

West Africa Task Force

COUNTRY PRESENTATION

NIGERIA

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Groupe de Travail de l'Afrique de l'Ouest

Working together to stop illegal fishing
Ensemble pour la lutte contre la pêche illégale



COOPERATION IN FLAGGING AND LICENSING FISHING VESSELS

GUIDELINES FOR OBTAINING LETTER OF ASSURANCE

Prospective owner of fishing vessel should first get a written assurance that the vessel will be given a fishing license before arrangement for the purchase of the vessel are concluded.

The company should submit:

- (a) The specification of the trawlers should include length overall in feet or meters and gross tonnage in tons or cubic meters
- (b) Certified copy of Memorandum of Association and Article of Association. The copy should be certified and endorsed with seal by the Register of Companies



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REGISTRATION PROCESSS

The Merchant Shipping Act (MSA) 2007 empowers Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety agency (NIMASA) to maintain a Central Ship Registry for the registration and licensing of fishing vessel

MSA 2007 provides that persons eligible to register fishing vessels must be Nigerian citizens/Corporate bodies. Corporate established under and subject to Nigerian laws and such other persons as the Minister of Transport may by regulations prescribe.

Nigeria offers Provisional and permanent registration of fishing vessels.



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Requirements

The owner of the ship or his agent will submit a formal letter of application for registration of the ship inclusive of the following information and supporting documents:

1. Company's

Particulars:

- Copy of certificate of Incorporation
- Memorandum and Articles of Association
- Form CAC7 (Particulars of Directors)
- Form CAC2 (Allotment of Shares) company's share capital should not be less than twenty five million Naira (N25m).
- Company's current tax clearance certificate
- Company's Bank statement or reference letter
- Declaration of ownership form (to be issued by the Ship Registry)

2. Vessel Particulars

Bill of sale or Builders certificate (evidence of title)
vessel in Nigeria only.



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Deletion certificate

- Certificate of approved plan issued by NIMASA for a newly built Condition survey report and tonnage measurement certificate

3. Owners Particulars

Full names, addresses and occupations of the purchaser of the ship, financial status, etc.

Fishing Vessel Survey Procedure

Before any fishing vessel is registered as Nigerian Flag, it must be inspected by a NIMASA surveyor.

This type of survey is called “Condition Survey” mainly to ascertain the general condition of the fishing vessel.

The owner of the ship or agent will submit a formal letter of application attaching previous vessel certificates.



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Fishing Vessel Survey Procedure

This survey is carried out every five (5) years subject to annual inspection.

Other types of survey for certification on fishing vessels include

- Fishing Boat Survey Certificate
- Safety Radio survey and certification
- Dry Docking survey and certification (mostly done while the vessel is in dry dock)

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Annual surveys on Fishing Vessel

These are survey carried out within 3 months before or after the anniversary date of the initial survey.

In carrying out annual survey for the renewal of the fishing boat survey and safety radio, the surveyor ensures the requirements for the renewal are strictly met.

The surveyor checked, the vessel hull condition, ship deck plantings, deck machineries, bridge equipment, freeing ports, accommodation, engine machineries, crew certificates etc.

Dry Docking of Fishing Vessel

Nigerian flag administrations ensures that all fishing vessels registered with our flag and above 5year must undergo a mandatory dry docking every two and half years and less for vessel up to 15years.

NIMASA surveyor must be present during the docking process to ensure that the fishing vessel fulfill the requirements.

The shipyards issues the docking job completion and NIMASA issues the certificate.





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Fishing Vessels register and certify by NIMASA

Nigerian has registered and certified more than three hundred fishing vessels.

These vessels are currently flying Nigerian flag and being supported by NIMASA.

NIMASA also certify the training and competency of the crew on board these fishing vessel.

Mostly, these crew are Nigerians where NIMASA provides them with Certificate of discharge, Crew agreement, Official log book and Examination of the seafarers for issuance of Certificate of Competency (COC).



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CONDITIONS FOR GRANTING A LICENSE TO FISH IN NIGERAIN TERRITORIAL WATERS

The purpose of the vessel licensing system is to control Nigerian fishing opportunities. To restrict the size of the fishing fleet.

There should be an accompanying letter stating the name of the boat and the period for which license is required. A license shall be a yearly license. It shall expire on the 31st day of December in the year in which it is issued. There are different types of licenses depending on the length of the vessel, the species fished and waters the vessel will operate in. Inshore fishing license, Inshore shrimping license and Distant Water Fishing License (DWFL).

DOCUMENTATS FOR ISSUANCE OF LICENSE

One form "A" and a VESSEL DATA FORM must be completed for each boat.

Certified copy of Memorandum of Association and Article of Association



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- A written Assurance that the boat will be given a fishing license.
- A substantive certificate of registry (the boat must be registered according to the prevailing rules and regulations of the country).
- A certificate of tonnage measurement.
- Vessels fishing in our territorial sea shall not be on the IUU Fishing risk list. Vessels should not be longer than 83ft (25.3 meters) L.O.A (REGISTERED TONNAGE NOT EXPECTED 130)
- Fish landing data shall be submitted to the statistics section of the Federal Department of Fisheries.
- A technical inspection report of the vessel by the MCS fisheries officers is required for licensing the boat
- A license fee is required for obtaining a fishing license

Thank you for your attention



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