



**FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF SOMALIA  
MINISTRY OF FISHERIES AND BLUE ECONOMY**

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**Government Notice No MFBE008**

**IMPOSITION OF EEZ FISHING LICENSE AND LEVIES FEES FOR  
FOREIGN FISHING VESSELS AND SOMALIA FLAGGED FISHING  
VESSELS WHOSE BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP IS NOT WHOLLY  
OWNED BY SOMALIA CITIZENS**

I, under Article 79 and 157 (1)(f) of the Law of Fisheries Management and Development No 008 of 2023;

- a) Impose EEZ fishing vessel license fees, payable as indicated in table 1 below; and
- b) Impose fishing levies based on vessel fish holding capacities at the rates indicated in table 2,

as follows:

**Table 1: UJUURO, KHIDMAD IYO CANSHUUR**

License (one year from date of issue)	Specifics of applicant vessel	Administrative fee (Payable to MFBE bank account) USD	Annual license (Payable to CBS bank account) USD	MCS Fee (payable to MFBE bank account) USD	Total per year (USD)
Tuna and tuna-like species: longline fishing vessel license	Foreign flag >400 GT	2,000	90,000	8,000	100,000
	Foreign Flag <400 GT	2,000	65,000	8,000	75,000
	Charter/JV <400 GT	1,500	37,000	6,000	44,500
	Charter/JV >400 GT	1,500	57,000	6,000	64,500
	Somalia flagged >400 GT	400	36,000	4,000	40,400
	Somalia flagged <400GT	200	18,000	2,000	20,200
Tuna and tuna-like species: purse seine fishing vessel license	Foreign flag <2,500 GT	2,000	100,000	8,000	110,000
	Foreign flag >2,500 GT	2,000	130,000	8,000	140,000
	Charter/JV <2,500 GT	1,500	50,000	6,000	57,500
	Charter/JV >2,500	1,500	55,000	6,000	62,500
	Somalia flag >2,500 GT	400	36,000	4,000	40,400

	Somali flag <2,500 GT	200	18,000	2,000	20,200
Demersal / other pelagic finfish species	Somalia flag >2,500 GT	400	36,000	4,000	40,400
	Somalia flag <2,500 GT	200	18,000	2,000	20,200
Cephalopods (octopus, squid)	Foreign flag <2,500 GT	5,000	90,000	10,000	105,000
	Foreign flag > 2,500 GT	5,000	120,000	10,000	135,000
	Charter/JV <2,500 GT	3,000	60,000	10,000	73,000
	Charter/JV >2,500	3,000	70,000	10,000	83,000
	Somalia flag >2,500 GT	1,000	35,000	5,000	41,000
	Somalia flag <2,500 GT	1,000	20,000	5,000	26,000
Crab, lobster and shrimp fishing vessels	Foreign flag	5,000	2,000 USD per MT registered net weight	30,000	35,000 + 2,000 USD per MT registered net weight
	Charter/JV	5,000	1,000 USD per MT registered net weight	20,000	25,000 + 2,000 USD per MT registered net weight
	Somalia flag	5,000	500 USD per MT registered net weight	10,000	15,000 + 2,000 USD per MT registered net weight

**Note 1:**

1. These fishing license fees are applicable to fishing flag states that do not have fishing agreements with Somalia, and Somalia flagged vessels which are not wholly owned by Somalia citizens in terms of evidenced beneficial ownership.
2. A fishing flag state may enter into a fishing agreement with Federal Republic of Somalia, which may include discounted fishing license fees, provided there are demonstrable economic benefits to the Federal Republic of Somalia.
3. A fishing company may obtain discounted fishing license fees provided that, during the same fishing year, the company invests in economic activities in Somalia such as construction of fish landing jetties, factories or cold storage facilities, which creates jobs for Somalia citizens.

**Note 2:**

In terms of article 79(2) of Somalia Fisheries Management and Development (Law 008 of 2023), application for a fishing license should be accompanied by:

- a) Certificate of Registration;
- b) Certificate of Seaworthiness and Safety;
- c) Insurance Certificate;
- d) Evidence that the applicant is the natural or legal person to whom a vessel is registered in the Certificate of Registry or Certificate of Authorization of the applicant by the beneficial ownership of the vessel.

In line with Article 79 of the Act, for a vessel is to be considered a Somalia fishing vessel, the applicant should submit beneficial ownership details of the vessel (shareholding structure, nationalities, internationally audited ownership documents).

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