

LICENCE FOR FISHING VESSEL

APPLICATION INFORMATION

1. Eligibility

The Application for the Fishing Vessel Licence is strictly for servicing of Fish Culture Farms. Therefore, applicant must also be holding a valid Fish Culture Farm Licence issued by the Director-General, Food Administration and owner of such vessel must be the same as that stated in the Fish Culture Farm Licence.

2. Validity

The Licence is valid for a year and should be renewed prior to expiry. However, the Licence will expire when the Fish Culture Farm Licence expires as the use of the fishing vessel is tied to the validity of the Fish Culture Farm Licence. Licence fees once paid are neither refundable nor pro-rated.

3. Fee

The annual Licence Fee is S\$66.00. Payment can be completed via AXS machine, AXS online E-Services or interbank GIRO in order for the Licence to be issued.

4. Application Form

An online application form is available at Singapore Food Agency's (SFA) [website](#). It would take an estimate of 3 working days to process a completed application. A system generated number will be sent to the owner's email upon submission. The owner will be informed as to whether his / her application is approved by the SFA.

5. Documents required

Supporting documents should be submitted together upon submission. Supporting documents includes the following:

- a) A clear copy of applicant's front and back of the NRIC (Singaporean / Singapore PR) or Employment Pass / S Pass / Work Permit (Foreigner);
- b) A copy of the company's ACRA Business Profile;
- c) A copy of the valid licensed Fish Culture Farm Licence;
- d) A copy of the confirmation letter to moor or store the Fishing Vessel other than the licensed Fish Culture Farm (if applicable);
- e) A copy of the proof of ownership and purchase receipt of the hull & engine; and
- f) A copy of the Marine Hull Insurance Policy covering third party liabilities including wreck removal, personal injuries, etc. The minimum sum insured is S\$25,000/- for any one accident or occurrence. It should cover the period up to the expiry date of the Fishing Vessel Licence. The insurance company must be Singapore-registered.

6. Equipment on the Fishing Vessel (Outboard & Non-Powered Motor)

The owner should ensure that the fishing vessel has the equipment listed in **Annex A** minimally onboard at all times.

7. Pre-Licensing Inspection

Following receipt of the complete application, an inspection of the vessel will be arranged. SFA officers will contact you to arrange a suitable date and time. The inspection will involve and not limiting to the checking of:

- a) Measurement;
- b) Equipment on board;
- c) Fishing Gear (if applicable); and
- d) Cleanliness & Hygiene.

8. Crew Book

The owner shall maintain a crew book as required under Rule (8) of the Fisheries (Fishing Vessels) Rules. The fee for the crew book is S\$20.00 per book. The crew book is to be kept onboard the fishing vessel and produced on demand by any authorized officer including officers from the Police Coast Guard and/or the Maritime and Port Authority of Singapore.

9. Automatic Identification System Transponder (AIS)

Upon grant of in-principle approval, the owner is required to install an AIS on the fishing vessel at their own cost. Upon installation of AIS, the owner is required to ensure that the fishing vessel is equipped with all the required navigational lights, fire-fighting and life-saving appliances for an inspection. Re-inspection would be required to rectify any short-coming(s) detected during the first inspection.

10. Issuance of Licence for Owner with more than one Fishing Vessel

Track record of the owner in terms of productivity of the fish culture farm, compliances to SFA Rules and Regulations, etc. will be taken into consideration for request of additional fishing vessel(s).

11. Renewal inspection for the Fishing Vessel (SFC)

Fishing Vessel (SFC) must pass an inspection of its hull and equipment once every 36 months.

12. Changes to application information

The owner shall inform SFA in writing of any change in the application information within 30 days of the change.

ANNEX A

EQUIPMENT ON THE FISHING VESSEL

S/n	Equipment
1.	Navigation Lights
	a. Port
	b. Starboard
	c. Mast head
	d. Stern
	e. Hurricane lamps
2.	Fire-fighting Appliances
	a. Portable Foam Extinguisher
	b. Fire Bucket
	c. Oars or Paddles & Rowlocks
	d. Audible Warning (e.g. Whistle or Air Horn)
	e. Life-Jackets
	f. Life-Buoy
	g. Hand Flare
3.	Life-saving appliances
	a. Anchor & Chain or Rope
	b. Baler or Scoop or Bilge Pump
	c. Oars or Paddles & Rowlocks
	d. Audible Warning (e.g. Whistle or Air Horn)
	e. Life-Jackets
	f. Life-Buoy
	g. Hand Flare
	h. Flag signal