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ALL TUNA VESSEL OPERATORS
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MINIMUM SANITARY REQUIREMENTS

RE: CONDITIONS FOR RENEWAL OF FISHING LICENCE

Further to our letter No. FD/PAO/36/14/96 dated 28th January 2016 on the above-quoted subject (Copy attached), I wish to inform you that Regulation 76 of the Fisheries Regulations, 2010 (L.I. 1968) obliges operators of fishing vessels to maintain minimum sanitary and hygienic conditions on board their vessel to ensure good quality of fish on board the vessel.

Consequently, in accordance with section 76 (3) of the Fisheries Act, 2002 (Act 625), the Ministry directs that all fishing vessels must maintain a minimum sanitary condition on board the fishing vessels.

Therefore, personnel of the Fish Health and Post Harvest Units of the Ministry will with from 1st July 2016 carryout inspections of all fishing tuna vessels and industrial trawlers to ensure that the vessels are compliant with Regulation 76 of the Fisheries Regulations, 2010 (L.I. 1968).

Thank you and Best Regards

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REMINDER:

RE: CONDITIONS FOR RENEWAL OF FISHING LICENCE

In accordance with Section 73 of Fisheries Act, 2002 (Act 625) and Regulation 23 of Fisheries Regulations, 2010 (LI 1968), application for renewal of fishing licence shall be accompanied with, among others, the following documents:

1. Submission of total catch and species by the fishing vessel;
2. Valid copy of Internal Revenue Tax for the company;
3. Valid copy of Social Security Certificate for Ghanaian employees including the crew for the fishing vessel;
4. Evidence of Personal Remittance Quota for Expatriates;
5. Valid Condition Survey Report;
6. Valid Insurance for Crew;
7. Valid Insurance for Hull and Machinery;
8. Valid Certificate for Safety Equipment;
9. Valid Certificate for Radio and Communication equipment;
10. MCS Report; and
11. Valid Oil Pollution Certificate.
The Fishery Licence Evaluation Committee established under Section 10 of Fisheries Act, 2002 (Act 625) has observed that Owners of fishing vessels do not attach copies of Social Security Certificates for their Ghanaian employees including the crew for fishing vessel and the evidence of Personal Remittances Quota for Expatriates to the renewal applicants.

Henceforth, the Fishery Licence Evaluation Committee will not recommend for the renewal of Fishing licence for a vessel if the aforementioned conditions are not fulfilled.

Thank you.

SAMUEL QUANTEY
(DIRECTOR, FISHERIES COMMISSION)
For: CHAIRMAN

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