

LAW No. 3 of 7 January, 1967.

Conversion into law, with amendments, of Decree-law No. 7 of 1 November 1966  
«Extension and Modification of the Maritime Code».

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC

Taking note of the approval of the National Assembly  
HEREBY PROMULGATES  
the following Law:

Article 1

Decree-law No. 7 of 1 November 1966 «Extension and Modification of the Maritime Code» is hereby converted into law, with the following amendments:

Art. 4 — Administrative Division of the Shores — Art. 5 (Administrative Division of the Shores) of Legislative Decree No. 1 of 21 February 1959 shall be substituted by the following:

«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 Ziad); 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 (excluding Bulhar); of Zeila, extending from Bulhar to Loya Ada; and the Maritime Branch Offices of Brava, Adale, Eil, Bender Beila, Hafun, Hordio, Bargal, Candala, Elayu, and Heis».

Art. 9 — *Shipping and Forwarding Agents.*

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 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).

Art. 12 — *Vessels eligible to be registered.*

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 of the sailing type weighing less than 1.000 net tons engaged solely in trading between ports in the Republic, shall be registered locally.

Article 2

*Entry into Force*

This law shall come into force on the day following the date of its publications in the Official Bulletin, and shall be included in the Official Compilation of Law and Decrees of the Somali Republic.

All persons shall be required to observe it and to cause others to observe it as a law of the State.

Mogadiscio, 7 January, 1967.

**ADEN ABDULA OSMAN**

*The Prime Minister*  
**ABDIRIZAK HAGI HUSSEN**

**ADEN ISSAK AHMED**  
*The Minister of Communication and Transport*