

THE FISHERIES (FOREIGN FISHING VESSELS) REGULATIONS
(Section 23)

LN 68/1981
LN 84/1983

[31st December 1981]

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Fisheries (Foreign Fishing Vessels) Regulations. Citation

2. In these Regulations —

Interpretation

*“fishery limits” means the seas surrounding Solomon Islands to a distance of two hundred nautical miles from the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured;

“good standing” means the original status granted to vessels applying for inclusion on the regional register;

“observer” means any person authorised by the Principal Licensing Officer to observe, record and report any or all aspects of fishing operations or to carry out related duties that the Principal Licensing Officer may require from time to time;

“permit” means a permit granted under section ¹⁶~~7(2)~~ of the Act;

“permit activation period” means the period during which the Principal Licensing Officer has authorised fishing activities;

“regional fisheries agency” means the South Pacific Forum Fisheries Agency, or the South Pacific Commission or any other agency which the Principal Licensing Officer may designate to receive information on behalf of the Government;

“regional register” means the South Pacific Forum Fisheries Agency Regional Fishing Vessel Register maintained at Honiara, Solomon Islands according to procedures established by its member governments;

“territorial seas” means the territorial seas of Solomon Islands as defined in the Delimitation of Marine Waters Act.

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3. Each permit shall be in conformity either with Form F1 or as the case may be with Form F2 in the First Schedule to these Regulations but may contain such informative additions as the licensing officer may consider expedient.

Form of permit

* Vide section 4 of the Fishery Limits Act (Cap. 96).

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Validity of
permit
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4. (1) The issuance of a permit shall be conditional upon the vessel having good standing on the regional register.

(2) A permit shall be valid from the date of issue for the period endorsed on the permit by the Principal Licensing Officer, such date not to exceed one year.

(3) A permit shall remain valid only while the vessel retains good standing on the regional register.

Permit
authorisation

5. A permit shall authorise a vessel to do such things as are endorsed on the permit in accordance with section ⁷₁₆ of the Act during the permit activation period.

Permit activation
period
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6.—(1) Permit activation shall be conditional upon the following:—

(a) payment of the required fee, or guarantee of such payment acceptable to the Principal Licensing Officer, shall be made before a permit is activated;

(b) no refund of any fee paid in respect of the issuance or the activation of a permit shall be made;

(c) no permit shall be transferable.

(2) The permit activation period may be either—

(a) for the period of the permit; or

(b) for such period or periods as the Principal Licensing Officer may from time to time specify in writing.

Conditions of
permit
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7. It shall be a condition of each permit that the master of the foreign vessel in respect of which the permit was issued shall:

(a) comply with the Act and any regulations made thereunder;

(b) comply with the lawful instructions of an authorised officer;

(c) permit an authorised officer to inspect the vessel, its catch, its gear and its navigational and catch records;

(d) carry the permit on board and, on demand of an authorised officer, produce the permit or, where the permit has not been received, the number of the current permit issued in respect of the vessel;

(e) carry on board an observer who shall be permitted to board or leave the vessel—

(i) at such times and places within the fishery limits

as may be required by the Principal Licensing Officer;

- (ii) at such times and places outside the fishery limits (including, where appropriate, the port of voyage commencement or the port or place of unloading) as the Principal Licensing Officer, in consultation with the owner or charterer of the vessel, may require;

(f) provide maintenance for such observer including food, accommodation and medical care of a standard equivalent to that provided for officers of the vessel;

(g) allow such observer to observe and record any or all aspects of the fishing operations and allow him access —

- (i) to the catch on board and at unloading in order to obtain management related or biological information and samples;
- (ii) to the daily catch records;
- (iii) to charts and navigational records;
- (iv) to communication channels with the Principal Licensing Officer for the purpose of his duties; and
- (v) to such other facilities and equipment as may reasonably be required to enable the observer to carry out his duties.

8. It shall be an additional condition of each permit issued to the master of a foreign fishing vessel chartered by any company or fishermen's co-operative society incorporated under the laws of Solomon Islands and having its principal place of business in Solomon Islands that the master shall —

Additional
conditions for
locally chartered
foreign fishing
vessels
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(a) not, save for baitfishing, fish within five hundred metres of low water mark or within one nautical mile of any village nor fish within any local fishing area specified by the Principal Licensing Officer and shown on the local fishing area maps approved by the Principal Licensing Officer or in any manner not authorised by the permit;

(b) if permitted to engage in pole and line fishing —

- (i) not bait-fish in any area unless such area is shown on the current set of baitground maps approved by the Principal Licensing Officer and is the subject of an agreement between the customary baitground owners and the company

8. It shall be an additional condition of each permit issued to the master of a foreign fishing vessel chartered by any company or fishermen's co-operative society incorporated under the laws of Solomon Islands and having its principal place of business in Solomon Islands that the master shall— Additional conditions for locally chartered foreign fishing vessels

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(a) ~~not, save for baitfishing, fish within five hundred metres of low water mark or within one nautical mile of any village nor fish within any local fishing area specified by the Principal Licensing Officer and shown on the local fishing area maps approved by the Principal Licensing Officer or in any manner not authorised by the permit;~~

(b) ~~if permitted to engage in pole and line fishing—~~

(i) ~~not bait fish in any area unless such area is shown on the current set of baitground maps approved by the Principal Licensing Officer and is the subject of an agreement between the customary baitground owners and the company or fishermen's co-operative by which the foreign fishing vessel is chartered;~~

(ii) carry on board at all times the current set of baitground maps approved by the Principal Licensing Officer; and

(iii) keep a daily record of bait-fishing operations in a form approved by the Principal Licensing Officer;

(c) carry on board at all times the current set of local fishing area maps as approved by the Principal Licensing Officer;

(d) keep a daily record of all other fishing operations in a form approved by the Principal Licensing Officer;

(e) report weekly to the Principal Licensing Officer, in such manner and form as he may require, vessel position, a summary of the catch on board by weight of species and such other information as he may require;

(f) provide the Principal Licensing Officer, in such manner and form as he may require, a daily record of bait fishing and other fishing operations, or on the approval of the Principal Licensing Officer, a summary total thereof, or in the event the vessel does not operate within the fishery limits during a period of a permit activation, a statement of no operations—

(i) not more than 14 days after the completion of each voyage; and

(ii) at such other times as the Principal Licensing Officer may require;

(g) remove all foreign fishing registration marks from the vessel and legibly paint—

(i) the identifying mark shown on the permit at the turn of the bow, on both sides of the bridge superstructure, and on such other part of the vessel as may be required by the Principal Licensing Officer, in black on white, white on black or similar contrasting colours, clear and distinct, with letters and figures of not less than one metre high;

(ii) the name of the vessel in English in large letters at the bow and stern of the vessel;

(h) clearly exhibit the identifying mark shown on the permit on all bait-fishing boats and fixed fishing gear;

(i) not fish on any submerged reef outside the limits described in paragraph (a) without prior written permission pursuant to an agreement of terms and conditions of access including payments (if any), with the customary owners, Area Councils and Provincial Governments under whose ownership or jurisdiction such reef falls.

9. It shall be an additional condition of each permit issued to the master of a foreign fishing vessel other than a vessel mentioned in regulation 8 that the master shall— Additional conditions for other foreign fishing vessels
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(a) report to the Principal Licensing Officer, or such regional fisheries agency as he may require, and in a form approved by the Principal Licensing Officer, the following information—

(i) expected vessel position, date and time of entry and catch on board at least 24 hours before entry to the fishery limits;

(ii) vessel position, date and time of entry to and exit from the fishery limits together with weight of each species on board at those times;

(iii) vessel position and weight of each species on board at such regular intervals as he may require;

(b) maintain a current daily catch and effort record on board such vessel in a form approved by the Principal Licensing Officer, while operating within the fishery limits;

(c) dispatch the completed catch and effort record, referred to in paragraph (b) to the Principal Licensing Officer, or such regional fisheries agency as he may require, not more than seven (7) days after the completion of a voyage, or such other time as the Principal Licensing Officer may require;

(d) dispatch a statement of no operations in a form specified by the Principal Licensing Officer to him within seven (7) days after the completion of a voyage if such vessel has not operated within the fishery limits during a voyage when such vessel has been so authorised;

(e) not fish in the waters contained within the outermost limits of the territorial seas of Solomon Islands or outside the limits endorsed on the permit or in any manner not authorised by the permit;

(f) legibly paint—

(i) the identifying mark (international Radio Call Sign) shown on the permit on the hull amidships on both sides and on such other part of the vessel as may be required by the Principal Licensing Officer in black on white or white on black or in contrasting colours, clear and distinct, with letters and figures not less than one metre high, and

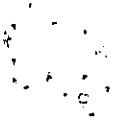
(ii) the name of the vessel in English in large letters on the bows and stern of the vessel.

10. A licensing officer may impose such further conditions as may be required for the purpose of sections 3(2) and 7 of the Act including in particular conditions required by any agreement made between the Government of Solomon Islands of the one part and a foreign government or foreign fishing association, co-operative or corporation of the other part. Further conditions

11. Any fishing gear aboard a foreign fishing vessel not permitted to fish within the fishery limits shall while the vessel is within the fishery limits be stowed wholly inboard the vessel and— Foreign fishing vessel to stow gear

(a) nets, trawlboards and weights shall be disconnected from towing or hauling wires or ropes and all mechanical hauling devices shall be sufficiently disconnected to be incapable of immediate use;

(b) if carried on or above deck, shall be secured to some part of the super-structure or hull of the vessel.



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- (ii) the name of the vessel in English in large letters on the bows and stern of the vessel.

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(b) if carried on or above deck, shall be secured to some part of the super-structure or hull of the vessel.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Form F1

SOLOMON ISLANDS

PERMIT FOR FOREIGN FISHING VESSEL

(Fisheries Act and Fisheries (Foreign Fishing Vessel) Regulations)

PART I

Permit No.

THE VESSEL NAMED BELOW IS AUTHORISED TO ENTER THE
FISHERY LIMITS OF SOLOMON ISLANDS DURING THE PERMIT
ACTIVATION PERIOD FOR THE PURPOSES INDICATED IN PART 2.

Issued to

Address

Name and address of owner of vessel

Name of vessel

Type of vessel

Port and country of registry

Registration No.

Identification mark

Length Registered net tonnage

Engine horsepower

Radio call sign Frequency

Permit Period from to

PERMIT AUTHORISATION. For the purposes specified in Part 2 during the
Permit Activation Period only.

PERMIT ACTIVATION PERIOD (a) The Permit Period.

or

(b) Such period or periods as the
licensing officer may from time to
time specify in writing.

PART 2

AUTHORISATION TO FISH

Description of fishing operations authorised

Areas which may be fished

Species of fish to be taken

Authorised landing places

Further conditions

AUTHORISATION TO LOAD, UNLOAD OR TRANSHIP

Description of operations authorised

Further conditions

AUTHORISATION TO LOAD OR UNLOAD FUEL AND SUPPLIES

Description of operations authorised

Authorised bunkering ports

Authorised number and frequency of visits

Dated at this day of
..... 19
Licensing Officer

NOTE. THE HOLDER OF THIS PERMIT IS SUBJECT TO THE FISHERIES
ACT AND TO THE REGULATIONS MADE UNDER THE ACT, IN
PARTICULAR TO THE FISHERIES (FOREIGN FISHING
VESSELS) REGULATIONS.

Form F2

SOLOMON ISLANDS

PERMIT FOR FOREIGN FISHING VESSEL CHARTERED TO LOCAL
COMPANY OR CO-OPERATIVE(Fisheries Act and Fisheries (Foreign Fishing Vessel)
Regulations)

PART I

Permit No.

THE VESSEL NAMED BELOW IS AUTHORISED TO FISH WITHIN
THE FISHERY LIMITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH PART II OF THIS
PERMIT DURING THE PERMIT ACTIVATION PERIOD.

Issued to

Address

Name and address of owner of vessel

Name and address of company or co-operative chartering vessel

Period of charter: from to

Name of vessel identification mark

Port of Registry

Radio call sign Frequency

Length Tonnage

Engine horsepower

Permit Period: from to

Permit Authorisation: For the purposes specified in Part 2 during the Permit
Activation Period only.

Permit Activation Period:

(a) The Permit Period.

or

(b) Such period or periods as the licens-
ing officer from time to time specify
in writing.

PART II

Permitted fishing operations

Areas which may be fished

Species of fish to be taken

Further conditions

Dated at this day of
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Licensing Officer

NOTES. 1. THE HOLDER OF THIS PERMIT IS SUBJECT TO THE FISHERIES ACT AND TO THE REGULATIONS MADE UNDER THE ACT, IN PARTICULAR TO THE FISHERIES (FOREIGN FISHING VESSELS) REGULATIONS.

2. UNDER SECTION 7(6) OF THE FISHERIES ACT BREACH OF THE CONDITIONS OF THIS PERMIT MAY MAKE THE OWNER, MASTER AND CHARTERER OF THE VESSEL EACH LIABLE TO A FINE OF \$ 25,000.00.

THE FISHERIES (LOCAL FISHING VESSELS) REGULATIONS
(Section 23)

[31st December 1981]

LN 69/1981
LN 26/1983
LN 105/1984
LN 75/1988
LN 117/1988
LN 27/1993
LN 20/1995

Citation

1. These Regulation may be cited as the Fisheries (Local Fishing Vessels) Regulations.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

“licence” means a licence granted under section 6 of the Act.

Forms

3. The form of application for a licence and the licence shall be in conformity with Form L1 and Form L2 in the First Schedule provided that the licence may contain such informative additions as the Licensing Officer may consider expedient.

4. The fee for a licence shall be \$1,000.00

Fees
LN 27/1993
LN 20/1995

5. A licensing officer may, when satisfied, that a licence has been lost or destroyed, issue a duplicate licence on payment of the fee of \$100.00.

Duplicate
LN 27/1993

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6. The master of the vessel in respect of which the licence was issued shall—

Obligations of
master of
licensed vessel

(a) comply with the Act and the regulations made under the Act;

(b) comply with the lawful instructions of an authorised officer;

(c) permit an authorised officer to inspect the vessel, its catch and gear;

(d) present the catch for examination and weighing when required by a fisheries officer;

(e) carry an observer on behalf of the Principal Licensing Officer whenever required;

(f) not, save for baitfishing, fish within five hundred metres of low water mark, within one nautical mile of any village or fish within any local fishing area specified by the Principal Licensing Officer until an agreement in writing between the licensee and the person or persons who have, over those waters, custom ownership, trusteeship recognised by the responsible Area Council or Councils or jurisdiction recognised under the Provincial Government

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Act has been signed by or on behalf of the parties, verified by the Provincial Government and received by the Principal Licensing Officer;

(g) if licensed for pole and line fishing—

- (i) not bait-fish in any area unless such area is shown on the current set of baitground maps approved by the Principal Licensing Officer and is the subject of an agreement between the customary baitground owners and the owner of the vessel, or its charterers;
- (ii) carry on board at all times the latest set of baitground maps approved by the Principal Licensing Officer; and
- (iii) keep a daily record of bait-fishing operations in a form approved by the Principal Licensing Officer;

(h) carry on board at all times the current set of local fishing area maps approved by the Principal Licensing Officer;

(i) keep a daily record of all other fishing operations in a form approved by the Principal Licensing Officer;

(j) submit a copy of each daily record of bait-fishing and other fishing operations, or with the agreement of the Principal Licensing Officer a summary total thereof, to the Principal Licensing Officer as often as he shall require;

(k) legibly paint the identifying mark shown on the licence in black on a white background on both sides of the hull at the turn of the bow of the vessel and on both sides of the bridge superstructure and on such part of the vessel as may be required by the Principal Licensing Officer with letters and numbers not less than 30 centimetres high each stroke thereof being not less than 5 centimetres wide; or as prescribed by the Principal Licensing Officer;

(l) clearly exhibit the said identifying mark on all bait-fishing boats and fixed fishing gear;

(m) not fish in any manner not authorised by the licence.

FIRST SCHEDULE

Form L1

SOLOMON ISLANDS

FISHERIES (LOCAL FISHING VESSELS) REGULATIONS

APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE

Details of Applicant and Owner of Vessel

1. Name of applicant
2. Address of applicant
3. Name and address of owner if different from above
4. Name of Fisheries Co-operative Society, if any, of which applicant or owner is a member

Details of Vessel

5. Name of vessel Type of vessel
6. Fishing identification mark
7. Port of Registry Registration Number
8. Length (m) Gross tonnage
9. Inboard engine number Horse power
10. Outboard engines horsepower
11. Fish freezing ability Yes No Tonnes/day
Temperature (°C)
12. Frozen hold capacity (tonnes) Temperature (°C)
13. Ice holding ability Yes No Refrigerated hold capacity
(tonnes)
14. Do you have a valid survey certificate Yes. No

Details of Fishing Operations

Type of fishing equipment

Areas to be fished

Species of fish to be taken

LN 75/1973

Places where catch to be unloaded

I apply for a licence for the local fishing vessel named above and declare that the information given above is true and complete. I agree to comply with the provisions of the Fisheries Act, the regulations made under it and the conditions of any licence issued to me.

Date Signature

Note: You should fill in the next page only if you are applying in respect of pole and line vessel.

Details of Pole and Line Baitboats

Vessel name

Number of baitboats

Details of Baitboats

	Baitboat 1	Baitboat 2	Baitboat 3	Baitboat 4
Length				
Breadth				
Engine				
Horse power				
Generator Engine				
Generator power				

Power of bulb used

Number of under-water lights used with vessel

Size of bait net operated by vessel

Form L2

SOLOMON ISLANDS
FISHERIES (LOCAL FISHING VESSELS)
REGULATIONS

Licence No.

LICENSEE

Name of licensee

Address

Name and address of owner of vessel

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VESSEL

Name of vessel

Fishing vessel identification mark

Port of registry Registration Number

Radio call sign Frequency

Length (m) Tonnage

Number of inboard engines Horse power

Number of outboard engines Horse power

CONDITIONS

Type of fishing equipment authorised

Areas to be fished

Species of fish to be taken

THE HOLDER OF THIS LICENCE SHALL COMPLY WITH AND ENSURE
THE VESSEL IS USED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FISHERIES ACT
AND WITH THE REGULATIONS MADE UNDER IT.

VALIDITY

Valid from to

Dated at this day of 198 .

Licensing Officer

THE FISHERIES (PROHIBITION OF IMPORTATION OF LIVE FISH)
REGULATIONS
(Section 20(K))

[5th October 1973]

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Fisheries (Prohibition of Importation of Live Fish) Regulations.

2.—(1) Subject to regulation 3, the importation of live fish is hereby prohibited.

(2) Any person who contravenes the provisions of paragraph (1) shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a fine of one hundred dollars or to imprisonment for three months, or to both such fine and such imprisonment.

3. The Principal Fisheries Officer may in writing at any time, and subject to such terms and conditions as he may specify, authorise the importation of live fish.

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