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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.

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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
- (1) 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:—