

Fisheries (Fishing Harbour) Rules

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FIRST SCHEDULE

SECOND SCHEDULE

THIRD SCHEDULE Repealed

FOURTH SCHEDULE Part I

Legislative History

**FISHERIES ACT
(CHAPTER 111, SECTION 7)**

FISHERIES (FISHING HARBOUR) RULES

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Citation

1. These Rules may be cited as the Fisheries (Fishing Harbour) Rules.

Definitions

2. In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires —

“fishing harbour” means any of the places set out in the First Schedule and includes any wharf, pier, dock, jetty, landing place and their adjoining areas on

which may be erected fish markets, fish processing plants, repair yards and fuel and ice supply installations;

“proceed to sea” means beyond Port Limits as gazetted from time to time under the provisions of the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore Act (Cap. 170A);
[S 224/2019 wef 01/04/2019]

“vessel” includes any ship or boat or any other description of vessel used in navigation.

Location of fishing harbours

3. The places set out in the First Schedule shall be fishing harbours for the purposes of these Rules.

Saving

4. These Rules shall not affect in any manner the liability of any person or vessel to comply with any regulations made pursuant to the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore Act (Cap. 170A).

Fishing vessels loading and unloading cargo

5. No fishing vessel shall, except with the permission of the Director-General, load or unload —

- (a) fish, ice, fuel, stores, provisions at any place other than a fishing harbour; and
- (b) cargo other than fish, ice, fuel, stores or provisions at a fishing harbour.

[Subst. by S 235 /93 wef 1.7.93.]
[S 224/2019 wef 01/04/2019]

Other vessels prohibited

6. Except with the permission of the Director-General, no vessel other than a fishing vessel, or a vessel belonging to the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore, the Government or a statutory board shall use any fishing harbour.

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Fees

6A.—(1) No vessel shall, except upon the payment of the appropriate fee as set out in the Fourth Schedule, use any of the fishing harbours set out in Parts I and II of the First Schedule.

[S 151/98 wef 01/04/1998]

(2) The Director-General may, in his discretion, waive wholly or partly the payment

of any fee.

[S 224/2019 wef 01/04/2019]

(3) The Director-General may refuse to permit a fishing vessel to use a fishing harbour without assigning any reason.

[S 373 /92 wef 21.9.92.]
[S 224/2019 wef 01/04/2019]

Duties of master

7. The master of every vessel within any fishing harbour shall —

- (a) ensure that his vessel is adequately moored and that the moorings are tended as may be required by the rise and fall of the tide or the passing of other vessels; and
- (b) have at all times on board a sufficient number of men to take appropriate action in the case of an emergency.

Directions of fishery officer

8.—(1) A fishery officer may direct where any vessel shall be berthed, moored or anchored within a fishing harbour and may impose such conditions as he may think fit, and may direct the removal of any vessel from such berth or anchorage to another berth or anchorage, and the time within which the removal shall be effected.

(2) In case of refusal or neglect to comply with paragraph (1), a fishery officer may do or cause to be done all such acts as are reasonable or necessary for the purpose of carrying out such direction.

Report of accidents

9. If any vessel is involved in an accident within a fishing harbour, the master of the vessel shall, within 24 hours, submit a full report to the Director-General.

[S 224/2019 wef 01/04/2019]

Duties of master on arrival

10. The master of any fishing vessel on arrival in Singapore shall, within 24 hours —

- (a) supply to the Director-General a report in such form as he may prescribe containing the following particulars:
 - (i) the date and time of arrival of the vessel;
 - (ii) a list of crew members;
 - (iii) a list of passengers, if any;

- (iv) a list of animals on board, if any; and
 - (v) such other particulars as the Director-General may require; and
[S 224/2019 wef 01/04/2019]
- (b) deposit or cause to be deposited at the fishing harbour office —
- (i) the document giving his vessel port clearance from his last port;
 - (ii) a copy of any document listing the cargo to be deposited, discharged or transhipped in the port or place; and
 - (iii) the log book of the vessel.

Port clearance

11.—(1) No fishing vessel shall proceed to sea without a port clearance issued by the Director-General.

[S 224/2019 wef 01/04/2019]

(2) Such port clearance shall be in such form as the Director-General may prescribe.

[S 224/2019 wef 01/04/2019]

(3) *[Deleted by S 73/2022 wef 08/02/2022]*

Delayed sailing

12. If the master of any fishing vessel obtains a port clearance and does not sail within 48 hours thereafter, he shall report to the Director-General his reason or reasons for not sailing, and if so required, obtain a fresh port clearance.

[S 224/2019 wef 01/04/2019]

Application for port clearance

13.—(1) An application for port clearance shall be in such form as the Director-General may prescribe.

[S 224/2019 wef 01/04/2019]

(2) No port clearance shall be granted to any fishing vessel whose owner, agent or master has not complied with the Registration of Imports and Exports Act [Cap. 270] or any other written law relating to the import or export of goods from any port or place in Singapore.

(3) Where under these Rules or any other written law in force in Singapore, a fishing vessel may be detained and if so detained, the Director-General shall not issue a port clearance to that fishing vessel.

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