

S T A T U T O R Y I N S T R U M E N T S
2009 No. 42

The Fish (Fishing) (Amendment) Rules, 2009.
(Under section 35, of the Fish Act.)

IN EXERCISE of the power conferred upon the Minister responsible for fisheries by section 35 of the Fish Act, these rules are made this 2nd day of January, 2009.

1. Citation.

These Rules may be cited as the Fish (fishing) (Amendment) Rules, 2009.

2. Interpretation.

In these Rules, unless the context otherwise requires:—

“fishing control fee” means a fishing access fee that is paid to Government by the fisher in order to be allowed to engage in any fishing activity;

“fishing control licence” means a fishing access document that is issued to a licensee to be allowed access to engage in fishing activities;

“fishing control permit” means a fishing access document that is issued to a licensee to be allowed access to engage in fishing activities;

“fishing vessel identification plate” means a number given by The Chief Fisheries Officer to a vessel for the purpose of authorisation to fish in Ugandan waters;

“sport fishing “ means fishing with rod and line for pleasure, where any fish caught are not for sale or are returned live;

“sport fishing permit” means a fishing access document that is issued to a licensee to be allowed access to engage in sport fishing.

3. Objective.

The objective of these rules is to—

- (a) enable recovery of over fished stocks;
- (b) enhance conservation and sustainable harvest of Aquatic biodiversity;
- (c) promote compliance with the law on fishing;
- (d) manage fishing capacity through effective fishing control fees; and
- (e) revise fishing control fees.

4. Fishing without a licence

Person who shall not have acquired a fishing control permit or licence by the end of every January each calendar year, shall not be allowed to engage in any fisheries activity until the following January.

5. Issue of fishing vessel number

All fishing vessels to be licenced for fishing in the Ugandan waters are to be issued with a fishing vessel identification number Plate and this shall form a basis of closing access to intending new fishers.

6. Beach Management Unit registration

Only those persons registered with respective beach management unit and with legal methods of fishing shall be licenced on a first come first serve basis for any fishing activity being applied for.

7. Payment of fees

All the fishing control fees are to be paid to an account provided for by the Chief Fisheries Officer on successful application and clearance from the Department of Fisheries Resources.

8. Fish control fees

The “fishing control fees” for all those intending to engage in any fishing activity shall be as follows:

Table 1 Fishing vessel licences

Water body	Fishing control fee per boat
Lakes Victoria, Albert and Kyoga	100,000/=
Lake Edward, George, Wamala, Nakivale and other controlled Lakes	100,000/=
Other Lakes which are not controlled	50,000/=
Swamps, running Rivers and Dams are to pay for fishing permit	25,000/=

Table 2 Other Licences and permits.

<i>Type</i>		<i>Licence Fee</i>
Trucks carrying fish by tonnage	Less than 5 tones	250,000/=
	5t-10 tones	500,000/=
	Over 10 tones	750,000/=
Containerized vessels by tonnage	Less than 5 tones	250,000/=
	5t-10 tones	500,000/=
	Over 10 tones	750,000/=
By products and processed fish (dried/smoked) transporters		500,000/=
Artisanal processors/fish mongers		50,000/=
Fish processing Control Fee for processing Factories		3,000,000/=
Fish net manufacturing factories/importers		1,000,000/=
Boat Builders/Local gear makers/repairers		50,000/=
Fishing control Permit (to allow access to fishing)		25,000/=
Sport fishing permit		150,000/=
Application fees		10,000/=

General

9. Designation of inspectors.

(1) The Chief Fisheries Officer shall designate authorised officer as an authorised fisheries licensing officer for the purpose of these rules.

(2) The inspectors designated shall advise the Chief Fisheries Officer on—

- (a) level of compliance to fishing laws by Beach Management Units, persons or entities engaged in fishing or related activities based on established guidelines or procedures.
- (b) number of licences required to be issued for any given public water body.
- (c) areas of biodiversity concern or persons requiring closure or withdrawal of permits.
- (d) compliance by sports fishers or entities.

10. Contravention to rules.

Any person, group of persons, Beach Management Units or organizations, who contravenes the above rules, commits an offence under the Fish Act and shall be required to pay a fine of not less than 100 currency points and no greater than 150 currency points.

11. Powers of court.

On conviction Court may in addition to the above penalty ban a person not to fish for a period of two years.

12. Immunity from civil or criminal liability.

No liability civil or criminal shall attach to the Chief Fisheries Officer or a licensing Inspector so authorised in respect of loss arising from the exercise in good faith in the performance of his or her function under these rules.

13. Rule 9 of the Rules amended.

Rule 9 of the Fish (fishing) rules is amended by subsisting for it the following “All licences issued under the Act shall be in the appropriate forms set out in the schedule to these rules”.

14. Amendment of rule 10

Rule 10 of the Fish (fishing) rules is amended by subsisting for it the following—

The fees to be paid in respect of licences shall be those set out in rule 8.

SCHEDULES

THE FISH RULES, 2003 NO.35

APPLICATION FOR PERMMISSION TO ENGAGE IN FISHING ACTIVITIES.

- 1. (a) Full name of owner:
- (b) Age and Sex:
- (c) Nationality:
- (d) Name of BMU
- (e) Purpose for the application
- (f) Company name
- (g) Attach BMU recommendation
- (h) Attach Photo graph and Voters Card:

- 2. Registration of the (a) vessel/(b) fishing permit/(c) Artisanal processing/
(d) Boat building/ (e) Industrial Processing/ (f) Transporting/ (g) Fishing
Gear Importation/manufacturing.
 - a. i. Type of boat.....
 - ii. Length of the boat
 - iii. Type and number of fishing gears used
 - iv. Propulsion type used; Paddle/ sail/ Outboard Engine/
Inboard Engine
 - v. Engine HP..... MakeSerial No.

 - b. i. Health certificate
 - ii. Fishing hours per day.....
 - iii. Life saving equipment

 - c. i. Health certificate
 - ii. Type of smoking facility
 - iii. Type of storage facility

- d.
 - i. Name and location of the yard
 - ii. Type of material used for construction
 - iii. Number of boats built per year

- e.
 - i. Annual processing capacity
 - ii. Actual annual processed quantity
 - iii. Attach an affidavit not to breach any fisheries Law

- f.
 - i. Vehicle/ Vessel inspection certificate
(attach recent copies)
 - ii. Vehicle / Vessel Registration No.

- g.
 - i. Annual returns
 - ii. Attach an affidavit not to breach any fisheries Law

3. I/ WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT:

- a) To best of my knowledge, that the above particulars are correct.
Application Fee 10,000/= Non refundable

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Date Signature of Applicant

4. For Official Use (Recommendation by Authorised officer on refusal or acceptance of the application)

- a) The application is approved/not approved
- b) Reasons for not approving.....
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Full name of Authorised Officer Signature Date

(Original to Licensee)
(Duplicate to Commissioner Fisheries)
(Triplicate to be retained in the book)

OFFICIAL STAMP

THE FISH ACT, CAP. 197

FISHING VESSEL LICENCE (FOR LAKES VICTORIA,
ALBERT AND KYOGA)

Name:

Address:

Vessel Registration Number:

Date of issue:

Place of Issue (BMU):

District:

Expiry date:

Fee for the Licence **100,000/=**

This licence is issued under the following conditions:

1. Licence is not transferable.
2. Subject to the provisions of the Fish Act, Cap. 197
3. In case of any change of vessel ownership, licensee must notify the licensing authority within thirty days.
4. The license to be displayed its original form
5. Must declare daily fish catch to the BMU office

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Name and signature of licensing officer

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Official stamp

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FISHING VESSEL LICENCE (CONTROLLED WATER BODIES)

Name:

Address:

Vessel Registration Number:

Date of issue:

Place of Issue (BMU):

District:

Expiry date:

Fee for the Licence **100,000/=**

This licence is issued under the following conditions:

1. License is not transferable.
2. Subject to the provisions of the Fish Act, Cap. 197
3. In case any change of vessel ownership licence must notify the licensing authority within thirty days.
4. The licence to be displayed its original form
5. Must declare daily fish catch to the BMU office

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Name and signature of licensing officer

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Official stamp

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FISHING VESSEL LICENCE (OTHER LAKES WHICH ARE NOT CONTROLLED)

Name:
Address:
Vessel Registration Number:
Date of issue:
Place of Issue (BMU):
District:
Expiry date:

Fee for the Licence 50,000/=

This licence is issued under the following conditions:

- 1. License is not transferable.
2. Subject to the provisions of the Fish Act, Cap. 197
3. In case any change of vessel ownership licence must notify the licensing authority within thirty days.
4. The licence to be displayed its original form
5. Must declare daily fish catch to the BMU office

Name and signature of licensing officer

Official stamp

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FISHING VESSEL LICENCE (SWAMPS, RUNNING WATERS)

Name:

Address:

Vessel Registration Number:

Date of issue:

Place of Issue (BMU):

District:

Expiry date:

Fee for the Licence **25,000/=**

This licence is issued under the following conditions:

1. License is not transferable.
2. Subject to the provisions of the Fish Act, Cap. 197
3. In case any change of vessel ownership licence must notify the licensing authority within thirty days.
4. The licence to be displayed its original form
5. Must declare daily fish catch to the BMU office

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Name and signature of licensing officer

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 Official stamp

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LICENSE FOR BY PRODUCTS AND PROCESSED FISH
(DRIED/SMOKED) TRANSPORTERS

Name:

Address:

Vessel / Vehicle Registration Number:

Date of issue:

Expiry date:

Fee for the Licence **500,000/=**

The licence is issued under the following conditions

1. Licence is not transferable.
2. Subject to the provisions of the Fish Act, Cap. 197
3. The licence to be displayed in its original form
4. The licensee must declare premises where transactions are conducted and also shall have record book to be declared to the DFR.

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Name and signature of licensing officer

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Official stamp

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LICENSE FOR TRUCKS CARRYING FISH LESS THAN 5 TONES

Name:

Address:

Vehicle Registration Number:

Date of issue:

Expiry date:

Fee for the Licence **250,000/=**

The licence is issued under the following conditions

1. Licence is not transferable.
2. Subject to the provisions of the Fish Act, Cap. 197
3. The licence to be displayed in its original form
4. The licensee must declare premises where transactions are conducted and also shall have record book to be declared to the DFR.

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Name and signature of licensing officer

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LICENSE FOR TRUCKS CARRYING FISH 5T- 10 TONES

Name:

Address:

Vehicle Registration Number:

Date of issue:

Expiry date:

Fee for the Licence **500,000/=**

The licence is issued under the following conditions

1. Licence is not transferable.
2. Subject to the provisions of the Fish Act, Cap. 197
3. The licence to be displayed in its original form
4. The licensee must declare premises where transactions are conducted and also shall have record book to be declared to the DFR.

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Name and signature of licensing officer

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Official stamp

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LICENSE FOR TRUCKS CARRYING FISH OVER 10 TONES

Name:

Address:

Vehicle Registration Number:

Date of issue:

Expiry date:

Fee for the Licence **750,000/=**

The licence is issued under the following conditions

1. Licence is not transferable.
2. Subject to the provisions of the Fish Act, Cap. 197
3. The licence to be displayed in its original form
4. The licensee must declare premises where transactions are conducted and also shall have record book to be declared to the DFR.

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Name and signature of licensing officer

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Official stamp

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LICENSE FOR CONTAINERISED VESSELS CARRYING FISH LESS THAN 5 TONS

Name:

Address:

Vessel Registration Number:

Date of issue:

Expiry date:

Fee for the Licence **250,000/=**

The licence is issued under the following conditions

1. Licence is not transferable.
2. Subject to the provisions of the Fish Act, Cap. 197
3. The licence to be displayed in its original form
4. The licensee must declare premises where transactions are conducted and also shall have record book to be declared to the DFR.

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Name and signature of licensing officer

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Official stamp

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LICENSE FOR CONTAINERISED VESSELS CARRYING FISH 5-10 TONS

Name:

Address:

Vessel Registration Number:

Date of issue:

Expiry date:

Fee for the Licence **500,000/=**

The licence is issued under the following conditions

1. Licence is not transferable.
2. Subject to the provisions of the Fish Act, Cap. 197
3. The licence to be displayed in its original form
4. The licensee must declare premises where transactions are conducted and also shall have record book to be declared to the DFR.

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Name and signature of licensing officer

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Official stamp

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LICENSE FOR CONTAINERISED VESSELS CARRYING
FISH OVER 10 TONS

Name:

Address:

Vessel Registration Number:

Date of issue:

Expiry date:

Fee for the Licence **750,000/=**

The licence is issued under the following conditions

1. Licence is not transferable.
2. Subject to the provisions of the Fish Act, Cap. 197
3. The licence to be displayed in its original form
4. The licensee must declare premises where transactions are conducted and also shall have record book to be declared to the DFR.

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Name and signature of licensing officer

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Official stamp

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LICENSE FOR ARTISANAL PROCESSING OF FISH AND FISHERY PRODUCTS

Name:

Address:

Date of issue:

Place of Issue (BMU):

District:

Expiry date:

Fee for the Licence **50,000/=**

This licence is issued under the following conditions:

1. Licence is not transferable.
2. Subject to the provisions of the Fish Act, Cap. 197
3. The licence to be displayed in its original form
4. The licensee must declare premises where transactions are conducted and also shall have record book to be declared to the DFR.

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Name and signature of licensing officer

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Official stamp

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PERMIT FOR BUILDING FISHING BOATS.

Name:

Address:

Date of issue:

Place of Issue (BMU):

District:

Expiry date:

Fee for the permit **50,000/=**

The permit is issued under the following conditions:

1. The permit is not transferable.
2. Subject to the provisions of the Fish Act, Cap. 197
3. Shall declare an annual record of the number of Vessel constructed to the Chief Fisheries Officer.
4. The licence to be displayed its original form

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Name and signature of licensing officer

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PERMIT FOR FISHING GEAR MANUFACTURE / IMPORTATION.

Name:

Address:

Certificate of Registration:

Date of issue:

Expiry date:

Fee for the Permit **1,000,000/=**

The Permit is issued under the following conditions:

1. Permit is not transferable.
2. Subject to the provisions of the Fish Act, Cap. 197
3. The permit to be displayed in its original form.
4. Shall declare a record of units produced annually.

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Name and signature of licensing officer

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Official stamp

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LICENSE FOR INDUSTRIAL PROCESSING OF FISH AND FISHERY
PRODUCTS

Name:

Address:

Date of issue:

Expiry date:

Fee for the License **3,000,000/=**

The license is issued under the following conditions:

1. Licence is not transferable.
2. Subject to the Provisions of the Fish Act, Cap. 197
3. The licence to be displayed in its original form

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Name and signature of licensing officer

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PERMIT FOR SPORTS FISHING IN PROTECTED AREAS.

Name:

Address:

Date of issue:

Expiry date:

Fee for the License **150,000/=**

The license is issued under the following conditions:

1. Licence is not transferable.
2. Subject to the provisions of the Fish Act, Cap. 197.
3. The licence to be displayed in its original form.
4. Any fish of the *lates niloticus* (Nile perch species) of less than 20 inches and or Greater than 50 inches shall be returned to the natural environment immediately on being caught with minimum injury.
5. A sporting person shall only be allowed to retain 5 (five) kilograms of the fish caught in any given day. The rest of which is caught is returned to the natural environment.

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Name and signature of licensing officer

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FISHING CONTROL

Name:

Address:

Date of issue:

Expiry date:

Fee for the Licence **25,000/=**

The licence is issued under the following conditions

1. Permit is not transferable.
2. The Permit to be displayed in its original form
3. Subject to the provisions of the Fish Act, Cap. 197

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Name of Licensing Officer

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Signature of Licensing Officer

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Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries.