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# **LAW NO. 27**

## **THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC –**

BY VIRTUE OF RULES OF THE DECREE, AND BY VIRTUE OF WHAT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTRY HELD ON 18/11/1429 A. HIJRI / 16/11/2008 A.D. – ISSUES THE FOLLOWING :

### **FIRST CHAPTER :**

( DEFINITIONS )

ARTICLE NO. 1

THE FOLLOWING PHRASES MEAN WHAT HAVE BEEN CLARIFIED BY THE EXPRESSION STATED NEAR EACH ONE :

THE MINISTRY : THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT .

THE MINSITER : THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT.

THE DIRECTORATE : GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF PORTS ( CONCERNED MARITIME DEPARTMENT )

GENERAL DIRECTOR : THE GENERAL DIRECTOR OF PORTS

PORT AUTHORITIES : THE DIRECTORATE AUTHORITY AT PORT.

THE VESSEL : ANY FLOATING OBJECT WITH SELF DRIVEN EQUIPMENT, VALD FR SAILING. ANY EQUIPMENTS USED ON BOARD ARE TO BE DEEMED AS PARTS OF THE VESSEL.

VESSEL'S TONNAGE ( G.R.T.) : THE TOTAL VOLUME OF ALL SPACES OF THE VESSEL . THEY ARE MEASURED IN REGISTERED TON. THE LOADED VOLUME IS TO BE STATED BY THE CONCERNED DEPARTMENT ACCORDING TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF TONNAGE FOR THE YEAR 1969, AND THE NATIONAL RULES AS WELL.

REGISTERED TON : IS THE MEASURING UNIT OF THE LOAD WHICH IS EQUIVALENT TO 2.83 CBM.

VESSEL' WEIGHT ( LIGHT SHIP ) IS THE WEIGHT OF THE VESSEL'S BODY PLUS ITS EQUIPMENTS ACCORDING TO THE SHIP'S STABILITY BOOKLET RECOGNIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

FREE PRATIQUE : IS GIVING THE VESSEL FREE ENTRY INTO PORT TO WORK THROUGH A COMMITTEE FORMED FOR THIS PURPOSE.

### **SECONF CHAPTER:**

PART ONE :

( SHIPS' BUILDING )

ARTICLE NO. 2

ALL SHIPS BUILT IN THE DULY AUTHORIZED AND LICENCED DOCKS OF THE NATIONAL WORKSHOPS ARE SUBJECT TO GET AN OFFICIAL LICENSURE AWARDED BY THE DEPARTMENT AGAINST A LETTER PRESENTED BY THE PERSON WISHES TO BUILD A SHIP, ENCLOSED WITH TECHNICAL REPORTS AND PLANS ACCORDING TO THE TYPE OF THE VESSEL NEEDED TO BE BUILT BESIDES ITS GROSS TONNAGE. A FEE OF FIVE HUNDRED SYRIAN POUNDS PER EACH METER OF THE OVERALL LENGTH OF THE VESSEL WILL BE COLLECTED

PART NO. 2

( REGISTERING A VESSEL, TRANSFERING HER OWNERSHIP AND DELETION OF VESSEL )

### ARTICLE NO. 3

- A. A LOCALLY BUILT VESSEL IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF THE PERSON REQUESTING THE LICENSURE AT ANY REGISTERING PORT RECOGNIZED BY THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT BY VIRTUE OF A RESOLUTION ISSUED BY THE MINISTER.
- B. THE STATED VESSEL OR THE SOLD ONE IS REGISTERED UNDER THE NATIONAL FLAG BY VIRTUE OF DOCUMENTS CERTIFIED BY THE DIRECTORATE ACCORDING TO A RESOLUTION ISSUED BY THE MINISTER.
- C. THE VESSEL IS REGISTERED AFTER CONFIRMING HER TECHNICAL READINESS THROUGH TECHNICAL INSPECTION CARRIED ON HER AT THE BERTHING PORT; WHETHER NATIONAL OR ABROAD, BY SURVEYORS WELL RECOGNIED BY THE DIRECTORATE, OR BY THOSE WHO ARE AUTHORIZED BY THE GENERAL DIRECTOR ACCORDING TO THE REQUEST OF THE PERSON REQUESTING THIS.

### ARTICLE NO. 4

- A. A FEE OF VESSEL OWNERSHIP IS TO BE COLLECTED ON THE BASIS OF FIFTY SYRIAN POUNDS PER EACH GROSS REGISTERED TON ( G.R.T.)
- B. THE REGISTRATION FEE OF THE VESSEL IS TWENTY – FIVE SYRIAN POUNDS PER EACH GROSS REGISTERED TON ( G.R.T.)
- C. THE ANNUAL FEE IS TO BE LEVYED ON VESSELS ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA :
  1. THIRTY-FIVE SYRIAN POUNDS PER GROSS REGISTERED TON OVER 10,000 REGISTERED TONS.
  2. TWENTY-FIVE SYRIAN POUNDS PER EACH GROSS REGISTERED TON OVER 10,000 REGISTERED TONS.
- D. UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED THE TAX OF CAPITAL PROFIT ON VESSELS SOLD AS FOLLOWS:
  1. AT THE RATE OF ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE SYRIAN POUNDS PER EACH TON OF THE LIGHT SHIP, IF THE AGE OF THE VESSEL IS 25 TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AND OVER.
  2. THIS TAX IS TO BE INCREASED BY 2 SYRIAN POUNDS PER EACH LIGHT SHIP WEIGHT FOR SHIPS OF AGE LESS THAN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS.

### ARTICLE NO. 6

#### ( DELETION OF A REGISTRATION )

- A. THE VESSEL IS DELETED FROM THE VESSELS' REGISTRATION RECORD, AND A DELETION CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED IN THE FOLLOWING CASES:
  1. IF THE SHIP IS DESTROYED , OR CONFISCATED, OR DROWNED OR BURNT.
  2. IF THE SHIP IS SOLD FOR A FOREIGNER, IN CASE THE NEW OWNER WISHED TO DELETE THE SHIP AND RAISE A FLAG OTHER THAN THE SYRIAN ONE.
  3. IF THE VESSEL IS NO LONGER FIT FOR SAILING.
  4. BY VIRTUE OF A JUDICIAL VERDICT.
- B. A FEE FOR THE DELETION CERTIFICATE IS TO BE COLLECTED AS FOLLOWS :
  1. THIRTY SYRIAN POUNDS PER GEACH GROSS REGISTERED TON FOR VESSELS OF 200 TONS OR LESS.

2. TWENTY-FIVE SYRIAN POUNDS PER EACH GROSS REGISTERED TON FOR VESSELS OF 201 – 500 REGISTERED TONS.
3. TEN SYRIAN POUNDS PER EACH REGISTERED TON FOR VESSELS OVER 500 REGISTERED TONS .

### **THIRD CHAPTER :**

( FEES )

ARTICLE NO. 7 :

EVERY VESSEL OF MORE THAN FIVE TONS REGISTERED TONS CALLING THE SYRIAN PORTS OR BERTING IN THE TERRITORIAL WATERS WILL BE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING FEES :

A. ARRIVING FEE :

1. ONE SYRIAN POUND, OR 4 AMERICAN CENTS, OR EQUIVALENT IN FOREIGN CURRENCY PER EACH TON OF THE REGISTERED TONNAGE FOR VESSELS UPTO 1000 GROSS REGISTERED TONS.
2. ONE HALF OF A SYRIAN POUND, OR 2 AMERICAN CENTS OR EQUIVALENT IN FOREIGN CURRENCY PER EACH REGISTERED TON FOR VESSELS OVER 1000 GROSS REGISTERED TONS AND NOT MORE THAN 3000 REGISTERED TONS.
3. A QUARTER OF A SYRIAN POUND, OR ONE AND A HALF AMERICAN CENTS PER EACH REGISTERED TON FOR VESSELS OVER 3000 REGISTERED TONS.

B. DEPARTURE FEE:

A DEPARTURE FEE OF SYP. 100.00 ONE HUNDRED SYRIAN POUNDS, OR USD 5.00 OR EQUIVALENT AMOUNT IN ANY FOREIGN CURRENCY ACCEPTED BY SYRIAN BANKS, IS TO BE APPLIED FOR EVERY VESSEL UPON LEAVING ANY SYRIAN PORT

C. LIGHT HOUSES' FEE :

1. ONE SYRIAN POUND, OR FIVE AMERICAN CENTS, OR EQUIVALENT PER EACH TON OF THE GROSS REGISTERED TONNAGE FOR VESSELS OF 1000 REGISTERED TONS.
2. ONE HALF OF A SYRIAN POUND, OR 2.5 AMERICAN CENTS, OR EQUIVALENT IN FOREIGN CURRENCY PER EACH REGISTERED TON FOR VESSELS OVER 1000 REGISTERED TONS.

ARTICLE NO. 8 :

- A. SYRIAN VESSELS OF NO MORE THAN 200 REGISTERED TONS ARE SUBJECT TO ANNUAL BERTHING FEE, AT FISHING OR EXCURSION PORTS , OR AT THE PERMANENT BERTHING AREAS STATED BY THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF PORTS, OF TWENTY-FIVE SYRIAN POUNDS PER EACH REGISTERED TON OF THE GROSS REGISTERED TONNAGE.
- B. THE ANNUAL FEE FOR VESSELS MENTIONED IN THE PREVIOUS ARTICLE SHOULD NOT BE LESS THAN ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIVE SYRIAN POUNDS.
- C. THE DUE ANNUAL FEE WILL BE DUE AND WILL BE COLLECTED DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THE GREGORIAN YEAR, THIS WILL BE DOUBLED COLLECTED IF PAYMENT IS DELAYED AFTER THE FIRST HALF OF THE GREGORIAN YEAR.

- D. SYRIAN VESSELS OF MORE THAN 200 REGISTERED TONS, UPON BERTHING AT ANY SYRIAN FISHING OR EXCURSION PORTS OR AT THE BERTHING AREAS, TO A DAILY BERTHING FEE OF A QUARTER OF A SYRIAN POUND PER EACH REGISTERED TON OF THE GROSS REGISTERED TONNAGE. THE PART OF THE DAY IS TO BE CALCULATED ONE FULL DAY.
- E. ALL FOREIGN VESSELS OF ANY TONNAGE ARE SUBJECT TO A DAILY FEE OF 3 AMERICAN CENTS OR EQUIVALENT OF FOREIGN CURRENCY WHEN THEY BERTH AT ANY FISHING, EXCURSION OF ANY BERTHING AREA. THE PART OF A DAY WILL BE CALCULATED AS A FULL DAY.

ARTICLE NO. 9 :

ARRIVAL FEE IS DISCOUNTED BY 50 % FOR THE FOLLOWING VESSELS :

- A. VESSELS REGISTERED IN THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC.
- B. FOREIGN VESSELS ARRIVING DIRECTLY FROM ANY SYRIAN PORT.
- C. CRUISE SHIPS, PROVIDED THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TOURISM IS INFORMED BEFORE HER ARRIVAL TO ANY SYRIAN PORT.
- D. LINER CRUISE SHIPS THAT CALL SYRIAN PORTS REGULARLY.

## **FOURTH CHAPTER :**

( EXEMPTIONS )

ARTICLE NO. 10 :

- A. ALL ARRIVING SYRIAN VESSELS ARE EXEMPTED FROM FEES MENTIONED IN THE TWO ARTICLES 7 AND 8 OF THIS LAW.
  - 1. WARSHIPS.
  - 2. TRAINING OR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH SHIPS.
  - 3. PUBLIC SECTOR COMPANIES WORKING IN THE TERRITOREAL WATERS, OR BETWEEN SYRIAN PORTS.
  - 4. ALL LICENCED FISHING BOATS, EXCURSION SHIPS, PASSENGER SHIPS, TRANSPORT SHIPS, MAINTENANCE SHIPS OR SUPPLY BOATS DULY LICENCED TO OPERATE IN THE TERRITOREAL WATERS.
- B. ALL FOREIGN VESSELS SIMILAR TO THOSE MENTIONED IN ARTICLE NO. ( A ) OF ALL FEES PROVIDED THAT SYRIAN VESSELS ARE GIVEN THE SAME TREATMENT BY THE OTHER GOVERNMENT.
- C. ALL FOREIGN VESSELS CALLING SYRIAN PORTS ARE EXEMPTED FROM FREE PRATIQUE , ARRIVING FEE, SAILING FEE AND LIGHT HOUSES FEE MENTIONED IN THE SEVENTH ARTICLE, IN THE FOLLOWING CASES :
  - 1. IN FORCE MAJEURE AND SUFDDEN ACCIDENTS OR DUE TO BAD WEATHER.
  - 2. WHILE ASKING FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, OR DISEMBARKING A SICK PERSON OR CALLING FOR RESCUE TEAMS.
  - 3. WHEN ABIDING AND EXECUTING THE ORDERS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES, OR THE ORDERS OF ANY SECURITY AUTHORITY.
  - 4. IN CASE THE CAPTAIN IS UNABLE TO CONTROL THE RIOT OR DISORDER ON BOARD.
  - 5. WHEN A VESSEL IS OBLIGED TO RETURN TO ANY SYRIAN PORT WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS OF HER SAILING FROM ANY SYRIAN PORT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMPASS ADJUSTMENT, OR CARRY OUT AN EXPERIMENT ON THE ENGINES, MACHINERIES OR ANY EQUIPMENT AFTER HAVING A DEFECT

THAT MIGHT ENDANGER OR HINDER HER SAILING. THESE VESSELS SHOULD NOT CARRY OUT ANY COMMERCIAL ACT AT THE BERTHING PORT, AND SHOULD BE READY TO SAIL AFTER THE ELAPSE OF THE REASON THAT NECESSITATED HER CALL BACK TO THE SYRIAN PORT.

D. ALL VESSELS RETURNING TO THE SYRIAN PORT SHE WAS BERTHING AT AND BEFORE HER ARRIVAL TO ANY OTHER FOREIGN PORT, ARE EXEMPTED FROM FREE PRATIQUE AND ALL FEES STATED IN THE SEVENTH ARTICLE IN THE FOLLOWING CASES :

1. IN FORCE MAJEURE, SUDDEN ACCIDENT OR DUE TO BAD MEATHER.
2. HAVING ANY DEFECTS IN HER MACHINERIES OR EQUIPMENTS THAT MAY PREVENT THE VESSEL FROM SAILING.
3. REQUESTING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR ANY CREW MEMBER , OR DISEMBARKING ANY SICK CREW MEMBER.
4. DISCOVERING ANY FUGITIVE ON BOARD OR ANY OTHER FOREIGNERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF HANDING THEM OVER TO THE CONCERNED AUTHORITIES.
5. TO DISEMBARK ANY PERSON WAS SAVED BY THE VESSEL OTHER THAN THE CREW MEMBERS.

ALL THESE VESSELS SHOULD NOT CARRY OUT ANY COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY, AND SHOULD BE READY AT ALL TIMES FOR SAILING AND LEAVING THE PORT ONCE THE CAUSE NECESSITATING HER CALL BACK IS ELAPSED.

E. ALL VESSELS MENTIONED IN THE TWO ARTICLES C AND D OF THIS ARTICLE SHOULD PRESENT A REPORT TO THE HARBOUR MASTER STATING THE REASONS THAT NECESSITATED HER CALL BACK, OTHERWISE THE NORMAL FEES WILL BE APPLIED.

ARTICLE NO. 11 :

ALL YACHTS FLYING SYRIAN FLAGS CALLING SYRIAN PORTS, IN CASE THEIR DEPTH IS NOT SUITABLE FOR THE FISHING OR EXCURSION BOATS, ARE EXEMPTED FROM ARRIVING, SAILING AND LIGHT HOUSES FEES.

ARTICLE NO. 12 :

ANY VESSEL LICENCED FOR ANY SPORT CLUB IN THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC FOR THE PURPOSE OF PRACTICING ANY MARINE SPORTS, ARE EXEMPTED FROM ALL FEES MENTIONED IN ARTICLES NO. 7 AND 8 OF THIS LAW; PROVIDED THAT THESE VESSELS SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSES.

ARTICLE NO. 13 :

ALL COMMERCIAL VESSELS, CARGO VESSELS, CARGO AND PASSENGER SHIPS, TANKS VESSELS, REFER VESSELS WHICH ARE INCLUDED IN THE FOLLOWING CUSTOMS ITEMS ARE EXMEPTED FROM CUSTOMS' FEES INCLUDING THE UNIFIED TAX AND THE VAT TAX :

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## **FIFTH CHAPTER :**

( FEES OF LEGAL DOCUMENTS, CERTIFICATES, DATA AND LEGALIZATION FEES AWARDED TO VESSELS )

ARTICLE NO. 14 :

A FEE OF ONE THOUSAND SYRIAN POUNDS FOR STUDYING AND RATIFYING ANY VESSEL PLAN OR ANY NORMAL PLAN.

ARTICLE NO. 15 :

A CUT FEE IS COLLECTED FOR ISSUING ANY DOCUMENT RELATING TO VESSELS IN THE FOLLOWING CASES :

- A. ONE HUNDRED SYRIAN POUNDS FOR ISSUING A VESSEL REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE FOR VESSELS UPTO 200 REGISTERED TONS.
- B. THREE HUNDRED SYRIAN POUNDS FOR ISSUING A VESSEL REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE FOR VESSELS OF MORE THAN 200 REGISTERED TONS.
- C. ONE THOUSAND SYRIAN POUNDS FOR ISSUING A REPLACEMENT OF A LOST CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP FOR VESSELS OF MORE THAN 200 REGISTERED TONS, AND THREE HUNDRED SYRIAN POUNDS FOR VESSELS OF 200 REGISTERED TONS AND LESS .
- D. TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY SYRIAN POUNDS FOR ISSUING A COPY OF THE LOGBOOK FOR VESSELS OF UPTO 200 REGISTERED TONS.
- E. SIX HUNDRED SYRIAN POUNDS FOR ISSUING A COPY OF VESSELS' DAILY RECORD BOOK FOR VESSELS OVER 200 REGISTERED TONS.
- F. FIVE HUNDRED SYRIAN POUNDS FOR ISSUING A COPY SFAE INSECTCIDE REPORT.
- G. ONE THOUSAND SYRIAN POUNDS FOR ISSUING OIL RECORD.
- H. TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY SYRIAN POUNDS FOR ISSUING A COPY OF THE SEAMA BOOK FOR VESSELS OF UPTO 200 REGISTERED TONS.
- I. FOUR HUNDRED AND FIFTY SYRIAN POUNDS FOR ISSUING A COPY OF SEAMAN BOOK FOR VESSELS OF MORE THAN 200 REGISTERED TONS.
- J. FIVE HUNDRED SYRIAN POUNDS FOR GIVING APPROVAL TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE VESSEL OF TONNAGE UPTO 200 REGISTERED TONS, AND FIVE THOUSAND SYRIAN POUNDS FOR VESSELS OF MORE THAN 200 REGISTERED TONS.
- K. ONE HUNDRED SYRIAN POUNDS FOR GETTING THE APPROVAL TO CHANGE THE VESSEL'S ENGINE FOR VESSELS OF UPTO 200 REGISTERED TONS, AND FIVE HUNDRED SYRIAN POUNDS FOR VESSELS OF MORE THAN 200 REGISTERED TONS.

ARTICLE NO. 16 :

- A. THE DIRECTORATE ISSUE ALL DOCUMENTS, CERTIFICATES AND DATA NEEDED FOR THE VESSEL AFTER HAVING BEEN SURVEYED AT THE BERTING PORT WHETHER IN THE SYRIAN OR FOREIGN PORTS. THE SURVEY IS CFARRIED OUT BY CONCERNED TECHNICIANS AT THE DIRECTORATE , OR BY THOSE WHO ARE APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTORATE THROUGH A LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION ISSUED BY THE GENERAL DIRECTOR OF SYRIA PORTS, AND UPON THE REQUEST OF THE SHIP OWNER . ALL FEES AND EXPENSES INCLUDING THE TRAVEL OF THE TECHNICIANS WILL BE AT THE ACCOUNT OF THE SHIP OWNER.
- B. THE MINISTER , UPON THE SUGGESTION OF THE DIRECTORATE, ISSUE A RESOLUTION IN WHICH HE STATES :
  1. THE FORMS OF THE LEGAL CIRTIFICATES , DOCUMENTS AND DATA WHICH WILL BE AWARDED TO THE VESSEL AND THEIR DATE OF VALIDITY, THE DUE FEES, THE COMPENSATIONS FOR THOSE WHO

CARRY OUT INSPECTIONS, SURVEYS AND NEEDED MEASUREMENTS FOR THE VESSEL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONCERNED INTERNATIONAL MARITIME CONVENTIONS AND THEIR AMENDMENTS AND IN WHICH SYRIA IS A MEMBER.

2. THE METHOD OF THE SUPERVISION OF THE PORT'S AUTHORITIES ON ALL FOREIGN VESSELS CALLING SYRIAN PORTS, THE NAMES AND DUTIES OF THE CONCERNED SURVEYORS OF THE DIRECTORATE AND THEIR FEES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONCERNED INTERNATIONAL MARITIME CONVENTIONS.

**THIRD PART :**

( FEES OF ISSUING LICENSURES FOR THE MARINE PROFESSIONS AND WORKS, AND THOSE PROFESSIONS THAT NECESSITATE BOARDING VESSELS )

ARTICLE NO. 17 :

- A. ALL PERSONNEL MENTIONED IN ARTICLE B OF THIS CHAPTER SHOULD GET A LICENSURE FROM THE DIRECTORATE TO BOARD SHIPS.
- B. THE FOLLOWING MARINE PROFESSIONS ARE SUBJECT TO LICENSURE:
  1. MARINE NAVIGATION.
  2. SHIP MANAGEMENT.
  3. SHIP CHANDLING.
  4. ALL VESSELS' GARBAGE OF ALL KINDS.
  5. TECHNICAL CONSULTANTS AND MARINE SERVICES.
  6. SHIPS' CLASSIFICATION REPRESENTATIVES.
  7. CLUBS' REPRESENTATIVES.
  8. MARINE WORKS' CONTRACTORS, SHIP BUILDING, SHIPS' EQUIPMENTS REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE.
  9. ANY OTHER PROFESSION CONNECTED WITH THE MARINE ACTIVITY, EXCEPT FOR THOSE MENTIONED IN LEGISLATIVE DECREE NO. 55 OF THE YEAR 2002; WHEREAS THE LICENSURE HAS TO BE ISSUED BY THE MINISTER HIMSELF.
- C. THE FOLLOWING PERSONS ARE SUBJECT TO GET BOARDING VESSELS' LICENSURE:
  1. ALL SERVICE PROFESSIONS SUCH AS BARBERS, LAUNDRY, SELLERS AND INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVES.
  2. ANY OTHER JOB THAT NECESSITATES BOARDING A VESSEL.

ARTICLE NO. 18 :

THE MINISTER , UPON A SUGGESTION BY THE DIRECTORATE , ISSUES A RESOLUTION STATING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ISSUING THE LICENSURES AND THEIR RENEWALS, PRACTICING THE PROFESSION OR DETAINING OR CANCELLING IT. THIS IS APPLIED ON ALL JOBS STATED IN ARTICLE NO. 17.

ARTICLE NO. 19 :

- A. THE LICENSURE MENTIONED IN ITEM D OF ARTICLE NO. 17, UPON THE REQUEST OF THE CONCERNED PERSON, ONE MONTH PRIOR THE EXPIRY OF THE LICENSURE. THE FEE WILL BE DOUBLED AFTER ONE MONTH OF THE EXPIRY OF THE PRESENT LICENSURE.



- B. IT IS NOT ALLOWED TO COMBINE TWO JOBS OF THOSE MENTIONED IN ITEM B OF ARTICLE NO. 17 OF THIS LAW, PROVIDED THAT A SEPARATE FEE SHOULD BE COLLECTED FOR EVERY PROFESSION.
- C. IF THE LICENSURE IS LOST OR SPOILED, THE HOLDER SHOULD APPLY FOR A REPLACEMENT AFTER PAYING HALF THE FEE OF THE LICENSURE STATED IN ARTICLE NO. 17 OF THIS LAW.

ARTICLE NO. 20 :

- A. THE DIRECTORATE WILL HOLD AN OFFICIAL RECORD CONTAINING THE NAMES OF THOSE ISSUED LICENSURES, AND THE JOB OF EVERY ONE, WHICH WILL CONTAIN ALL ACTIONS TAKEN.
- B. THE FORM OF THIS RECORD, AND THE METHOD OF USING IT WILL BE STATED BY THE DIRECTORATE.
- C. THE DIRECTORATE WILL SEND A LIST OF ALL LICENSURES ISSUED TO THE CONCERNED FINANCIAL DEPARTMENTS.

FOURTH PART :

( PENALTIES )

ARTICLE NO. 21 :

ALTHOUGH THE STRICTEST PENALTIES SHOULD BE OBSERVED IN THE EFFECTIVE LAWS, ANY PERSON VIOLATES THESE ARTICLES WILL BE PUNISHED ACCORDING TO THE PENALTIES STATED IN THIS CHAPTER.

ARTICLE NO. 22 ;

ANY PERSON PRACTICING THE FOLLOWING JOBS BEFORE GETTING THE NECESSARY LICENSURE WILL BE FINED FOR TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND SYRIAN POUNDS AGAINST AN OFFICIAL IRREGULARITY REPORT:

1. SHIP BUILDING OR TRANSFER OWNERSHIP CONTRARY TO THIS LAW.
2. PRACTICING ANY JOB SUBJECT TO GET A LICENSURE.

THE FINE WILL BE DOUBLED IN CASE OF REPEATING THE VIOLATION.

ARTICLE NO. 23 :

A FINANCIAL PENALTY WILL BE LEVIED ON VESSELS COMMITTING MARITIME IRREGULARITIES IN THE TERRITORIAL WATERS, ON ENTERING THE PORT, ON LOADING, ON WAITING IN THE WAITING AREA AND ON SAILING FROM THE PORT IN THE FOLLOWING CASES:

- A. FORTY THOUSAND SYRIAN POUNDS UPON SYRIAN VESSEL'S NOT ADHERING TO SAIL THROUGH THE SAILING ROADS STATED TO ENTER THE SYRIAN PORTS AND GETTING OUT OF THEM, AND FOUR THOUSAND U.S. DOLLARS OR EQUIVALENT IN FOREIGN CURRENCY FOR FOREIGN SHIPS.
- B. TEN THOUSAND SYRIAN POUNDS FOR SYRIAN VESSELS , AND ONE THOUSAND U.S. DOLLARS OR EQUIVALENT IN FOREIGN CURRENCY FOR FOREIGN VESSELS UPON PRACTICING COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES BEFORE GETTING THE FREE PRACTICE.
- C. ONE THOUSAND SYRIAN POUNDS FOR THE SYRIAN VESSELS, AND THIRTY U.S. DOLLARS OR EQUIVALENT PER TON OF THE OVER LOAD IN FOREIGN CURRENCY UPON ENTERING OR LEAVING THE PORT THAT CAUSED THE IMMERSE OF THE OFFICIAL LOAD LINE, AND THE VESSEL MUST UNDERTAKE TO LIFT THIS IRREGULARITY/.

- D. THEN THOUSAND SYRIAN POUNDS, AND TWO THOUSAND U.S. DOLLARS OR EQUIVALENT IN FOREIGN CURRENCY WILL BE LEVYED ON VESSELS FOR GIVING FALSE INFORMATION TO THE PORT'S AUTHORITIES, OR DELAYING IN GIVING INFORMATION . THE FINE WILL BE DOUBLED FOR FOREIGN VESSELS IF IT HAS BEEN APPROVED THAT THERE IS A CRIMINAL INTENT, AND CONSEQUENTLY THIS VIOLATION WILL BE ENTRUSTED TO THE CONCERNED JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES.
- E. TEN THOUSAND SYRIAN POUNDS FOR SYRIAN VESSELS , AND TWO THOUSAND U.S. DOLLARS FOR FOREIGN VESSELS FOR NOT LIGHTING THE VESSEL AT NIGHT ACCORDING TO THE INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS.
- F. FIFTEEN THOUSAND SYRIAN POUNDS, AND TWO THOUSAND AND FIVE HUNDRED U.S. DOLLARS OR EQUIVALENT IN FOREIGN CURRENCY FOR FOREIGN VESSELS UPON COMMITTING THE FOLLOWING IRREGULARITIES :
1. CARRYING OUT REPAIR WORKS ON THE VESSEL'S ENGINE, OR THE VESSEL'S HULL BEFORE GETTING THE NECESSARY APPROVAL FROM THE CONCERNED PORT AUTHORITIES.
  2. CARRYING OUT DIVING WORKS BY THE SHIP'S CREW MEMBERS TO CHECK THE HULL BEFORE GETTING THE NECESSARY APPROVAL FROM PORT AUTHORITIES.
  3. CARRYING OUT TOTALLY OR PARTIALLY CREW CHANGE BEFORE GETTING THE NECESSARY APPROVAL FROM PORT AUTHORITIES.
  4. LOADING CONTAINERS OR CARGOES OVER THE LEVEL THAT HIDERS VISION FROM THE BRIDGE.
  5. CARRYING OUT FUMIGATION OR DISINFECTION WORKS FOR THE VESSEL OR THE CARGO BEFORE GETTING THE APPROVAL OF THE CONCERNED PORT AUTHORITIES.
- G. TEN THOUSAND SYRIAN POUNDS FOR SYRIAN VESSELS , AND TWO THOUSAND U.S. DOLLARS OR EQUIVALENT FOR FOREIGN VESSELS FOR CARRYING OUT REPAIR WORKS, MAINTENACE WORKLS, PAINTING WORKS, HULL CLEANING BEFORE GETTING THE NECESSARY APPROVAL OF PORT AUTHORITIES.
- H. FIVE THOUSAND SYRIAN POUNDS FOR SYRIAN VESSELS, AND TWO THOUSAND U.S. DOLLARS OR EQUIVALENT IN FOREIGN CURRENCY FOR FOREIGN VESSELS FOR ANY OF THE FOLLOWING VIOLATIONS :
1. CARRYING OUT INSPECTION BY EXPERTISE OFFICES BEFORE GETTING THE NECESSARY APPROVALS OF THE PORT AUTHORITIES.
  2. USING EXPERTS REGARDING THE TECHNICAL STATE, OR THE DOCUMENTS OF THE VESSEL BEFORE GETTING THE NECESSARY APPROVAL OF THE PORT AUTHORITIES.
  3. LAUNCHING ANY BOAT FROM THE VESSEL INTO THE SEA BEFORE GETTING THE NECESSARY APPROVAL OF THE PORT AUTHORITIES.
  4. IN CASE OF NOT HAVING A SAFTEY LADDER FOR THE VESSEL.
  5. IN CASE OF NOT FITTING ANTI-RATS OBSTACLES.
- I. TWO THOUSAND SYRIAN POUNDS FOR THE SYRIAN VESSELS, AND FIVE HUNDRED U.S. DOLLARS IN FOREIGN CURRENCY FOR FOREIGN VESSELS IN CASE OF THE FOLLOWING VIOLATIONS :

1. IF THE VESSEL DOES NOT RAISE THE FLAG OF THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC ON THE VESSEL'S MAST FROM THE TIME OF ENTERING INTO THE TERRITOREAL WATERS TILL THE MOMENT OF LEAVING .
2. IF THE VESSEL DOES NOT RAISE INTERNATIONAL SIGNAL FLAGS THAT SHOW THE STATE OF THE VESSEL ON ENTERING AND LEAVING THE SYRIAN PORT.
3. IF THE VESSEL DOES NOT INFORM THE BERTHING PORT 24 HOURS PRIOR TO HER ARRIVAL ( ETA ) .
4. IF THE VESSEL DELAYS, FOR SIX HOURS,IN INFORMING THE PORT AUTHORITIES OF ANY EMERGENCY CASE SHE MIGHT ENCOUNTER.

#### **FIFTH PART :**

( GENERAL RULES )

ARTICLE NO. 24 :

ALL PENALTIES AND FEES , MENTIOJNED IN THIS LAW, ARE TO BE COLLECTED IN SYRIAN POUNDS FOR THE SYRIAN VESSELS, AND IN FOREIGN CURRENCY FOR THE FOREIGN VESSELS.

ARTICLE NO. 25 :

- A. ALL FEES AND PENALTIES MENTIONED IN THIS LAW ARE COLLECTED ACCORDING TO THE LAW OF COLLECTING FUNDS, PLUS THE FINANCIAL FINES IN CASE COLLECTING SAME FUNDS WAS DIFFICULT BY THE DIRECTORATE.
- B. THE DIRECTORATE HAS THE RIGHT TO PREVENT ANY VESSEL FROM SAILING BEFORE SETTLING DOWN ALL FEES AND PENALTIES DUE ON THE VESSEL AGAINST OFFICIAL REPORTS AND RECEIPTS, UNLESS THE OWNER/AGENT PRESENT A FINANCIAL GUARANTEE THAT CONFIRMS LATER PAYMENT.

ARTICLE NO. 26 :

THE MINISTER , UPON OF RECEIVING A SUGGESTION FROM THE GENERAL DIRECTOR, ISSUES:

1. A RESOLUTION IN WHICH HE NAMES SPECIALIZED STAFF MEMBERS FROM THE DIRECTORATE, WHO HAS THE POWER AND AUTHORITY OF JUDICIAL OFFICER, AND WHO SWEARS IN FRONT OF THE JUDGE OF THE COURT OF FIRST INSTANCE AS FOLLOWS :  
" I SWEAR BY GOD, THE ALLMIGHTY, TO CARRY OUT MY DUTIES FAITHFULLY, TRUTHFULLY, HONOURABLY AND HONESTLY" .
2. A RESOLUTION TO STATE THE METHOD OF THE JOB OF THE JUDICIAL OFFICER MENTIONED ABOVE.

ARTICLE NO. 27 :

- A. THE SPECIALIZED JUDICIAL OFFICERS ARE ENTITLED TO ALLOWANCES OF NOT MORE THAN 10% OF THE COLLECTED PENALTIES IN CONFORMITY OF THIS LAW.
- B. A RESOLUTION ISSUED BY THE MINISTER, IN CO-OPERATION WITH FINANCE MINISTER, STATES THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF DISTRIBUTING THESE ALLOWENCES, AND THOSE WHO BENEFIT FROM THEM.

ARTICLE NO. 28 :

ALL FEES, PENALTIES AND SUMS COLLECTED ACCORDING TO THIS LAW HAVE TO BE RECORDED DOWN IN THE DIRECTORATE RECORDS AND HAVE TO BE TRANSFERRED INTO THE STATE TREASURY.

ARTICLE NO. 29 :

ALL THE FEES AND PENALTIES STATED IN THIS LAW CAN BE AMENDED, INCREASED OR DECREASED, THROUGH A RESOLUTION ISSUED BY THE PRIME MINISTER, AND UPON RECEIVING A SUGGESTION BY THE MINISTER, WHENEVER IT IS NEEDED.

ARTICLE NO. 30 :

LEGISLATIVE DECREE NO. 68 OF THE YEAR 1973 AND ITS AMENDMENTS, LEGISLATIVE DECREE NO. 12 OF THE YEAR 1976 AND LEGISLATIVE DECREE NO. 63 OF THE YEAR 1970 ARE DEEMED AS NULL, ALONGSIDE WITH ALL RULES CONTRARY TO THIS LAW WHEREVER THEY ARE MENTIONED IN OTHER REGULATIONS.

ARTICLE NO. 31 :

THIS LAW IS TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER, AND IS DEEMED EFFECTIVE FROM DATE OF ISSUANCE.

**DAMASCUS ON 21/11/1429 A. HJRI  
19/11/2008 A.D.**

**PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC  
BASHAR AL ASSAD**