

GOVERNMENT OF KERALA  
**Transport, Fisheries & Ports (E) Department**  
NOTIFICATION

G.O.(P) 72/81/T F & PD.

Dated, Trivandrum, 6th August, 1981

**S.R.O. No. 927/81**—Whereas under section 7 of the Kerala Marine Fishing Regulation Act, 1980 (10 of 1981) no person shall after the commencement of the said Act carry on fishing in any specified area using a fishing vessel which is not licensed under section 6 of the said Act;

And whereas Government consider that the provisions relating to licensing of country crafts including those fitted with mechanical means of propulsion used for fishing in any specified area, cause hardship to the owners of the vessels;

And whereas the Government are of the opinion that it is necessary in the public interest to exempt the said vessels from the provisions of section 6 and 7 of the said Act;

Now therefore in exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section (2) of section 22 of the Kerala Marine Fishing Regulation Act, 1980 (10 of 1981) the Government of Kerala hereby exempt all country crafts including those fitted with mechanical means of propulsion used for fishing in such specified area hereunder specified, from the provisions of sections 6 and 7 of the said Act.

**Specified Area**

The area in the sea along the entire coastline of the State but not beyond the territorial waters

By order of the Governor,

**D. BABU PAUL,**  
*Special Secretary to Government*

**Explanatory Note**

(This note is not part of this order but is intended to indicate its general purport).

Section 7 of the Kerala Marine Fishing Regulation Act, 1980 prohibits fishing using fishing vessels, which are not licensed. Section 6 of the Act provides for licensing of fishing vessels. It also empowers the Government to fix the fees and the security in respect of licenses for different classes of fishing vessels. This notification is intended to exempt all country crafts including those fitted with mechanical means of propulsion used for fishing in the sea along the entire coast line of the State within the territorial waters, from the requirement of obtaining licenses under the said provisions of the Act.