

THE SPONGE FISHERY LAW.

(CAP. 162.)

SPONGE FISHERY ORDER.

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1. This Order may be cited as the Sponge Fishery Order.
2. In this Order—
 “Inspector of Fisheries” means the person or persons appointed from time to time to issue licences under the provisions of the Sponge Fishery Law. Cap. 162
3. The Inspector of Fisheries shall have power to issue licences to such persons as he may consider to be skilled sponge fishers, to fish for sponge within the territorial waters of Cyprus :
 Provided that—
 (a) not more than five licences shall be issued in any year for sponge fishing by machine diving apparatus ;
 (b) he shall otherwise have full discretion to determine the number of licences to be issued in any year.
4. Licences may be issued at any time and shall be in force until the 31st December of the year in which they are issued.
5. Licences shall be in one of the Forms A, B or C, in the First Appendix hereto. Every such licence shall be personal to the holder (but shall be deemed to cover persons employed by the holder in connection therewith, in accordance with the conditions in his licence) and shall be subject to the provisions of the Sponge Fishery Law and of this Order and to such conditions as the Inspector of Fisheries may impose, to be specified in the licence. First Appendix.
Cap. 162
6. The licensee shall always be present in every boat from which sponge fishing is being performed and shall, at all times, produce his licence to the Inspector of Fisheries or to any Customs officer when requested so to do.
7. The fees set out in the Second Appendix hereto shall be charged in respect of every licence, permitting the use of one boat only, to fish for sponge : Second Appendix.
 Provided that as respects any licence issued on or after the 1st day of August in any year there shall be charged only the one-half of such fees.

FIRST APPENDIX

(Paragraph 5.)

FORM A.

No.....

Fee £150.

LICENCE TO FISH FOR SPONGE WITH MACHINE DIVING APPARATUS.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR OF FISHERIES.

....., of.....,
 is hereby licensed to fish for sponge with machine diving apparatus, within the territorial waters of Cyprus, from..... until the 31st day of December, 19....., subject to the provisions of the Sponge Fishery Law

and any order made thereunder and to the conditions hereinafter contained, that is to say:—

- (a) the boat to be used by the licensee shall be seaworthy and well found in every particular, and the machines to be used shall be in perfect condition, to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Fisheries.
- (b) no trawling or scratching apparatus shall be used.
- (c) no boat, when at sea, shall carry more than thirty persons, excluding any apprentices as the Inspector of Fisheries may allow to accompany the boat under a written permit.
- (d) no sponge of less than four inches or more than twelve inches in diameter shall be taken.
- (e) all persons employed by the licensee in connection with sponge fishing shall be thoroughly trained in their respective duties.
- (f) all sponges taken and landed shall be declared at the nearest Custom House, and the quantity and value shall be declared as taken under this licence.
- (g) such deposit boats as the Inspector of Fisheries shall deem necessary shall be allowed free of licence duty.

Dated the..... day of, 19.....

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Inspector of Fisheries.

FORM B.

No.....

Fee £75.

LICENCE TO FISH FOR SPONGE WITH THE " FERNEZ " DIVING APPARATUS.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR OF FISHERIES.

....., of.....
is hereby licensed to fish for sponge with the " Fernez " diving apparatus, within the territorial waters of Cyprus, from..... until the 31st day of December, 19....., subject to the provisions of the Sponge Fishery Law and any order made thereunder and to the conditions hereinafter contained, that is to say:—

- (a) the boat to be used by the licensee shall be seaworthy and well found in every particular, and the machines to be used shall be in perfect condition, to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Fisheries.
- (b) no trawling or scratching apparatus shall be used.
- (c) no boat, when at sea, shall carry more than fifteen persons, excluding any apprentices as the Inspector of Fisheries may allow to accompany the boat under a written permit.
- (d) no sponge of less than four inches or more than twelve inches in diameter shall be taken.
- (e) all persons employed by the licensee in connection with sponge fishing shall be thoroughly trained in their respective duties.
- (f) all sponges taken and landed shall be declared at the nearest Custom House, and the quantity and value shall be declared as taken under this licence.
- (g) such deposit boats as the Inspector of Fisheries shall deem necessary shall be allowed free of licence duty.

Dated the..... day of....., 19.....

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Inspector of Fisheries.

FORM C.

No.....

Fee £35.

LICENCE TO FISH FOR SPONGE WITH NAKED DIVERS
AND HARPOON (KAMAKI).

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR OF FISHERIES.

....., of.....,
is hereby licensed to fish for sponge with naked divers and/or harpoon
(kamaki) within the territorial waters of Cyprus, from.....
until the 31st day of December, 19....., subject to the provisions of the
Sponge Fishery Law and any order made thereunder and to the conditions
hereinafter contained, that is to say:—

- (a) the boat to be used by the licensee shall be seaworthy and well found in every particular, to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Fisheries.
- (b) no trawling or scratching apparatus shall be used.
- (c) no boat, when at sea, shall carry more than eight persons, excluding any apprentices as the Inspector of Fisheries may allow to accompany the boat under a written permit.
- (d) no sponge of less than four inches or more than twelve inches in diameter shall be taken.
- (e) all persons employed by the licensee in connection with sponge fishing shall be thoroughly trained in their respective duties.
- (f) all sponges taken and landed shall be declared at the nearest Custom House, and the quantity and value shall be declared as taken under this licence.
- (g) such deposit boats as the Inspector of Fisheries shall deem necessary shall be allowed free of licence duty.

Dated the..... day of....., 19.....

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Inspector of Fisheries.

SECOND APPENDIX

(Paragraph 7).

FEES.

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| 1. For each boat fitted with machine diving apparatus (crew not to exceed 30 persons) | £150 |
| 2. For each boat fitted with the "Fernez" diving apparatus only (crew not to exceed 15 persons) | £75 |
| 3. For each boat with naked divers and harpoon (kamaki) (crew not to exceed 8 persons) | £35 |