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GOVERNMENT OF KERALA

Fisheries and Ports (B) Department NOTIFICATION

G.O.(P) 31/90/F & PD.

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram 25th June 1990

S.R.O. No. 874/90—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 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 No. 1055 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 a minimum power of 160 HP and the hull shall a length of not less than 43 feet.
- (ii) The boat shall have a minimum length of 500m. wire rope in the winch drum

- (iii) The boat shall carry on board sufficient number of life saving appliances and fire appliances as stipulated under, section 435k of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 (Central Act XLIV of 1958)
- (iv) The Syrang and the Driver shall possess the competency Certificate issued by the Mercantile Marine Department / Port Department
- (v) The boat shall carry on board articles of first aid and navigational aids such as Mariners Compass.

By order of the Governor,

M.S. JOSEPH,

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 can not operated 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.