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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA
Fisheries and Ports (B) Department
NOTIFICATION

G.O.(P) 30/89/F & PD.

Dated, Trivandrum, 17th July, 1989

S.R.O. No. 1236/89—Whereas there is need to preserve law and order in the sea;

AND Whereas there is need to avoid accident and ensure safety of life and property of fishermen

NOW Therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 4 of the Kerala Marine Fishing Regulation Act, 1980 (10 of 1981), read with rule 3 of the Kerala Marine Fishing Regulation Rules, 1980 the Government of Kerala hereby restrict the use of the specified area notified under G. O. (P)/136/84/PW. F & PD dated the 30th November, 1984 published as S.R.O. No.1496/84 in Kerala Gazette Extraordinary dated the 3rd December, 1984 by imposing the following pre-requisites for vessels going for bottom trawl fishing beyond territorial waters:

- (i) The engine fitted in the boat shall have minimum power of 160 HP and the hull shall have a length of not less than 43 feet.
- (ii) The boat shall have a minimum length of 500 m wire rope in the winch drum.
- (iii) The boat shall carry on board sufficient number of life saving and fire fighting appliances as stipulated under section 435k of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 (Central Act XLIV of 1958).
- (iv) There shall be a valid Registration Certificate issued under section 417 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 or section 11 of the Marine Products Export Development Authority Act, 1972 (Central Act 13 of 1972)
- (v) There shall be a valid certificate of inspection issued under section 421 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 (Central Act XLIV of 1958).
- (vi) The Syrang and the Driver shall possess the Competency Certificate issued by the Mercantile Marine Department / Port Department.
- (vii) The boat shall carry on board articles of first aid and navigational aids such as Mariners Compass.

By order of the Governor,
C.T. SUKUMARAN,
Secretary to Government

Explanatory Note

(This note does not form part of this notification but is intended to indicate its general purport)

Section 4 (1) of the Kerala Marine Fishing Regulation Act 1980 empowers Government to regulate restrict and prohibit the use of any specified area for purpose of fishing.

There have been a number of complaints from among the traditional fishermen that the vessels prohibited from conducting fishing in the territorial waters are actually fishing within the prohibited area.

The mechanized boats of less than 43 feet length are not capable of conducting trawling beyond the territorial waters. Claims to the contrary can only be false in as much as it has been established that such boats cannot operate safely during the monsoon season beyond the territorial waters without endangering human life. Therefore the Government have decided to prescribe certain pre-requisites for trawling boats going for fishing beyond territorial waters to ensure that bottom trawl fishing is not conducted in the prohibited area.

This notification is intended to achieve the above purpose.