

[Legal Notice No. 95]

THE FISHERIES ACT 1972  
(No. 13 of 1972)

THE FISHERIES (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 1997

IN exercise of the powers conferred by section 20 of the Fisheries Act, 1972, I, VICTOR NGELE, Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries, do hereby make the following regulations -

Citation.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Fisheries (Amendment) Regulations 1997.

Insertion of  
new regulations  
20, 21, 22, 23  
and 24

2. The Fisheries Regulations 1972\* is hereby amended by inserting immediately after regulation 19 the following new regulations as regulations 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24 respectively -

Protection  
and export  
of sandfish.

20. Any person who catches and retains, or sells or exposes for sale or buys, or exports or has in possession for export any sand fish sea cucumber, Holothuria scabra, 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 imprisonment.

Export of  
fish and  
marine  
product.

21. (1) All fish and marine product exports by licensed fish processing establishments shall be inspected and cleared by an authorised fisheries officer before a fish export permit is issued.

(2) Any person who exports or intends to export any fish and marine products without inspection and clearance and a valid fish export permit 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 imprisonment.

Transshipment.

22. All fishing vessels and carrier vessels shall only tranship and load fish at the designated ports of Honiara, Noro and Tulagi. Such vessels shall be inspected and cleared by authorised fisheries officers prior to, during and after transshipment.

Request for  
attendance  
fisheries  
officer.

23. A request for attendance of a fisheries officer for inspection and clearance of any fish or marine product for export and for clearance of fishing and carrier vessels, and for monitoring of transshipments and processing activities shall be made in writing to the Principal Licensing Officer at least twenty four hours before commencement of such operations.

Attendance  
fees.

~~24. (1) The person making a request under regulation 23 shall meet all expenses, fees, levies or charges incurred for the attendance fisheries officers.~~

(2) The fee for attendance of any authorised fisheries officer outside normal official hours and payable to the Government of Solomon Islands shall be ten dollars per hour or on a week day, fifteen dollars an hour on a Saturday and twenty dollars an hour on a Sunday or Public Holiday."

Dated at Honiara this twenty-fourth day of July 1997.

VICTOR NGELE  
Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries

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