

1966 Extension and Modification of the 1959 Maritime Code

Decree Law No. 7 of 1 November 1966 as converted into Law, with a few more amendments, by **Law No. 3 of 7 January 1967**, which also amended slightly Articles 4, 9 and 12 of the (1966) Decree Law

Preamble

CHAPTER 1 GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1 Extension of the Maritime Code to the Northern Regions

Article 2 Ministry of Communications and Transport

Article 3 Territorial Sea

Article 4 Administrative Divisions of the Shores (*Amended by Article 1 of Law No. 3 of 7 January 1967 as follows:*

'5. For the purpose of the Maritime Administration, the Shores of the State Territory shall be considered a single Maritime Circumscription with Mogadiscio as the chief town; and its office shall be called the Maritime and Port Service of Mogadiscio. The maritime circumscription shall include the Maritime Sections of Chisimaio, extending from Ras Chiambone to Ras Audulla (excluding Ras Audulla); of Merca; extending from Ras Audulla to Danane (excluding Danane); of Mogadiscio, extending from Danane to El Cabone (excluding El Cabone); of Obbia, extending from El Cabone to Eil (excluding Eil); of Alula, extending from Eil to Durbo (excluding Durbo); of Bosaso, extending from Durbo to Bender Ziad (including Bender Zaid); of Las Koreh, extending from Bender Ziad to Ras Sura; of Mait extending from Ras Sura to Ras Khanzir of Berbera, extending from Ras Khanzir to Bulhar (excloding Bulhar); of Zeila, extending from Bulhar to Loya Ada:¹ and the Maritime Branch Offices of Brava, Adale, Eil, Bender Beila, Hafun, Hordio, Bargal, Candala, Elayu, and Heis'.

Article 5 Maritime Authority

Article 6 Maritime Authority's power to impose fine for disciplinary reasons on physical and juridical reasons

Article 7 Staff of the Maritime Authority

Article 8 Flag of the Mercantile Marine

CHAPTER II SHIPPING AND FORWARDING AGENTS

Article 9 Shipping and Forwarding Agents (*Amended by Article 1 of Law No. 3 of 7 January 1967 as follows:*

- 1. The Shipping and Forwarding Agents shall have the right to deal with the Maritime Authority and the dependent offices in respect of documents and formalities relating to ships, dhows, and floating crafts, on behalf of third persons (ship-owners, navigation companies, shipmasters, etc.).*
- 2. Shipping and Forwarding Agents, except as otherwise provided by special laws, shall be licenced by the Maritime Authority. The licence may be issued on an application presented, together with the following documents, by the applicant:*
 - a) birth certificate, showing that the applicant is of age;*
 - b) certificate of residence and nationality;*
 - c) good conduct certificate;*
 - d) Chamber of Commerce certificate showing that the applicant*

¹ Somaliland coast

has worked for , at least two years as an apprentice with a shipping or Forwarding Agent, and possesses therefore the required experience;
e) certificate issued by the Maritime Authority showing that the applicant has passed an examination in maritime and port matters;
f) deposit into the Somali National Bank of Sh. So. 3,000 (three thousand) according to the prescribed rules;
g) acceptance to comply with all formalities and obligations prescribed by the Maritime Authority, including the payment of an annual fee of Sh. So. 1,000 (one thousand) for the Shipping Agent licences.
3. The issue of the licence shall be subject to the payment of a fee of Sh. So. 500 (five hundred).
The annual renewal fee of the licence shall be Sh. So. 150 (one hundred fifty).

CHAPTER III REGISTRATION FEES AND ANNUAL TAX

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CHAPTER IV DOCUMENTATION: IDENTIFICATION AND TRANSFER OF VESSELS

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- 1. Any sea going vessel wherever built, owned by a Somali citizen or a foreign national, shall be eligible for documentation. The terms "citizen" and "national" shall include corporations, partnerships and associations of individuals.*
- 2. Any vessel, either self-propelled or the sailing type weighing less than 1,000 net tons engaged solely in trading between ports in the Republic, shall be registered locally.*

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