	36. If previously licensed, state the number of the previous licence and any change to the information previously given to attain that licence: _____ _____		
37. Period of Validity of Licence Requested:	38. Proposed date of commencement of fish operations:	39. Current Fishing Licences held for elsewhere in the region:	
<b>PART B: Authorized High Seas Fishing Activity</b>			
You must select at least one; however, check only those under which you will actually fish. You are responsible for meeting the reporting requirements for all you select.			
<input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Highly Migratory Species Fisheries <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Pacific Tuna Fisheries <input type="checkbox"/> South Pacific Albacore Troll Fishing <input type="checkbox"/> Western Pacific Pelagic Fisheries <input type="checkbox"/> South Pacific Tuna Fisheries <input type="checkbox"/> Atlantic Highly Migratory Species <input type="checkbox"/> Antarctic Marine Living Resources <input type="checkbox"/> Northwest Atlantic Trawl Fishery			

**Documents to be submitted**

Photographs of vessel

Evidence of registration

Insurance

Evidence of ownership

Seaworthiness Certificate

Receipt of payment for Radio frequency

Beacon number

**Form E (2)**

(Regulation 30 (3))

**Permit to Fish in the High Seas**

Fisheries Department  
Ministry of Agriculture  
Georgetown  
Guyana

.....20.....

Permission is hereby granted to ..... of .....  
.....(being a  
registered owner of a trawler/boat exceeding 15 meters in length) to engage in fishing within the High  
Seas until .....20.....

**Details of the Vessel:**

Name of Vessel .....  
Length Overall .....  
Beam .....  
Gross Tonnage .....  
Make of Engine .....  
Horsepower of Engine .....  
Engine Number .....  
Fee .....  
Type of Gear .....

**Authorised Target Species**

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**Authorised High Seas Fishing Activity**

- 1. ....
- 2. ....
- 3. ....

.....  
Minister of Agriculture Signature

**Form F (1)**

(Regulation (33(2)))

**APPLICATION FORM FOR FISH PEN/PIN-SEINE PERMIT**

Name of Applicant: .....

Address: .....

Telephone No.: .....

Name of fishing boat: .....

Particulars of Fish Pen .....

    Local area name: .....

    GPS Position: .....

    No. of Fish Pens: .....

    Tide to be used: .....

.....  
**Signature of Applicant**

**Form F(2)**

(Regulation 33(4))

**Fish Pen/Pin Seine Permit**

Fisheries Department  
 Ministry of Agriculture  
 Georgetown  
 Guyana

.....20...

..... is hereby permitted to operate fish pen/pin-seine  
 No ..... Situated.....at  
 ..... (GPS location  
 .....) until the 31<sup>st</sup> December, 20.....

FEE: G\$ 1000.00

.....  
 Chief Fisheries Officer

**Form G(1)**

(Regulation 42(2))

**Application Form for Permit to use a Fish Aggregating Device**

Name of Owner .....

Address.....

Name of Vessel .....

Materials Used .....

Intended Location (Coordinates).....

Serial Nos.....

Number of FADs.....

.....

Signature of Applicant

**Form G (2)**

(Regulation 42(4))

**Permit for use of a Fish Aggregating Device**

Permission is granted to..... of ..... to use  
 Fish Aggregating Devices until the 31<sup>st</sup> December, 20.....

No. of Fish Aggregating Devices.....

Location of Fish Aggregating Devices.....

Registration Nos. of Fish Aggregating Devices.....

Date:.....

.....

Signature of Chief Fisheries Officer

**FOURTH SCHEDULE**

(Regulation 48(1))

The Turtle Excluder Device shall not be less than 32 inches in length and 32 inches in width and shall consist of the following specifications:

**(a) 71 inches Opening (Single Flap):**

Step 1: The leading edge cut measurement shall not be less than 71 inches when stretched.

Step 2: The side cut measurement shall not be less than 26 inches when stretched.

Step 3: The side attachment shall not be more than 6 inches beyond grid.

Step 4: The flap length shall not be more than 24 inches beyond grid.

Step 5: The escape opening measurement shall not be less than 71 inches when stretched.

**(b) Double Cover Opening:**

Step 1: The leading edge cut measurement shall not be less than 56 inches when stretched.

Step 2: The side cut measurement shall not be less than 20 inches when stretched.

Step 3: The over-lap section shall not be less than 15 inches when stretched.

Step 4: The flap length shall not be more than 24 inches beyond grid.

- (c) The angle of the turtle excluder device shall be 45 degrees to 55 degrees within the trawl net.
- (d) The steel bars shall be placed 4 inches apart.
- (e) The flotation device shall be balanced.
- (f) Each trawl net, including spare nets, on every fishing boat shall be affixed with a turtle excluder device.



**FIFTH SCHEDULE**

(Regulation 51(1))

The implementation period for vessel monitoring devices shall be from the time of coming into force of these Regulations as follows -

<b>Category of Vessel</b>	<b>Implementation Period</b>
1. Trawlers	Immediate effect
2. Semi- industrial	2 years
3. Artisanal (exceeding 40 ft. in length)	2 years
4. Artisanal (not exceeding 40 ft. in length)	5 years
4. Foreign Registered	1 year

**SIXTH SCHEDULE**

(Regulation 51(3))

**Form A****Vessel Monitoring Device Installation Information Form**

Company/Owner's Name.....

Date: .....

COMPANY	BEACON NO.	VESSEL NAME	INSTALLATION DATE	COMMENTS

**SEVENTH SCHEDULE**

(Regulation 57(1))

**Vessel Monitoring System's Coordinator Report**

Date:.....

Vessel Name	Beacon No.	Date/Time of Departure	Date/ Time of Arrival	No. of Days at sea	Infringements*	Remarks

\* fathom line, beacon

Made this *21<sup>st</sup>* day of *May* 2018



**Hon. Noel Holder, M.P.  
Minister of Agriculture**