

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI
FISHERIES ORDINANCE

(Cap. 33)

FISHERIES (PROCESSING AND EXPORT)
REGULATIONS 1981

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 22 of the Fisheries Ordinance, the Beretitenti acting in accordance with the advice of the Cabinet hereby makes the following Regulations:-

PART I
PRELIMINARY

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Fisheries (Processing and Export) Regulations, 1981.

Short title

2. In these Regulations -
"the Ordinance" means the Fisheries Ordinance;
"class" means any one of the classes of fish-processing establishment set out in Schedule 2 to these Regulations.

Interpretation.

PART II
FORMS AND FEES

3. The licence set out in Schedule 1 to these Regulations shall be the licence prescribed for the purposes of Section 6 of the Ordinance and the fees set out in Schedule 2 to these Regulations shall be the fees prescribed for the purposes of section 6 of the Ordinance.

Forms and Fees.

PART III
FISH-PROCESSING ESTABLISHMENTS

4. An application for a licence under section 6(1) of the Ordinance shall be in writing and shall specify that the class and the premises in respect of which a licence is required and shall contain such further particulars as the Chief Fisheries Officer may require.

Application for licence

5. Every licence granted under section 6(1) of the Ordinance:-

- (1) shall not extend beyond 1 year from the date of issue thereof; and
- (2) shall be personal to the holder; and
- (3) shall not be transferable; and
- (4) shall be subject to such conditions as may be prescribed and to such other conditions as the

Chief Fisheries Officer may in his absolute discretion endorse thereon; and

- (5) shall be conspicuously displayed on the premises in respect of which it was granted; and
- (6) shall extend only to those operations or activities set out in Schedule 2 to these Regulations in relation to the class in respect of which the licence was granted; and
- (7) shall be conditional upon compliance with the Pure Foods Ordinance, the Public Health Ordinance and any other applicable statutory provision.

Cancellation or suspension.

6. In the event of cancellation or suspension of a licence under section 7 of the Ordinance a licensing officer may seize any such licence or endorse any such licence to that effect.

Endorsements.

7. A licensing officer who has entered a fish processing establishment in pursuance of section 8 of the Ordinance or of any condition endorsed upon a licence granted under section 6 (1) of the Ordinance may if he is satisfied that there has been no contravention of any provision of the Ordinance or of any such condition endorse such licence to that effect.

Water source.

8. All water used in a fish processing establishment whether used for ice-making, fish-cleaning or otherwise shall be of potable quality and shall contain no more than 3000 coliforms in each 100 millilitres and shall be treated in such manner as a licensing officer may from time to time direct.

Operating requirements.

9. (1) Fish processing establishments shall conform to the requirements set out in Schedule 4 to these Regulations.
- (2) Sub-paragraph (1) shall not apply to a fish processing establishment in respect of which the Chief Fisheries Officer has granted an exemption in writing.

PART IV

EXPORT

Certificates of quality.

10. No fish or fish product processed at a fish processing establishment may be exported for sale outside Kiribati unless it is accompanied by a duly completed certificate of quality in the appropriate form set out in Schedule 3 to these Regulations.

Prohibited fish.

11. No fish or fish product in respect of which a licensing officer has issued a notice of prohibition in the form set out in Schedule 3 to these Regulations may be processed in a fish processing establishment for sale in or outside Kiribati as the notice may specify.

Samples.

12. On payment or tender to any person operating a fish processing establishment or his servant or agent of the

current market price or at a rate of payment which may be prescribed a licensing officer may select and take or obtain samples of a fish or fish product for the purposes of this Ordinance or these Regulations.

13. A licensing officer may seize and destroy any fish or fish product intended for sale for human or other consumption if he is satisfied on reasonable grounds that such fish or fish product is unfit for its intended purpose and an owner of such seized and destroyed fish or fish product shall be entitled to compensation at the current market price of such fish or fish product (Only if he can show that there were no such reasonable grounds)

Destruction of unfit fish.

PART V

SAMPLES AND OFFENCES.

14. Any person who contravenes or operates or causes or allows to be operated a fish-processing establishment in contravention of Regulation 8 or Regulation 9 or who contravenes Regulation 10 or Regulation 11 shall be liable on conviction to a fine of \$200 and to imprisonment for 6 months.

Offences.

SCHEDULE 1

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FISH PROCESSING ESTABLISHMENT LICENCE
(Pursuant to section 6 of the Fisheries Ordinance)

The following person (or persons) is (are) licensed to operate a fish-processing establishment of the Class and at the premises shown below and subject to the following conditions:-

PREMISES
CLASS OF LICENCE
CONDITIONS

DATE OF ISSUE

THIS LICENCE IS VALID FOR ONE YEAR FROM THE DATE OF ISSUE.

Issued by
Chief Fisheries Officer

ENDORSEMENTS:

SCHEDULE 2

FISH-PROCESSING ESTABLISHMENT

CLASS	Operation or activities which may be carried on by the Establishment	Fee payable for Licence
A.	Processing by canning, pickling,	...50..

- marinading, fermenting, cooking or smoking if it is intended that the smoked fish product should be eaten uncooked.40..
- B. Chilling, freezing or other storage of raw fish which is intended for human consumption.25..
- C. Salting, drying, smoking if it is intended that the smoked fish product should be cooked before human consumption.10..
- D. Processing if the resulting fish products are not intended for human consumption.10..
- E. Processing for the manufacture of animal food-stuffs.10..
- F. The operations and activities listed in relation to Class C if all the resulting fish products intended for sale outside Kiribati are delivered to a fish-processing establishment in respect of which a class C licence has been granted.10..

In the event that the operations and activities carried on by a fish-processing establishment are listed in more than one class the Chief Fisheries Officer shall decide which class shall apply to the licence granted and the conditions attached to the licence shall apply to the whole of the premises of the fish-processing establishment.

SCHEDULE 3

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI
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(Regulation 11)

NOTICE OF PROHIBITION

The processing, processing for export from Kiribati and/or export from Kiribati of the following fish or fish products is hereby prohibited:

I-KIRIBATI	NAME OF FISH OR FISH PRODUCT		PLACE OF ORIGIN OR	PERIOD OF PROHIBI- TION
	ENGLISH	SCIENTIFIC		

Dated this day of

Signed:
Licensing Officer

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CERTIFICATE OF EXPORT QUALITY
(Pursuant to Regulation 10)

GRADE I PRODUCTS

I being a licensing officer appointed under the Fisheries Ordinance hereby certify that the fish or fish products marked on Bill of Lading No. /Airway Bill No. and accompanying this certificate have been examined and have been found to conform with the standards of quality and purity required under the Fisheries (Processing and Export) Regulations 1981 and the Code of Practice for fish-processing for Group(s)

Issued this day of

Signed
(Licensing Officer or other authorised Officer)

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI
Fisheries (Processing and Export) Regulations 1981
CERTIFICATE OF EXPORT QUALITY
(Pursuant to Regulation 10)

GRADE II PRODUCTS

Applicable to Class B, C, D, & E fish processing establishments only.

I hereby certify that the fish or fish products marked on on Bill of Lading No. /Airway Bill No. and accompanying this certificate have been processed in a fish-processing establishment licensed under the Fisheries Regulations 1981 which conforms to the fish-processing Code of Practice for Group(s)

Signed
(An exporter permitted to so certify by a licensing Officer)

Dated

THIS CONSIGNMENT HAS NOT BEEN EXAMINED BY A FISHERIES OFFICER.

SCHEDULE 4
Regulation 9

Requirements for Fish Processing Establishments
In all Class A and Class B Fish Processing Establishments

1. In any part of the premises where fish is gutted,

filleted or otherwise handled all surfaces and walls shall be constructed of materials which may be cleaned easily and effectively.

2. Adequate fly-screening and/or closing doors shall be provided in any processing area.

3. All internal walls and floors and any surface which fish is processed shall be kept clean with a disinfectant of not less than 50 ppm chlorine or with or by any other material or method which may be approved by a licensing officer.

4. Cold stores in which fish are kept shall be maintained at temperatures approved by a licensing officer and

a. chill rooms shall be at an operating temperature of not more than 3° centigrade; and

b. freezer stores shall be at an operating temperature of not more than minus 18° centigrade.

5. All fish products shall satisfy a licensing officer on visual, bacteriological or chemical examination of their fitness for human consumption.

6. Any person handling fish or fish product shall wear protective clothing of a type approved by a licensing officer.

7. Wash basins and any other sanitary equipment which a licensing officer may consider necessary shall be provided

In all Class C fish processing establishments

Fish and fish products shall be protected from attack by flies, rats and other vermin and shall be stored in such manner as a licensing officer may from time to time prescribe.

Dated the 11th day of December, 1981.

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For Secretary to the Cabinet