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Statutory Notifications (S.R.O.)

GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN
MINISTRY OF MARITIME AFFAIRS

NOTIFICATION

Islamabad, the 4th August, 2021

S. R. O. 994(I)/2021.— In exercise of the powers conferred by section 449 of the Pakistan Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 2001 (LII of 2001), the Federal Government is pleased to make the following rules, namely:—

CHAPTER I

PRELIMINARY

1. **Short title, application and commencement.**—(1) These rules shall be called the Fishing Vessels Inspection Rules, 2020.

(2) These rules shall apply to sea-going fishing vessels propelled mechanically.

(3) These rules shall come into force at once.

Price : Rs. 20.00

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2. **Definitions.**—(1) In these rules, unless the context otherwise requires,—

(a) "certificate of Inspection" means a certificate of inspection granted under section 442 of the Ordinance to fishing vessel of twelve meters in length and over;

(b) "fishing vessel safety certificate" means a certificate of inspection granted under section 442 of the Ordinance to fishing vessel of twenty-four meters in length and over including vessels having facility to process the catch;

(c) "fishing vessel exemption certificate" means a fishing vessel exemption certificate granted under these rules;

(d) "fishing vessel's registry" means principal officer of Mercantile Marine Department, Karachi or a person duly authorized in this behalf by Federal Government;

(e) "Form" means a form specified in Schedule II;

(f) "Ordinance" means the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 2001 (LII of 2001); and

(g) "Schedule" means a schedule appended to these rules.

3. **Application for certificate of inspection or fishing vessel safety certificate.**—(1) Every application for the grant of a certificate under this rule shall be made by the owner, agent or skipper of a fishing vessel to the Registrar in form FV-1 in the Schedule II.

(2) Every such application shall be accompanied by such fees as are specified in Part A of Schedule I.

4. **Inspection of fishing boats.**—On receipt of an application under rule 3, the Registrar shall nominate a surveyor to inspect the fishing boat .

5. **Preparation for inspection.**—The following preliminaries shall be completed by the owner, agent or skipper of a fishing boat before an inspection is commenced, namely:—

(a) the fishing boat shall be made clean and free from fish and ice; and

(b) rigging and equipment shall be kept handy for inspection.

6. **Inspection.**—(1) In respect of every fishing vessel, there shall be annual, intermediate and renewal inspection and docking inspection.

(2) In respect of annual inspection, the following parts and items of machinery spaces of fishing vessel shall be inspected, namely:—

(a) main and auxiliary engines, condition, guards, exhaust, no exposed high temperature surfaces, fuel line etc;

(b) bilges condition, no potential risk of oil being pumped overboard or save-alls under filters or closure of fuel tank isolating valves when not in use;

(c) condition of pipe work, securing clamps, skin fittings, sea cocks and their ease of operation;

(d) electrical cables condition, securely clipped, electrically safe;

(e) batteries condition and connections properly secured;

(f) bulkheads, frames condition;

(g) fire doors, flaps etc. condition;

(h) steering gear condition, operational test;

(i) fire risk and hazards;

(j) arrangement for oil fuel, lubricating oil and other flammable oil, operation of remote means of closing valves on tanks that contain oil fuel, lubricating oil and other flammable oils;

(k) fire extinguishing and special arrangements in the machinery space, operating of opening and closing of skylights, release of smoke, closure of ventilator openings, stopping of ventilation fans, stopping of fuel and other pumps that discharge fuel; and

(l) skipper and engine drivers are duly certified as per the rules made under the Inland Mechanically Propelled Vessels Act, 1917 (I of 1917), if gross tonnage thereof is less than twenty-five.

(3) In respect of annual inspection, the following parts and items of deck and deck machinery of fishing vessel shall be inspected, namely:—

(a) decks condition;

(b) watertight doors, condition and operation;

(c) watertight hatches or coaming, condition and operation;

(d) bulwarks condition;

(e) ease of access to safety equipment;

(f) embarkation arrangements for life rafts (if provided); and

(g) encourage owner and crew to wear or use personnel safety gears all times during working on deck or in machinery spaces.

(4) In respect of annual inspection, the following parts and items of wheel house and cabin of fishing vessel shall be inspected, namely:—

(a) wheelhouse condition of doors and windows;

(b) record of LSA equipment examined;

(c) instruction of on-board maintenance onboard, inspect any immersion suits, thermal protective aids etc;

(d) emergency instructions available for each person onboard. Copies of suitably up-dated muster list may be posted in conspicuous places and in language understood by all person onboard and posters and signs in the vicinity of survival craft and their launching stations as applicable; and

(e) condition of navigation and communications instrument and operation.

(5) In respect of annual inspection, the following mandatory of fishing vessel shall be inspected, namely:—

(a) lifejackets, including whistles, retro-reflective material and lights;

(b) inflatable liferaft (if provided), the hydrostatic release unit and/or float free arrangements;

(c) servicing record of liferaft;

(d) portable and non-portable fire extinguishers of correct type, condition, adequately maintained, annually serviced;

(e) fire blanket in galley if provided;

(f) fire pump, hydrants hose and nozzles jet of water produced at any part of the vessel whilst required pressure is maintained in fire main;

(g) fire bucket with lanyard as applicable;

(h) fixed firefighting system for machinery spaces if provided, as appropriate, and means of operation clearly marked;

(i) test of bilge pumping system;

(j) bilge alarm of machinery space and fish room or hold to be checked, if provided;

(k) navigation lights, shapes and sound signaling equipment;

(l) operation of two-way VHF radio telephone apparatus;

(m) safety operation of fishing gear, winches, wires, block, nets, lines etc; and

(n) anchor and cable warp condition.

(6) In respect of intermediate and renewal inspection, the following items of fishing vessel shall be inspected, namely:—

(a) overhauling record or inspection of main bearing, cylinder head, valves, etc. of Main and Auxiliary engines;

(b) inspection of sea side filter and sea chest or overboard valves;

(c) inspection of oil fuel and lubricating oil tanks and valves;

(d) bilges condition, no potential risk of oil being pumped overboard or save-ails under filters or closure of fuel tank isolating valves when not in use;

(e) condition of pipe work, securing clamps, skin fittings, sea cocks and their ease of operation;

(f) electrical cables condition, securely clipped, electrically safe;

(g) batteries condition and connections properly secured;

(h) bulkheads, frames condition;

(i) fire doors, flaps etc. condition;

(j) steering gear condition, operational test;

(k) fire risk and hazards;

(l) arrangement for oil fuel, lubricating oil and other flammable oil. Operation of remote means of closing valves on tanks that contain oil fuel, lubricating oil and other flammable oils; and

(m) fire extinguishing and special arrangements in the machinery space. Operating of opening and closing of skylights, release of smoke, closure of ventilator openings, stopping of ventilation fans, stopping of fuel and other pumps that discharge fuel.

(7) In respect of docking inspection, the following items of fishing vessel shall be inspected, namely:—

(a) all ship-side valves, gratings, bottom plugs examination;

(b) thorough inspection of bottom, keel and fastening metal pieces, nails, screws etc;

(c) check the joints between planks and frames visually, looking for gaps or any sign that the plank is not tight against the frame;

(d) keel bolts, keelson, clamps and stringers, inspect these structural members for signs of working, check for unevenness of joints or any other signs of movement or working;

(e) inspect the hardness of the inner planking, particularly in the deep bilge or any place that is wet or looks suspect;

(f) cupped or warped planks;

(g) open seams and seepage from interior after bottom is dry;

(h) planks with split ends or splits anywhere;

(i) loose seams;

(j) sound planks with heavy hammer for sound of looseness;

(k) discoloration around screw heads;

(l) special attention to butt ends;

(m) under tanks and engines stress from heavy loads; and

(n) damp environments like under fish holds, refrigeration, etc.

(8) In respect of every fishing vessel, it shall be inspected to ensure that it is equipped with life saving appliances and fire fighting appliances as required by the rules made for the provisions of such appliances under Part VI of the Ordinance and shall be equipped with the lights, shapes and sound signals, specified in the relevant regulations.

7. **Issue of certificate.**—On the Registrar being satisfied on the basis of the report of the surveyor that the fishing boat has complied with the provisions of the foregoing rules, he shall grant a certificate in form FV-III.

8. **Validity of certificates.**—Validity of certificates shall be as follow, namely:—

(a) certificate of inspection shall be valid maximum for two years or for such shorter period as may be decided by Registrar of Fishing on the basis of the report of surveyor and circumstances;

(b) fishing vessel safety certificate shall be valid maximum for five years subject to annual and intermediate surveys completion. This certificate may be extended for maximum of one year in special circumstances of the case; and

(c) fishing vessel exemption certificate validity may be decided by the Registrar which may be for any duration depending upon the type of exemption.

9. **Fishing vessel exemption certificate.**—In respect of fishing vessel of twenty-four meters in length and over, including vessels having processing capability of their catch, certificate may be granted for exemption from any requirement required as per these rules for any duration under the provision of sub-section (2) of section 443 of the Ordinance.

10. **Defects.**—If the surveyor finds that any defect exists in the hull, machinery, equipments or rigging of a fishing vessel, he shall address a letter to the owner or skipper of such vessel in from FV-II pointing out the defect and the repairs necessary to make them good.

11. **Delivery of expired certificates.**—Where a certificate issued under these rules in respect of a fishing boat has expired or such vessel has undergone material alteration or met with accident or where the certificate of inspection has been cancelled, under section 442(4) of the Ordinance, the owner, agent or skipper of such vessel shall surrender the certificate to the Registrar of the first port of call.

12. **Issue of duplicate certificates.**—(1) In the event of an original certificate being destroyed, lost, mislaid, mutilated, or defaced, the Registrar may, on an application made to him stating the full facts and upon being satisfied of the genuineness of the case, grant a duplicate certificate.

(2) Every such application shall be accompanied by a fee as laid down in Schedule I.

(3) If the original certificate stated to be mislaid, lost or destroyed, shall at any time after the issue of a duplicate thereof be found, it shall forthwith be delivered to the issuing authority.

13. **Returns.**—Every Registrar shall submit to the Principal Officer, Mercantile Marine Department, Karachi on or before the 15th day of January and the 15th day of July of each year a return showing the particulars of certificates issued during the previous half year in from FV- IV.

14. **Production of certificate.**—The owner, agent or skipper of every fishing boat shall produce the certificate on demand by any officer of the Customs department or any officer of Maritime Security Agency or a Surveyor of the Mercantile Marine Department.

[No.5(6)/2020-P&S.]

RIZWAN AHMED,
Secretary.

SCHEDULE-I

[*see* rule 3(2)]

A.	For inspections of	Fee
1.	Fishing vessels of 12 Meters Registered length and over	Rs. 5,000
2.	Fishing vessels exceeding 24 metersRegistered length and over	Rs. 5,000 + Rs. 500 for each meter length or part thereof in excess of 20metres
B.	For issue of a duplicate copy of Certificate of inspection	Rs. 2,000
C.	Fishing Vessel exemption certificate	Rs.2,000

SCHEDULE – II

FORMS

[see rule 2(e)]

FORMS NO. FV- I

[see rule 3]

APPLICATION FOR INSPECTION OF A FISHING BOAT

[See rule 3(1)]

To

The registrar at the port of .....

Sir,

I hereby apply for the inspection of the fishing boat described below. The necessary inspection fee of Rs. ..... is enclosed.

Dated this ..... day of 20

Yours faithfuly,
[Owner or skipper]

PARTICULARS OF VESSEL

Name & number of Length fishing boat	Description	Tonnage Gross Net built	When and where

Name & address of owner	Nature of inspection Annual/Intermediate	Date of proposed Inspection	Place of Inspection

FROM NO. FV – II

DEFECT LIST
(See rule 7)

Issued by the
Govt.of Pakistan

To

The Owner/ Skiper of Fishing Boat .....
No..... of the port of .....

Sir,

I have inspected the above fishing boat in accordance with the Fishing vessels Inspection Rules 2020 and following repairs are required to make good the defects:—

Hull: .....
.....

Equipments .....
.....

Engine: .....
.....

Yours Faithfuly,
[SURVEYOR]

Dated ..... at.....

.....

FORM NO. FV – III

CERTIFICATE OF INSPECTION OF A FISHING BOAT
[See Rule 8(1)]

Issued by the
Govt. of Pakistan

Name & description of fishing boat	Port of Registry & Number	Tonnage Gross Net of Owner	Name and address

THIS TO CERTIFY—

I. That the above mentioned fishing boat has been duly inspected in accordance with the provisions of the Fishing Vessels Inspection Rules 2020.

II. That the life saving appliance are provided for a total number of ..... Persons **viz** :—

..... life-boats/ boats/ rescue boats capable of accommodating.....persons ;

.....Inflatable life-rafts capable of supporting.....persons;

..... lifejackets;
.....lifebuoys;

III. That the inspection showed that the fishing boat's hull, machinery, rigging, life saving appliances, fire appliances and other equipments are in good condition and that it is provided with navigation lights and shapes, andmeans of making sound signals and distress signals in accordance with the provisions of the Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea.

IV. That an approved stability booklet is provided on board. The minimum freeboard required in association with the stability criteria is millimeters.

V. PARTICULARS OF ENGINES/AUXILIARY ENGINE AS SUPPLIED BY MANUFACTURES / OWNERS

Make used	Description	B.H.P.	Nature of Fuel

Date on which the fishing boat was inspected in dry-dock, slipway or yard.....
.....

Name of skipper
.....

THIS CERTIFICATE UNLESS PREVIOUSLY CANCELLED SHALL REMAIN IN FORCE UNTIL THE.....DAY OF .....20.....

Registrar of fishing vessels

.....

Date.....

FORM NO. FV- IV

HALF-YEARLY RETURN OF CERTIFICATES OF INSPECTION OF FISHING BOATS

Ports of .....

(SEE RULE 11)

Issued by the
Govt. of Pakistan

Name of boat	Port of and Number	Tonnage Gross	Tonnage Net	Type	length	Date of Inspection	Date of issue of dry-dock/ Yard	Date of expiry of Certificate	Fishing Certificate of Insp.	Registry of Insp.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		9	

Date .....
To
The Registrar of Shipping .....
Karachi

Registrar of Fishing Vessels

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