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SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF  
SRILANKA**

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**FISHERIES (REGULATION OF FOREIGN  
FISHING BOATS) (AMENDMENT)**

**A**

**BILL**

**to amend the Fisheries (Regulation of Foreign Fishing Boats)  
Act, No. 59 of 1979**

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*STATEMENT OF LEGAL EFFECT*

*Clause 2 :* This clause amends the Fisheries (Regulation of Foreign Fishing Boats) Act (hereinafter referred to as the "principal enactment") by making a general amendment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to transfer the functions of the Secretary in relation to the subject to the Director General.

*Clause 3 :* This clause amends section 3 of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to include Director General of Coast Guard Department and any other person designated by name or by office by the Minister in writing as persons who are authorized to implement and enforce the provisions of the Act.

*Clause 4 :* This clause amends section 13 of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is-

- (1) to enable any authorized officer to-
  - (i) bring any abandoned foreign fishing boat to the nearest port;
  - (ii) produce any foreign fishing boats seized or detained as the case may be under this Act with the crew where such boat is not abandoned, before the Magistrate instead of High-Court in order to overcome practical difficulties; and
- (2) to transfer the authority of the Director or the Government agent to the Director General.

*Clause 5 :* This clause amends section 13 of the principal enactment by introducing new section 13A and the legal effect of the section as amended is to provide for the submission of a notice to the consular officer of the country to which the abandoned or seized foreign fishing boat belongs with details specified therein and for recovery of cost and incidental expenses accrued, to the Government of Sri Lanka in respect of the detention.

*Clause 6 :* This clause amends section 15 of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to impose enhanced fines based on the length of the fishing boat for the offences committed contravening section 4 and section 5 of the Act in the territorial waters and the Exclusive Economic Zone of Sri Lanka.

*Clause 7 :* This clause amends section 16 of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to enable the Magistrates to exercise power in respect of offences committed under this Act, and to enhance the fine in respect of violation of conditions of a permit by a foreign fishing boat.

*Clause 8 :* This clause amends section 17 of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to enable Magistrates to exercise power in respect of enhanced fines for the offence of obstructing authorized officers, taking into consideration the length of the fishing boat.

*Clause 9 :* This clause inserts new section 17A to the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to make all offences committed under this Act cognizable and non-bailable.

*Clause 10* : This clause amends section 18 of the principal enactment and is consequential to the amendment made by clause 8.

*Clause 11* : This clause amends section 19 of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to enable High Court to hear the original appeals giving an opportunity to be heard again by Court of Appeal and to change the designation of Director as the Director General.

*Clause 12* : This clause inserts new sections 19A, 19B and 19C to the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to vest the ownership of the abandoned foreign fishing boat in the State until legal entitlement is proved by a relevant party within the prescribed period to the Magistrate.

*Clause 13* : This clause amends section 20 of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to provide for the imposition of a penalty by the Director General for offences committed for the first time in the Exclusive Economic Zone together with procedure to be adhered to.

*Clause 14* : This clause amends section 20 of the principal enactment by the insertion of new section 20A to the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to provide for the appointment of a panel of experts.

*Clause 15* : This clause amends section 21 of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to provide for the release of any boat on the provision of a satisfactory bond or security until the conclusion of any prosecution and to enable the Magistrate to exercise powers in respect of offences committed under this Act.

*Clause 16* : This clause amends section 23 of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to make provision for the presumption, on violation of the provisions of the Act where a foreign fishing boat is found in Sri Lanka Waters.

*Clause 17* : This clause amends section 24 of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to enable the Magistrate to exercise powers in respect of offences committed under this Act.

*Clause 18* : This clause amends section 26 of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to widen the regulation making power for the implementation of standards stipulated in International conventions and agreements.

*Clause 19* : This clause amends section 26 of the principal enactment by the insertion of new section 26A and the legal effect of the section as amended is to impose a fine in respect of violation of regulations.

*Clause 20* : This clause amends section 27 of the principal enactment by the insertion of new section 27A and the legal effect of that section as amended is to establish a fund called and known as Fisheries Reward Fund.

*Clause 21* : This clause amends section 28 of the principal enactment and the legal effect of the section as amended is to include new definitions to the expressions “abandoned foreign fishing boat” and “Director General” and to substitute definitions for the expressions “fish”, “fishing”, “local fishing boat”, “related activities”, “Secretary” and “Sri Lanka Waters”.

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L.D.—O. 20/2016

AN ACT TO AMEND THE FISHERIES (REGULATION OF FOREIGN FISHING  
BOATS) ACT, NO. 59 OF 1979

Be it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist  
Republic of Sri Lanka as follows:-

1. This Act may be cited as the Fisheries (Regulation of Foreign Fishing Boats) (Amendment) Act, No. of 2017. Short title.

5 2. The Fisheries (Regulation of Foreign Fishing Boats) Act, No. 59 of 1979 (hereinafter referred to as the “principal enactment”) is hereby amended by the substitution for the word “Secretary” wherever that word occurs in the principal enactment or any regulation, rule, notice or notifications of the word “Director-General”. General  
Amendment  
to Act, No.  
59 of 1979.

3. Section 3 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:- Amendment  
of section 3  
of the  
principal  
enactment.

(i) by the repeal of marginal note to that section and the substitution therefor of the following:-

15 “Armed forces etc. to co-operate in implementation and enforcement of this Act.”;

(ii) by the substitution for the words “ The commanders of the armed forces shall” of the words “The Commanders of the armed forces, the Director General of Coast Guard of the Department of Coast Guard established under Department of Coast Guard Act, No. 41 of 2009 and any other person designated by name or by office by the Minister in writing shall”.

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4. Section 13 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:-

Amendment  
of section 13  
of the  
principal  
enactment.

- 5 (i) by the repeal of subsection (4) of that section and the substitution therefor of the following new subsection:-

“(4) (a) Any foreign fishing boat seized and detained under sub-paragraph (a) of subsection (2) or any abandoned foreign fishing boat; and

- 10 (b) Any person arrested under paragraph (b) of subsection (2),

shall be brought to the nearest or most convenient port in Sri Lanka.”;

- 15 (ii) by the repeal of subsection (5) of that section and substitution therefor of the following:-

20 “(5) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any other written law, where any foreign fishing boat or any other thing is seized under this section, the authorized officer who seized such boat or other thing shall as soon as possible produce such boat consisting of any other thing before, or make it available for inspection by a Magistrate in whose jurisdiction the port to which the persons and the foreign fishing boat are brought under subsection (4) who shall make such order as he may deem fit relating to the detention or custody of such boat or other thing pending conclusion of a prosecution instituted in respect of that boat or other thing:

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Provided however that when any fish or aquatic plant so seized is subject to speedy decay, an authorized officer may on the decision

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of the Director-General or any person authorized by the Director-General shall sell such fish or aquatic plant and shall deposit the proceeds of the sale in the Magistrate's Court.”;

5 (iii) in subsection (6) of that section by the substitution for the words “Judge of the High Court” and “from the place of arrest to that Judge.” of the words “Magistrate” and “from the place of arrest to that of Magistrate.” respectively.

10 **5.** The following new sections are hereby inserted immediately after section 13 and shall have effect as sections 13A and 13B of the principal enactment:–

Insertion of new sections 13A and 13B in the principal enactment.

“Notice to consular officer on detention of foreign ship.

13A. (1) Whenever –

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(a) any foreign fishing boat detained or seized under this Act; and

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(b) any action is instituted under this Act against the master, owner or charterer if any, of a foreign fishing boat,

notice shall be forthwith served on the consular officer of the country to which the fishing boat belongs through the Minister to whom the subject of Foreign Affairs has been assigned.

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(2) The grounds on which the boat has been seized or detained or on which the proceedings have been taken place, shall be specified in the notice to be served under subsection (1).

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Liability for costs and damages.

13B. Notwithstanding anything contained in section 19B of this Act, if an abandoned foreign fishing boat is detained or seized under

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5 this Act, the master, owner or charterer if any,  
of the foreign fishing boat shall be liable to  
pay to the Government of Sri Lanka the cost  
and other incidental expenses involved in the  
detention and survey of the foreign fishing  
boat.”.

6. Section 15 of the principal enactment is hereby repealed and the following sections substituted therefor:—

Replacement  
of section 15  
of the  
principal  
enactment.

10 “Contravention of provisions of section 4 in the territorial waters to be an offence. 15. Where any foreign fishing boat is used in the territorial waters, historic waters, public bays, rivers, lakes, lagoons, estuaries, streams, tanks, pools, ponds, channels or all other public inland or internal waters of Sri Lanka in contravention of the provisions of section 4, the master, owner and charterer, or any person on board of such boat shall each be guilty of an offence under this Act and shall each be liable on conviction by a Magistrate to an imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to a fine not less than the amounts specified in column II of the Schedule I hereto based on the length of the fishing boat specified in corresponding entry in the column I of the Schedule I hereto.

25 Contravention of provisions of section 5 in the territorial waters to be an offence. 30 15A. Where any foreign fishing boat is used in the territorial waters, historic waters, public bays, rivers, lakes, lagoons, estuaries, streams, tanks, pools, ponds, channels or all other public inland or internal waters of Sri Lanka in contravention of the provisions of section 5, the master, owner and charterer, or any person on board of such boat shall each be guilty of an offence under this Act and shall each be liable on conviction by a Magistrate to an imprisonment for a term not exceeding two 35

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5 years or to a fine not less than the amounts specified in column II of the Schedule II hereto based on the length of the fishing boat specified in corresponding entry in the column I of the Schedule II hereto.

10 Contravention of provisions of section 4 in the Exclusive Economic Zone to be an offence.

15 15B. Where any foreign fishing boat is used in the Exclusive Economic Zone of Sri Lanka in contravention of the provisions of section 4 the master, owner and charterer if any, or any person on board of such boat shall each be guilty of an offence under this Act and shall each be liable on conviction by a Magistrate to a fine not less than the amounts specified in column II of the Schedule III hereto based on the length of the fishing boat specified in corresponding entry in the column I of the Schedule III hereto.

20 Contravention of provisions of section 5 in the Exclusive Economic Zone to be an offence.

25 15c. Where any foreign fishing boat is used in the Exclusive Economic Zone of Sri Lanka in contravention of the provisions of section 5 the master, owner and charterer if any, or any person on board of such boat shall each be guilty of an offence under this Act and shall each be liable on conviction by a Magistrate to a fine not less than the amounts specified in column II of the Schedule IV hereto based on the length of the fishing boat specified in corresponding entry in the column I of the Schedule IV hereto.

30 Offence of aiding and abetting.

35 15D. Any person who aids and abets the commission of or who attempts to commit any offence or does any act in perpetration of or in furtherance of any offence under this Act shall be guilty of an offence under this Act and shall on conviction be liable to a fine not less than one million five hundred thousand rupees.



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5 Conclusion of proceedings within one month. 15E. Any prosecution relating to any offence committed under this Act shall be concluded within one month from the date of institution of any such proceedings in the Magistrate's Court.

10 No person to be enlarged on bail. 15F. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, No. 15 of 1979, or any other written law, no person charged with, or accused of, an offence under sections 15 or 15A shall be enlarged on bail.

15 Retention of boat, fishing gear etc. until conclusion of trial. 15G. Subject to the provisions contained in the proviso to section 13 (5) any boat, fishing gear, equipment, stowed and cargo suspected to have been involved or used in the commission of any offence under sections 15, 15A, 15B, 15C and 15D shall not be released until conclusion of the trial.

20 Master, owner etc., deemed not to be guilty in certain circumstances. 25 15H. No master, owner, charterer or any person on board shall be deemed to be guilty of an offence under this Act if he proves that the offence was committed without his knowledge or that he exercised all due diligence to prevent the commission of that offence as he ought to have exercised having regard to the nature of his functions and the related circumstances.”.

30 7. Section 16 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the substitution for the words “after trial without a jury before a judge of the High Court,” and “to a fine not exceeding seven hundred and fifty thousand rupees” of the words “after trial by a Magistrate,” and “to a fine not less than seven hundred and fifty thousand rupees and not exceeding seventy five million rupees.” respectively. Amendment of section 16 of the principal enactment.

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**8.** Section 17 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:-

Amendment of section 17 of the principal enactment.

(i) by the insertion immediately after paragraph (c) of that section of the following paragraph:-

5           “(d) fails to provide reasonable facilities to an authorized officer or his assistants to board the vessel or adequate security to such officer and the assistants at the time of entry into such boat or when they are on board such boat.”;

10           (ii) by the substitution for the words “after trial without a jury before a Judge of the High Court” and “to a fine not exceeding twenty five thousand rupees” of the words “after trial by a Magistrate” and “to a fine not less than the amounts specified in column II of the Schedule V hereto based on the length of the fishing boat specified in corresponding entry in the column I of the Schedule V hereto.”.

**9.** The following new section is hereby inserted immediately after section 17 and shall have effect as section 17A of the principal enactment:-

Insertion of new section 17A in the principal enactment.

25           “**17A.** All offences committed under this Act shall be cognizable and non bailable within the meaning of the Code of Criminal Procedure Act, No. 15 of 1979 .”.

**10.** Section 18 of the principal enactment is hereby amended, by the substitution for the words “the Court” of the words “the Magistrate’s Court”.

Amendment of section 18 of the principal enactment.

**11.** Section 19 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:-

Amendment of section 19 of the principal enactment.

(i) by the substitution in subsection (1) of that section for the words “court of Appeal” of the words “High Court”;

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- (ii) by the substitution for subsection (2) of that section of the following subsection:-

“(2) The Director-General shall take possession of any boat, fishing gear, fish, aquatic plant, equipment, stores or cargo vested in the State under subsection (1) and may sell or otherwise dispose of them as he may think fit.”.

**12.** The following new sections are hereby inserted immediately after section 19 and shall have effect respectively as sections 19A, 19B and 19C of the principal enactment:-

Insertion of new sections 19A, 19B and 19C in the principal enactment.

“Abandoned foreign fishing boats.

19A. Where any abandoned foreign fishing boat, along with fishing gear, fish, aquatic plants, equipment, stores, and cargo is seized, on suspicion of being involved in the commission of an offence under this Act, it shall vest absolutely in the State unless a claim is being made to the said boat within the prescribed period.

Release of abandoned foreign fishing boat pursuant to an inquiry.

19B. (1) Where a claim is made to such abandoned foreign fishing boat, fishing gear, fish, aquatic plants, equipment, stores, and cargo by the owner, master or charterer if any of the boat within the period prescribed, the Magistrate upon being satisfied pursuant to an inquiry that such boat was not used for the commission of any offence under this Act shall make an order to release such boat or such items on board, or proceeds thereof, if it is sold consequent to an order made under section 13(5) of this Act to such claimant who has established his legal entitlement to such boat or any items on board before the Magistrate.

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(2) The claimant shall pay all expenses incurred by the State in relation to the abandoned foreign fishing boat and all such items thereon.

When to consider an abandoned foreign fishing boat as a foreign fishing boat.

19C. Nothing contained in section 19A and 19B shall preclude an abandoned foreign fishing boat being considered as a foreign fishing boat for the purposes of any other provision of this Act including sections 15, 15A, 15B and 15C, in the event where an investigation reveals any person or an entity has contravened any other provision of this Act including sections 4 and 5.”.

**13.** Section 20 of the principal enactment is hereby repealed and the following section substituted therefor:-

Replacement of section 20 of the principal enactment.

“Compounding of offences.

20. (1) Where the Director-General has sufficient evidence to believe that any person has acted in contravention of the provisions of this Act, he may—

- (a) on the recommendation of the panel appointed under section 20A of this Act, in relation to any offence that was committed for the first time in the Exclusive Economic Zone of Sri Lanka;
- (b) having regard to the circumstances in which such contravention has taken place,

if it is appropriate to impose a penalty, cause a notice to be served in the prescribed form on such person, requiring him to appear within one month from the date of receipt of such notice and show cause why a penalty should not be imposed on him.

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5 (2) Where the person on whom the notice is served appears within one month from the date of receipt of such notice and admits that he acted in contravention of the provisions of this Act, the Director-General shall impose on that person a penalty not exceeding one third of the maximum penalty that could be imposed under this Act to which such person could be liable to pay.

10 (3) Where a person on whom notice is served within one month from the date of receipt of such notice states that he has a cause to show against the imposition of the penalty, the Director General may proceed forthwith to hear and decide the matter in the manner prescribed.

15 (4) Where the Director- General is not satisfied with reasons given he may after assigning his own reasons therefore, impose the penalty specified in subsection (2) of this section.

20 (5) Where the Director-General imposes a penalty on any person under this section he shall cause a notice in the prescribed form to be served on such person indicating particulars of such penalty.

25 (6) Any person aggrieved by such decision of the Director-General may appeal to the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister assigned the subject of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Development (hereinafter referred to as the "Secretary") within thirty days from the date of receipt of such decision of the Director-General.

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(7) The Secretary shall, after taking into consideration the decision of the Director-General and the circumstances in which the offence was committed may—

- 5                   (a) affirm the decision of the Director-General and disallow the appeal;
- (b) set aside the decision of the Director-General and allow the appeal;
- 10                   (c) allow the appeal subject to any amendment, alteration or variation of the decision of the Director-General.

15                   (8) The decision of the Secretary shall be notified to the Director-General who shall take steps to comply with such decision within fourteen days from the date of communication of such decision to the Director-General.

(9) Such decision of the Secretary shall be communicated to the aggrieved party.

20                   (10) Any person aggrieved by such decision of the Secretary may prefer any appeal to the Court of Appeal within thirty days from the date of communication of such decision, on a question of law.

25                   (11) The compounding of any offence under this section shall be notified in writing under the signature of both parties to the Magistrate's Court and shall have effect of an acquittal of the accused.”.

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14. The following new section is hereby inserted immediately after section 20 and shall have effect as section 20A of the principal enactment:—

Insertion of new section 20A in the principal enactment.

5 “Appointment of a panel of experts. 20A. (1) The Director-General in consultation with the Secretary shall appoint a panel of experts consisting of three persons who have the knowledge expertise, and experience in the fields of marine engineering, Law and accountancy.

10 (2) It shall be the function of such panel to make recommendations to the Director-General, on the matters to be taken into account pertaining to compounding of an offence under section 20.

15 (3) The Minister shall pay such monetary remuneration as he shall determine in consultation with the Minister of Finance, to the members of the panel.”.

20 15. Section 21 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:—

Amendment of section 21 of the principal enactment.

(i) by the repeal of subsection (1) of that section and the substitution therefor of the following subsection:—

25 “(1) Where a Magistrate has ordered the detention of a foreign fishing boat involved in the commission of an offence in the area of Exclusive Economic Zone of Sri Lanka pending the conclusion of any prosecution instituted in respect of that boat, the owner of the boat, permit holder,

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5 master or the authorized local representative appointed in respect of the boat, may apply to said Magistrate for the release of the boat on the provision of a satisfactory bond or other form of security in accordance with this section.”.

10 (ii) in subsection (2) of that section by the substitution for the words “A Judge of the High Court to whom” and “approved by the Judge,” of the words “A Magistrate to whom” and “approved by the Magistrate,”.

**16.** Section 23 of the principal enactment is hereby amended as follows:—

Amendment of section 23 of the principal enactment.

(i) by the renumbering of that section as subsection (1) of that section;

15 (ii) by the insertion immediately after renumbered subsection (1) of the following subsections:—

20 “(2) Where any foreign fishing boat is found within any maritime zone of Sri Lanka and the fishing gear of such boat is not stowed in the prescribed manner or fish are found on board of such boat it may be presumed that the said boat has been used for fishing within the said Zone and for any purpose in contravention of the provisions of this Act until the contrary is proved.

25 (3) Where any abandoned foreign fishing boat is found it may be presumed to have been used for the commission of any offence under this Act until the contrary is proved.”.



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17. Section 24 of the principal enactment is hereby amended, by the substitution for the words “be triable by the High Court sitting in any Judicial Zone of Sri Lanka.” of the words “be triable by a Magistrate having jurisdiction over the area or locality where the nearest or the most convenient port is situated.”.

Amendment of section 24 of the principal enactment.

18. Section 26 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the substitution for paragraph (i) of subsection (2) of that section of the following:—

Amendment of section 26 of the principal enactment.

10 “(i) the implementation of the standards stipulated—

(i) in the United Nations Convention on Law of the Sea, 1982;

(ii) by Indian Ocean Tuna Commission, 1993;

(iii) under the Fish Stock Agreement, 1995;

15 (iv) under the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations Agreement on Port State Measures to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal unreported and unregulated fishing 2009;

20 (v) in any other instrument to which Sri Lanka has or would become a party;”.

19. The following new section is hereby inserted immediately after section 26 and shall have effect as section 26A of the principal enactment:—

Insertion of new section 26A in the principal enactment.

25 “contravention of regulation to be an offence. 26A. Any contravention of or any failure to comply with, any regulation made under section 26 shall be an offence under this Act

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triable by a Magistrate of the Magistrate Court and punishable with a fine not less than one million rupees.”.

5       **20.** The following new section is hereby inserted immediately after section 27 and shall have effect as section 27A of the principal enactment:—

Insertion of new section 27A in the principal enactment.

“Establishment of the Reward Fund.        27A. (1) There shall be a fund which shall be called the Fisheries Reward Fund (hereinafter referred to as the “Reward Fund”).

10                               (2) The Director-General shall be responsible for the administration of the Reward Fund.

(3) There shall be credited to the Reward Fund all proceeds realized from sales under section 19.

15                               (4) The Director-General shall from time to time pay out of the Reward Fund a reward:—

(a) to any person as specified in section 3;

(b) to any authorized officer; or

20                               (c) to any informer,

of such sum of money as he may deem fit:

Provided however, that such sum shall not exceed the maximum amount to be prescribed under this Act.



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catch, take or kill fish or to collect aquatic plants and an attempt to execute any of the acts hereinbefore mentioned in Sri Lanka waters;”;

5 (v) in the definition “Local fishing boat” by the substitution for the words “and registered” of the words “or registered”;

(vi) by the substitution for the definition of the expression “related activities” of the following definition:—  
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““related activities” in relating to fishing include—

(a) transshipping fish to or from any boat or vessel in Sri Lanka waters;

15 (b) storing, processing, preserving or transporting fish or aquatic plants obtained from fishing operations;

(c) refuelling or supplying fishing boats or performing other activities in support of or ancillary to, fishing operations;

20 (d) provisioning of personnel, fuel, gear and other supplies at sea;

(e) attempting or preparing to do any of the above;”;

25 (vii) by the substitution for the definition of the expression “Secretary” of the following definition:—

““Secretary” shall mean the Secretary to the Ministry of the Minister assigned the subject of Fisheries;”;

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(viii) by substitution for the definition of the expression  
“Sri Lanka waters” of the following definition:—

““Sri Lanka waters” means—

- 5 (a) the area declared to be the territorial sea  
of Sri Lanka by proclamation made  
under section 2 of the Maritime Zones  
Law, No. 22 of 1976;
- 10 (b) the area declared to be the contiguous  
Zone of Sri Lanka by proclamation made  
under section 4 of the Maritime Zones  
Law, No. 22 of 1976;
- 15 (c) the area declared to be the exclusive  
Economic Zone of Sri Lanka by  
proclamation made under section 5 of  
Maritime Zones Law, No. 22 of 1976;
- (d) the area declared to be the historic  
waters of Sri Lanka by proclamation  
made under section 9 of the Maritime  
Zones Law, No. 22 of 1976; and
- 20 (e) all public bays, rivers, lakes, lagoons,  
estuaries, streams, tanks, pools, ponds,  
channels and all other public inland or  
internal waters.”.

25 **22.** In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.

Sinhala text  
to prevail in  
case of  
inconsistency.

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SCHEDULE I

(section 15)

<i>Column I</i>	<i>Column II</i>
<i>Length of the boat in metres</i>	<i>Fine (Rs. Mn.)</i>
	<i>Territorial waters</i>
Less than 15	5
More than 15 and less than 24	20
More than 24 and less than 45	100
More than 45 and less than 75	150
More than 75	175
Administrative penalty	Not applicable

SCHEDULE II

(section 15A)

<i>Column I</i>	<i>Column II</i>
<i>Length of the boat in metres</i>	<i>Fine (Rs. Mn.)</i>
	<i>Territorial waters</i>
Less than 15	3
More than 15 and less than 24	15
More than 24 and less than 45	75
More than 45 and less than 75	120
More than 75	150
Administrative penalty	Not applicable

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SCHEDULE III

(section 15B)

<i>Column I</i>	<i>Column II</i>
<i>Length of the boat in metres</i>	<i>Fine (Rs. Mn.)</i>
	<i>Within EEZ</i>
Less than 15	3
More than 15 and less than 24	15
More than 24 and less than 45	75
More than 45 and less than 75	120
More than 75	150
Administrative penalty	1/3 of the original fine

SCHEDULE IV

(section 15C)

<i>Column I</i>	<i>Column II</i>
<i>Length of the boat in metres</i>	<i>Fine (Rs. Mn.)</i>
	<i>Within EEZ</i>
Less than 15	1.5
More than 15 and less than 24	5
More than 24 and less than 45	50
More than 45 and less than 75	75
More than 75	100
Administrative penalty	1/3 of the original fine

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SCHEDULE V

(section 17)

<i>Column I</i>	<i>Column II</i>
<i>Length of the boat in metres</i>	<i>Fine (Rs. Mn.)</i>
	<i>Within EEZ</i>
Less than 15	100,000
More than 15 and less than 24	200,000
More than 24 and less than 45	500,000
More than 45 and less than 75	1,500,000
More than 75	7,500,000



