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In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (k) of sub-section (i) of section 6 of the Indian Ports Act, 1908 (XV of 1908), and in supersession of all previous rules on the subject, the Central Govt is pleased to direct that the following rules shall be made for the licensing and regulating of Harbour Craft and Crews thereof in the Port of Cochin, the same, having been Previously Published as required by sub-section, (2) of the said section; namely:—

## RULES

1. Short Title and application:—

- (i) These rules may be called the Cochin Harbour Craft Rules 1947.
- (ii) They shall apply to the Port of Cochin.

2. Definition:—In these rules unless there is anything repugnant in the subject or context,

“Harbour Craft” means any catamaran plying for hire, or any flat or cargo passenger or other boat plying whether for hire or not and whether regularly or only occasionally in, or partly within and partly without the Port;

“Inner Harbour” means that part of the Port which lies landward of the port jetty near the Harbour Master’s office in Port Cochin,

“Licensed harbour craft” means any harbour craft licensed under these rules,

“Motor boat” means any harbour craft propelled wholly or in part by any form of electrical or mechanical power other than steam.

“Outer roads” means that part of the Port which lies seaward of the Port jetty near the Harbour Master’s office in Port Cochin

“Owner” used in relation to harbour craft includes any part owner, agent for mortgage in possession thereof;

“Port” means the Port of Cochin comprised within the territories of the States of Travancore-Cochin and Madras the limits of which have been specified in the notification of the Govt. of India in the Ministry of Transport No. 11-P (107) 49 dt. the 8th January 1952.

“Dy Conservator of the Port” means the Dy. Conservator of the Port, Cochin; Servant used in relation to owner includes the tindal or any boatman;

“Steam boat” means any harbour craft propelled wholly or in part by steam power;

“Tindal” includes any person in charge of a harbour craft.

**Harbour craft to be Licensed:—**

No person shall use, as owner, tindal or servant, or play for hire, any harbour craft, whether regularly or occasionally, for carrying goods or passengers to or from any vessel at the port or for regularly plying from place to place within port limits or partly, within and partly without such limits, unless the harbour craft has been duly licensed under these rules;

Provided that nothing in this rule shall apply to:

- (a) any boat forming part of the equipment of a ship or steamer; or
- (b) any harbour craft maintained solely for purposes of pleasure or
- (c) any mechanised fishing vessel which exceeds fifteen tons net and which is registered under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958

Provided further that the Dy Conservator may, if he thinks fit, withdraw exemption in respect of any such boat or harbour craft as is mentioned in clause (a) or clause (b) of the proceeding proviso

4 Licensing of harbour craft:-(1) Every application for the licensing of a harbour craft under rule 3 shall be made to the Deputy Conservator of the Port in writing and shall contain the following particulars:—

a) the owner's name and address in full and if the owner is a minor the name and address of his guardian also;

b) name and address of the agent if any, duly authorised by the owner, to act on his behalf;

c) the name of the tindal whom the owner proposes to place in charge of the harbour craft; and

d) the nature of the licence required i. e. whether it is required for a passenger boat, or for a cargo boat, or for a passenger and cargo boat

2. On receiving an application for licence under sub-rule (1) the Dy. Conservator of the Port shall survey and measure the harbour craft, or cause it to be surveyed and measured in the presence of the owner or of any person duly appointed for the purpose by such owner, and grant a licence in Form A. on being satisfied that the craft is seaworthy and fit for service at the Port or, upon the production of a certificate in writing from the officer who surveyed the craft certifying.

a) that such craft is seaworthy, properly equipped and suited for the purpose for which the licence is required;

- b) the number of passengers that such craft is capable of carrying under all conditions;
- c) the number of crew required for the safe navigation of such craft;
- d) that the equipment of such craft is in good order and condition.

3 For purpose of the survey and measurement prescribed in sub-rule (2) the owner shall cause the harbour craft to be brought to such place as the Dy Conservator of the Port may appoint.

4 Subject to the provisions of these rules, every licence in Form A shall be valid upto and inclusive of the 31st December of the year in which the licence is issued.

5 Minor or female owners:- If the owner of a harbour craft is a minor the licence may be obtained by the guardian of the minor. If the owner is a woman, who according to the custom of the country does not appear in public the licence may be obtained on her behalf by her duly authorised agent. In such cases the guardian or the agent shall be deemed to be the owner for the purposes of these rules.

6 Licence, rules, etc. to be produced when demanded:—

(1) The licence of every harbour craft shall be kept in the possession of the tindal, who shall produce the licence whenever called upon to do so by the Dy. Conservator of the Port or by any person duly authorised by the Dy. Conservator of the Port in that behalf

(2) A copy of these rules and of any written directions issued by the Dy. Conservator of the Port for carrying the same into effect shall also be furnished by the owner to the tindal who shall, on demand, show them to any consignor or passenger by such harbour craft. The owner shall be responsible for securing that the tindal understands the said rules and directions, for obtaining a declaration from him to that effect and for producing such declaration whenever required by the Dy. Conservator of the Port.

7 Distinctive numbering of licenced harbour craft

(1) The owner of a licensed harbour craft shall paint or cause to be painted upon a black ground in white English figures, not less than six inches in length, on a conspicuous part of the bow of such harbour craft on one side, and of the quarter on the other, the No. of the harbour craft as mentioned in the licence.

(2) No person shall paint or cause to be painted or counter, feited upon any harbour craft not duly licenced under rule 4, any such number as aforesaid or any other mark likely to induce the belief that such harbour craft has been so licenced.

8. Change of ownership or control of licensed harbour craft:—

Where the holder of a licence in Form A transfers the ownership of the harbour craft to another person, the licence shall cease to be valid on the expiry of six days from the date of such transfer; and where such holder mortgages the harbour craft, to or place it under the control of another person the licence shall cease to be valid on the expiry of six days from the date of such transfer unless an endorsement on the licence is made by the Dy. Conservator of the Port that notwithstanding the transfer the licence shall continue to be valid.

9 Change in crew or carrying capacity of licensed harbour craft to be reported: Whenever the tindal of any licensed harbour craft is changed, or any alteration in such craft is made so as to affect any of the particulars contained in the licence granted for it, such change or alteration shall be forthwith reported by its owner to the Dy. Conservator of the Port Provided that if such change or alteration takes place at a time when the harbour craft is away from the Port, it may be reported immediately on the return of the harbour craft to the Port In case of change of tindal or of any alteration in the harbour craft not affecting its carrying capacity the harbour craft shall not ply until such report is made, and in case of change of tindal until the tindal has also been produced before the Dy. Conservator of the Port On such report and production as the case may be, the Dy. Conservator of the Port shall amend the original licence held by the owner and in case of change of tindal, the register kept under rule 10.

In case of any alteration in the harbour craft affecting its carrying capacity the original licence held by the owner shall be cancelled and a fresh licence issued by the Dy. Conservator of the Port after the craft has been remeasured, and the harbour craft shall not ply until such fresh licence has been issued.

10 Registration of tindals:—(1) at the time of licencing of any harbour craft under rule 3th name of its tindal as entered in the licence and other particulars relating to him shall be entered in a book which shall be kept by the Dy. Conservator of the Port in Form B.

(2) Omitted. (3) No person shall be employed or registered as a tinda of a licensed harbour craft if he (a) is not a certified officer qualified to be the master or engineer of such harbour craft in accordance with rule 29, (b) is in the opinion of the Dy. Conservator of the Port unaccustomed to the use of such harbour craft or otherwise inefficient

11 Annual and special inspection of licensed harbour craft and crew: On or before the expiry of the licence the owner of every licensed harbour craft shall

produce it together with its license for inspection by the Dy. Conservator of the Port at such place as he may appoint for the purpose. In addition to such inspection, special or partial inspections may be held by the Dy. Conservator of the Port or by any person duly authorised by him, at such times as the Dy. Conservator of the Port may consider necessary. At all inspections under this rule, each harbour craft shall have its full complement of crew and equipment.

12 Repairs of licensed harbour craft ordered for inspection:

1) The owner of every licensed harbour craft shall execute such repairs thereto as the inspecting officer may direct in order to render it efficient, and no owner or other person shall use any such harbour craft or cause or permit it to be used until such repairs have been duly executed thereto and the Dy. Conservator of the Port has granted permission for its use. For the purpose of such repairs, the owner shall cause the harbour craft to be hauled up only to such place or places on the foreshore as the Dy. Conservator of the port may from time to time direct.

(2) All major repairs to the boiler, machinery or hull of a licensed harbour craft shall be carried out under the supervision of an engineer and ship surveyor appointed by the Conservator of the Port. The master, owner or owners of such craft shall before the commencement of the repairs pay the Dy Conservator of the Port a sum sufficient to cover the fees and other expenses of such engineer and ship surveyor. The purpose of this sub rule the decision of the Dy Conservator of the Port as to whether a particular work should be regarded as a major repair or not shall be final.

(3) The fees referred to in sub-rule (2) shall be calculated on the following scale, namely:—

	Rs
i) For every vessel the gross tonnage of which does not exceed 10 tons	75 00
ii) For every vessel the gross tonnage of which exceeds 10 tons but does not exceed 25 tons	100 00
iii) For every vessel gross tonnage of which exceeds 25 tons but not exceeds 50 tons	125 00
iv) For every vessel the gross tonnage of which exceeds 50 tons but does not exceed 75 tons	150 00
v) For every vessel the gross tonnage of which exceeds 75 tons but does not exceed 100 tons	175 00
vi) For every vessel the gross tonnage of which exceeds 100 tons but does not exceed 300 tons	200 00
vii) For every vessel the gross tonnage of which exceeds 300 tons but does not exceed 600 tons	250 00

(viii) For every vessel the gross tonnage of which exceeds 600 tons but does not exceed 900 tons	300 00
(ix) For every vessel the gross tonnage of which exceeds 900-1200 tons	350 00
Rs. 50/-for every 300 tons or part thereof, in excess of 1200 tons	

**X Fees for interim survey** **Rs 20 per visit**

4) The expenses referred to in sub-rule (2) shall be determined in accordance with the instruction of the Central Govt. in this behalf.

**13 Control of working of licensed harbour craft:—**

1) The owner of every licensed harbour craft shall provide it with such full complement of crew and with such equipment as may be determined by the Dy. Conservator of the Port and entered in the licence. The tindal of the harbour craft shall not have on board more or less than the No. of the crew prescribed in the licence for fine or rough weather according as the harbour craft plies in fine or rough weather and shall not carry passengers or goods in excess of the number or quantity entered in the licence for the harbour craft.

2) Every licenced harbour craft plying within the Port shall carry such number of lifebuoys as may be considered reasonable by the Dy. Conservator of the Port and of a type approved by him Every such harbour craft shall carry in addition such buoyant apparatus as may be considered necessary by the Dy. Conservator of the Port.

All buoy and buoyant apparatus carried in pursuance of this rule shall be stowed to the satisfaction of the Dy. Conservator of the Port and so as to be readily accessible to the persons on board.

3) The Dy. Conservator of the Port shall exercise his discretion in fixing the No of crew required in a licenced harbour craft plying within the Port and carrying passengers.

4) Where the owner of a licensed harbour craft does not desire to carry the full complement of passengers, or is not prepared, or considers it impracticable to carry the prescribed life Saving appliances the Dy. Conservator of the Port may endorse the licence to the effect that the number of pas-engers is limited accordingly

5) The owner of every harbour craft licenced under the Harbour Craft Rules shall maintain a log book showing the following particulars:—

- a) Trip to and fro
- b) Purpose of each trip
- c) Approximate period the boat worked and the place of work; and
- d) Approximate period the boat day idle during the day and the place where it lay idle.

The log book shall always be kept on board the craft and shall be produced for inspection whenever required by the Dy. Conservator or any officer authorised by him in this behalf.

14 Obstructing Port Traffic:—1 No tindal or any member of the crew serving in any licenced harbour craft shall without reasonable excuse, obstruct or hinder the loading, discharging or service of such harbour craft, or of any other licenced harbour craft, or obstruct or hinder any vessel working in the Port.

2) No tindal shall permit any licenced harbour craft in his charge to obstruct the free navigation of the Port or the approaches to wharves or jetties.

15 Observance of the rule of the road at sea:—All licensed harbour craft when under way shall observe the rule of the road at sea.

16 Refusal to ply without lawful excuse:—If the owner or the tindal in charge of a licensed harbour craft plying regularly for hire refuses to allow such harbour craft to ply for hire when required to do so, without reasonable excuse, of which the Dy Conservator of the Port shall, subject, to the appeal provided in rule 27 be the sole judge the licence of such harbour craft shall be liable to be revoked

17 Working of the licensed harbour craft at night and in bad weather:—(a) No licensed harbour craft shall ply in the outer roads

i) Between the hours of 6 p. m. and 6 a m without the previous permission of the Dy Conservator of the Port.

ii) When flag "S" by day or one red light by night indicating bad weather or high sea is displayed from the Port Flag staff (b: when either of the signals referred to in clause (ii) above is hoisted at the Port Flag staff, all harbour craft plying in the outer roads shall return to the inner harbour at once and shall not proceed again to the outer roads without the special permission of the Dy. Conservator of the Port until the signal is hauled down.

18 Permissible load of licensed harbour craft in fine and in rough weather:—1) No person shall load a licensed harbour craft with passengers or with animals or other cargo in contravention of the terms of its licence.

2 No tindal of any licensed harbour craft shall permit any animal to be loaded in it, unless the harbour craft has been provided with sandballast or straw sufficient to form a flat floor and unless such other requirements as may be imposed by the Dy. Conservator of the port in the respect of the harbour craft have been complied with



3 where animals are carried in a licensed harbour craft, no other cargo or passengers shall be carried therein.

4 Passengers and cargo other than animals may be carried at the same time only in a licensed harbour craft propelled by mechanical or electrical power.

19 Power of tindal to prevent overloading:—Whenever the number of passengers or the quantity of cargo in a licensed harbour craft exceeds the number or quantity entered in the licence, the tindal shall before starting from the vessel or from the shore, require any passenger to leave the harbour craft or any consignor consignee, or shipping or landing agent concerned to remove from the harbour craft the whole or any part of the cargo.

20 Attention to certain signals required of tindals:—The owner of every licensed harbour craft shall instruct the tindal of such harbour craft to pay immediate attention to the harbour craft master flag - a square blue flag with four parallel red bars running crosswise - which will be displayed on the Port flag staff when the Dy. Conservator of the port desires to carry out an inspection under Rule 11.

21 Licensed harbour craft not to interfere with moorings or approaching vessels before they anchor - No person in charge of or navigating any licensed harbour craft shall attempt to make such harbour craft fast to any mooring or mark buoy; or take it alongside of vessel approaching an anchorage before such vessel has come to anchor or been moored to a buoy.

22 Fishing boats not to be allowed near a cargo boat or along-side a vessel - 1) No person in charge of or navigating a licensed cargo boat shall allow a fishing boat to be within ten yards of her when such cargo boat is plying between the vessel and the shore.

## **22-A Penalty for approaching vessel in the harbour without lawful business:—**

No person in charge of or navigating an unlicensed harbour craft shall approach within 50 metres of the vessels berthed in the Harbour and no person in charge of, or navigating a licensed harbour craft shall approach a vessel berthed on the harbour if he has no lawful business on board the vessel. Contravention of these provisions by any person shall be punishable with a fine not exceeding rupees one hundred.

2 No person in-charge of or navigating a fishing boat shall allow it to go alongside a vessel while discharge or shipping cargo is proceeding.

3 If any licensed harbour craft is found by the Dy. Conservator of the

port to have contravened the provisions of sub-rule 1 or 2 the Dy. Conservator of the Port may—  
a) Cancel the licence issued in respect of the harbour craft; b) Direct that tindal at fault shall not be employed in any capacity in any licensed harbour craft and that his name shall be removed from the Register of tindals; and if any owner employs any such tindal contrary to the Dy. Conservator of the port's directions under clause b) the Dy. Conservator of the port may cancel all or any of the licences in Form A held by the owner

23 Landing and shipping of Passengers and goods to be within the Port:—All passengers and goods shall be landed or shipped in such places within the limits of the Port as the Dy. Conservator of the Port may appoint and no person shall ship or land passengers or goods outside such place unless the sanction of the Port, and Customs Officers at the port has been previously obtained.

24 Rates of harbour craft hire:—No owner, tindal or any member of the crew of a licensed harbour craft licensed to carry passengers for hire, and no person deputed by the owner or such harbour craft, shall demand from any passenger a rate of hire exceeding that sanctioned by the Central Govt. and no owner tindal or member of the crew of such harbour craft shall demand or accept any gratuity or present from any passenger during the course of its trip between any vessel and the shore or from place to place whether within or without the port

25 Prohibition of employment of tindals and crew contravening the rules:—If, in the opinion of the Dy. Conservator of the port any tindal or any member of the crew of a licensed harbour craft has contravened any of these rules the owner of the harbour craft shall on being required so to do by the Dy. Conservator of the port dismiss or suspend for such period as the Dy. Conservator of the port may specify in that behalf such tindal or member of the crew from his employment.

Any action taken by the Dy. Conservator under this rule shall be without prejudice to any other action which he may take in respect of the contravention of the rule

26 Revocation of licenses:—If in the opinion of the Dy. Conservator of the port, the owner of any licensed harbour craft has contravened any of these rules, the Dy. Conservator of the port may without prejudice to any other action that may be taken against such owner in respect of the contravention, cancel all or any of the licenses in Form A held by the owner.

27 Appeal from Dy. Conservator of the Port's decision:—An appeal shall lie from any of the decision of the Dy. Conservator of the port under these rules, to the Conservator of the port. Such appeal shall be preferred in writing within seven days after the decision of the Dy. Conservator of the port has been communicated in writing to the party or parties concerned, and the decision of the Conservator thereon shall be final.

28 Fees:— The following fees shall be payable by the owners of harbour craft licensed or liable to be licensed:—

- i) For each survey and measurement—Rs. 2/—
- ii) For issue or reissue of a license—Rs. 2/—
- iii) For each annual inspection—Rs. 2/
- iv) For endorsing change of tinal-Fifty paise
- v) For registration of boat at Rs. 2/-

Provided that:—(i) In respect of canoes only half the above fees shall be payable. (ii) Where the harbour craft is found unseaworthy at the time of survey or at the time of annual inspection only half the fee shall be payable (iii) where the harbour craft is a motor boat or steam boat in respect of which a certificate of survey under the Indian Merchant Shipping Act, 1923, or the Inland Steam Vessel Act, 1917, is held by the owner, no fee shall be payable for survey and measurement, but if no such certificate of survey is held, a fee of Rs. 4/- shall be payable (iv) The fee for the issue of a duplicate licence shall be half of the fee for the original licence, provided the latter is proved to the satisfaction of the Dy. Conservator at the port to have been lost or mislaid, or has been rendered illegible Surcharge of 10% in also payable.

29 Special provisions applicable to steam boats and motor boats licenced under these rules:—1 Every steam boat licenced under these rules shall when in use, whether plying for hire or not have on board the following certificated officers.—

(i) If she has engines of not less than 100 NHP —

(a) as her master, a person possessing a first class master's certificate granted under the Inland Steam Vessel Act, 1917, Indian Merchant Shipping Act, 1923, or the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894 or a master's certificate granted either under the Indian Merchant Shipping Act, 1923 or under such regulations as the Central Govt may, from time to time prescribe, or the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, and

(b) as her engineer a person possessing an engineer's certificate granted under any of the aforesaid acts or regulations

(ii) If she has engines of less than 100 NHP, but not less than 40 NHP —

a) as her master, a person possessing second class master's certificate granted under the Inland Steam Vessel Act, 1917, Indian Merchant Shipping Act, 1923, or the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, or any such certificate as is referred to in sub-clause (a) of clause i) and

b) as her engineer, a person possessing a first class enginedriver's certificate granted under the Inland Steam vessels Act, 1917 Indian Merchant Shipping Act, 1923, or the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894 or an engine driver's certificate granted under the Indian Merchant Shipping Act, 1923, or under such regulations as the Central Govt. may from time to time Prescribe or any such certificate as is referred to in sub-clause (b) of clause (i).

provided that a boat shall be deemed to have complied with this clause if she has as her master and engineer a person possessing both a certificate referred to in sub-clause (a) and a certificate referred to in sub-clause b); and

iii) if she has engine of less than 40 NHP.

a) as her master, a person possessing a serang's certificate granted under the Inland Steam Vessels Act, 1917, Indian Merchant Shipping Act, 1923 or the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894 or any such certificate as is referred to in sub-clause (a) of clauses (ii) and

b) as her engineer, a person possessing a second class engine driver's certificate granted under the Inland Steam Vessels shipping Act, 1917 Indian Merchant shipping Act, 1923 or the Merchant shipping Act 1894 or any such certificate as is referred to in sub-clause (b) or clause ii):

Provided that a boat shall be deemed to have complied with this clause, if she has as her master and engineer a person possessing both a certificate referred to in sub-clause (a) and a certificate referred to in sub-clause (b)

2 Every Motor boat licensed under these rules shall when in use whether plying for hire or not have on board the following certificated officers;—

(i) if she has engines of not less than 565 BHP.

a) as her engineer, a person possessing a motor engineer's certificate granted under the Inland Steam Vessels Act, 1917, Indian Merchant Shipping Act, 1923, or the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894 or a certificate as a first class or second class engineer of a sea going motor ship granted either under the Indian Merchant Shipping Act, 1923 or under such regulations as the Central Govt. may from time to time prescribe, or the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894;

b) In case the engines are used for propulsion as her master, a person possessing a first class master's certificate granted under the Inland Steam Vessels Act, 1917, Indian Merchant Shipping Act, 1923 or the Merchant Shipping Act' 1894 or a master's certificate granted either under the Indian Merchant Shipping Act, 1923 or under such regulations as the Central Govt. may, from time to time, prescribe, or the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894.

ii) If she has engines of less than 565 BHP but not less than 226 BHP:—

a) as her engineer, a person possessing a first class motor engine driver's certificate granted under the Inland Steam Vessel Act 1917, Indian Merchant shipping Act, 1923 or the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, or any such certificate as is referred to in sub-clause (b) of clause (ii).

Provided that a motor boat having engines of not more than 40 BHP may have as her engineer, a person holding a permit granted by the Central Govt. or by any person duly authorised by the central Govt. in this behalf;

ii) If she has engines of less than 565 BHP but not less than 226 BHP:—

a) as her engineer; a person possessing a first class motor engine driver's certificate granted under the Inland Steam Vessels Act, 1917, Indian Merchant Shipping Act,

1923, or the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, or a certificate of an engine driver of a sea-going motor ship granted under the Indian Merchant Shipping Act, 1923 or under such Regulations as the Central Govt. may from time to time, prescribe or any such Certificate as is referred to in sub-clause (a) of clause (i) and

b) in case the engines are used for propulsion, as her master a person possessing a second class master's certificate granted under the Indian Steam Vessels Act, 1917, Indian Merchant Shipping Act, 1923' or the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894 or any such certificate as is referred to in sub-clause (b) of clause (i):

iii) if she has engines of less than 226 BHP:—

a) as her engineer, a person possessing a second class motor engine driver's certificate granted under the Inland Steam Vessels Act, 1917, Indian Merchant Shipping Act, 1923, or the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894 or any such certificate as referred to in sub-clause (a) of clause (ii); and

b) In case the engines are used for propulsion, as her master, a person possessing a serang's certificate granted under the Inland Steam Vessels Act, 1917 Indian Merchant Shipping Act, 1923, or the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, or any such certificate as is referred to in sub-clause (b) of clause (ii):

Provided that a motor boat having engines of not more than 40 BHP may have as per engineer, a person holding a permit granted by the Central Govt. or by any person duly authorised by the Central Govt. in this behalf;

Provided also that a motor boat having engines of not more than 20 BHP the length of which measured from the fore part of the stem to the after part of the stern post does not exceed 30' may have as her master and engineer a person possessing both a certificate referred to in sub-clause (a) and a certificate referred to in sub-clause (b);

Provided further that a motor boat having engines of not more than 20 BHP, the length of which measured as aforesaid does not exceed 30' which is used exclusively for personal recreation by the owner or his' family or friends need not carry a certificated master or engineer but may be navigated by the owner or any other person possessing a permit granted by the Central Govt. or by any person duly authorised by the Central Govt. in this behalf

3 Any person who has served as master, serang, engineer, or engine driver of a steam boat or motor boat plying in the port for a period of 3 years on the 31st December 1956 and is not in possession of the certificate of competency required under sub-rule (1) or sub-rule (2) as the case may be, may be granted by an officer duly authorised by the Central Govt. in this behalf without examination and on payment of the fees prescribed by the Central Govt. a certificate to the effect that he is, by reason of his having so served, competent to act as master, serang, engineer or engine driver on board such steam boat or motor boat while playing in the port

4 The Central Govt. may in Special circumstances:—

a) exempt any class of steam boats or motor boats from the requirements of sub-rule (1) or sub-rule (2) as the case may be, and

b) lay down the qualifications required of the officers employed on such boats.

30 1. Every motor boat licensed under these rules shall be provided with a sand box and an approved patent fire extinguisher of suitable capacity for extinguishing fire, and the owner shall keep it free from oil refuse

2 Noisy engines of all motor boats licensed under these rules while plying within the port shall be fitted with efficient silencers.

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