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Fisheries and Ports (B) Department
NOTIFICATION

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Dated Trivandrum 18th June 1994

S.R.O. No. 850/94 – 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 fishing vessels going for fishing beyond the territorial waters through 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 Extra ordinary No. 1055 dated the 3rd December, 1984 by imposing the following pre-requisites, namely:-

- (i) The engine fitted in the fishing vessel shall have a minimum power of 160 HP and the hull shall have a length of not less than 43 feet.
- (ii) The fishing vessel shall have a minimum length of 500 m wire rope in the winch drum
- (iii) The fishing vessel shall carry on board sufficient number of life saving appliances and fire appliances as stipulated under, section 435 K 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

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- (v) The fishing vessel shall carry on board articles of first aid and navigational aids such as Mariners Compass.

- (vi) The fishing vessel shall carry a valid certificate issued under the Merchant Shipping (Indian Fishing Boat Inspection) Rules, 1988.

By Order of the Government,
C. CHANDRAN,
Secretary to Government

Explanatory Note

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

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

The fishing vessel of less than 43 feet length and does not satisfy certain condition are not capable of conducting fishing beyond the territorial waters. Claims to the contrary can only be false in as much as it has been established that such vessels cannot operate safely during the monsoon season beyond the territorial waters without endangering human life and property. Therefore, the Government have decided to restrict the use of the fishing vessels going for fishing beyond territorial waters through the specified area by imposing certain pre-requisites.

This notification is intended to achieve the above purpose.