

### PRE LICENSED CONDITIONS:

Fishing in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the United Republic of Tanzania is governed by the Deep Sea Fishing Authority Act No. 1 of 1998 (as Amended by Act No. 17 of 2007 and its Regulations of 2009 (as Amended by Regulations of 2016)

A person who wishes to conduct fishing in the Exclusive Economic Zone of the United Republic shall apply for a license and registration of Automatic Location Communicator (ALC) to the Director General.

The address for application is here under:

**The Director General,  
The Deep Sea Fishing Authority (DSFA),  
P. O. Box 56,  
Zanzibar.**

A person applying for fishing license and registration of Automatic Location Communicator shall have a legal representative or Agent acceptable to the Authority, who is a citizen of the United Republic of Tanzania and who shall be equally responsible for all actions of the Fishing vessel. The person through his legal representative or Agent shall lodge to the Director General an application through duly filled the Application form. Such an application shall be accompanied with the following documents in terms of hard copies (NB: Preferably, electronic copies can be transmitted in advance for DSFA to proactively act prior to arrival of the hard copies):

i. Copy of the vessel Certificate of registration;

- ii. Copy of ship surveyor's Certificate;
- iii. Copy of certificate of Seaworthiness;
- iv. List of crew names showing citizenship;
- v. Recent colored photographs of the respective vessel (A6 format), showing clearly all sides of vessel to include starboard side, portside side, Stern and the plan view;
- vi. Recent colored photograph of the owner or operator/chatterer and the would be Captain /Skipper;
- vii. Proof of insurance for a vessel and crews.

Once the applicant submits the above documents, the DSFA will request the Applicant to avail the vessel intended to be used for fishing for inspection either at Zanzibar Port, Dar es Salaam, Port or any other port nominated by the Applicant. It is worthy having an English speaker onboard a fishing vessel to which a license is applied for.

After the said request by DSFA, the applicant shall provide a Twenty Four (24) hours notice of vessel's estimated time of arrival, weight by fish species catch onboard and port of call to the Director General, and shall ensure that, the vessel only enters the EEZ of Tanzania for inspection once the notification has been acknowledged by the Director General.

Where the Applicant has nominated a port other than Zanzibar or Dar es Salaam port, the applicant shall bear all costs for inspection of the vessel in the nominated port. The cost referred to have to conform to the rates approved by Authority.

Once the DSFA satisfied for its inspection and pre licensed conditions provided by the Applicant, the DSFA will request the Applicant to provide for a

financial assurance (Performance Bond) for the fulfillment of all obligations arising out of the license, the Act and Regulations, including potential costs relating to rescue, recovery of other costs and fines, penalties or compensation for violations against the Act and Regulations, and shall be drawn upon in such manner as may be prescribed by the Authority.

The amount of financial assurance shall be determined by the Director General subject to Section 18 of the Act.

Once the Applicant submits financial assurance, the DSFA will transmit a letter of approval or endorsement accompanied with an invoice for payment of fees according to the relevant Schedule in the DSFA Regulations.

Within seven days of application and after the fulfilment of pre-licensing criteria set by the DSFA, the Director General will be grant a fishing license to the Applicant to fish in Tanzania EEZ.

The Director General may refuse to grant a fishing license if the Applicant fails to comply with the pre licensed conditions provided and will, in writing notify the applicant of his refusal to grant a license and reasons for the refusal.

### LICENSED FISHING VESSEL CONDITIONS:

Once the Director General grant a fishing license, the Licensee shall ensure that a licensed fishing vessel:

- i. is brought either to Dar-es-Salaam, Zanzibar, Mtwara or Tanga or any other port designated by the Minister for inspection and verification of fishery resources destined for export market.

- ii. is not discarding any by-catch at sea;
- iii. collects and transports by-catch to any of the local ports for local market;
- iv. while in the jurisdiction of the United Republic fly the flag of the state she is registered;
- v. is linked to a Vessel Monitoring System installed in the office of the Authority to enable monitoring of vessels while in the United Republic;
- vi. is marked with the local identification mark in the manner prescribed by the law.

The Licensee shall also ensure that:

- i. employ Tanzanian Crews at least ten (10) percent of total number of crews onboard;
- ii. Pay to DSFA additional fee of USD 0.4 per kilogram of authorized fish caught;
- iii. Rare fish and seabird species listed under Convention on International Trade on Endangered Species and any other Convention which the United Republic is a party are not caught and in case of incidental catch be returned to the sea as soon as possible.

A captain of a licensed fishing vessel while discharging his functions shall:

- i. allows on board two officers of the Authority who shall oversee compliance with national and international laws all the time the vessel is in Economic Exclusive Zone of the United Republic;
- ii. has on board a map of the Exclusive Economic Zone of the United Republic;
- iii. reports to the Director General whenever the

- vessel enters and leaves the Exclusive Economic Zone of the United Republic;
- iv. prepares entry and exit to the Exclusive Economic Zone report containing information specifying position of the vessel by latitudes and longitudes, date and time, quantity and species of fish on board;
- v. gives information to the Director General on the last port of call and fishing area before the vessel enters the Exclusive Economic Zone;
- vi. gives information to the Director General on the last fishing area and weight by species of fish caught in the jurisdiction of the United Republic before the vessel leaves the Exclusive Economic Zone; and
- vii. reports on daily basis to the Director General by fax, vessel monitoring system or e-mail on weight and types of fish caught.

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**PROCEDURES FOR APPLICATION  
FOR A LICENSE TO FISH IN  
EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE OF  
THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF  
TANZANIA**