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Government Notifications

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THE PUBLIC SECURITY ORDINANCE (CHAPTER 40)

REGULATIONS made by the President under Section 5 of the Public Security Ordinance (Chapter 40).

Mahinda Rajapaksa, President.

Colombo, 27th March, 2006.

Regulations

- 1. These Regulations may be cited as the Emergency (Establishment of a Prohibited Zone) Regulations No. 1 of 2006.
- 2. The President shall appoint, by name or office, any person to be the Competent Authority for the purposes of these regulations.
- 3. There shall be established for the purpose of these regulations a Zone to be known as the "Prohibited Zone" the limits of which are specified in the Schedule hereto.
 - 4. (a) No person shall enter the Prohibited Zone in any vessel or remain within or ply any vessel within such Zone for any purpose whatsoever except with the written authority of the Competent Authority.
 - (b) In granting such written authority for a vessel in terms of paragraph (a), the Competent Authority may impose such restrictions and conditions as he may deem necessary in the interest of security and it shall be the duty of all personnel on board such vessel to comply and observe such restrictions and conditions.
 - (c) Any person who contravenes the provisions of paragraphs (a) or (b) of this regulation shall be guilty of an offence.
 - (d) A Certificate issued under the hand of the Commander of the Sri Lanka Navy to the effect that an act prohibited by paragraphs (a) or (b) took place within the Prohibited Zone shall be admissible in evidence and shall be *prima facie* Evidence of the facts stated therein.
 - 5. (a) Any Police Officer, any membr of the Sri Lanka Army, the Sri Lanka Navy or the Sri Lanka Air Force or any other person authorised by the President to act under this regulation may within the Prohibited Zone stop or detain any person or vessel for the purpose of identification, so as to satisfy himself, that such person or vessel has been specially authorised by a Competent Authority to enter and remain or ply within the Prohibited Zone.

- (b) Any officer referred to in paragraph (a) who has reasonable grounds for suspecting that the vessel and the person on board so stopped or detained has not obtained the authority required by regulation 4 shall cause such person, vessel to be dealt with according to the applicable laws.
- (c) For the purpose of stopping any person or vessel under the provisions of these regulations, the officers referred to in paragraph (A) may give such orders, directions or signals or use such other devices, or take such other measures as may be necessary to stop such person or vessel and cause it to halt.
- (d) Any person found on board any vessel within the Prohibited Zone who fails or refuses to comply with any order, direction or signals issued under paragraph (C) shall be guilty of an offence under these regulations.
- (e) Upon the failure or refuse of any person found on board any vessel within the Prohibited Zone to comply with any order, direction or signals given, the officer issuing such order may at his discretion halt such vessel by opening fire at such person or vessel or by using such other means as he may deem necessary in the circumstances.
- 6. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any other written law, no indemnity or other payment shall be payable under any policy of insurance in respect of dealth, injury or damage, caused to any person, vessel or thing found within the Prohibited Zone, in contravention of the provisions of regulation 4.
- 7. Any person who has committed an offence under these regulations shall on conviction after trial by the High Court of the Province established under article 154 P of the Constitution for the Western Province holden in Colombo, be liable to rigorous imprisonment for a term not less than three months and not exceeding five years and to a fine of not less than Rupees Five Hundred Thousand and such vessel shall be forfeited to the Republic together with all contents whatsoever found on board.
- 8. Nothing in these regulations shall be read or construed as affecting, in any way, the right of access to the Island of Kachchativu granted to Indian fishermen under the Agreement between Sri Lanka and India signed on 28th June, 1974, on the "Boundary in the Historic waters between the two countries and related matters", read with the provisions of the Agreement between Sri Lanka and India signed on 23rd March, 1976, on the "Maritime Boundary between the two countries in the Gulf of Mannar and the Bay of Bengal, and related matters".
- 9. For the purpose of these regulations the term "vessel" shall mean a vessel or boat with a weight of three (03) tons or above and more than twenty eight (28) feet in length which can be sustained at sea for a period more than one day.

SCHEDULE

(Regulation 3)

AREA COMPRISING THE PROHIBITED ZONE

The "Prohibited Zone" shall comprise of the sea between the coast line of the Administrative Districts of Hambantota, Ampara, Batticaloa, Trincomalee, Mullaitivu, Jaffna, Kilinochchi, Mannar and Puttalam and the corresponding Indo-Sri Lanka Maritime Boundary and the Territorial Sea, as defined by the latitudes and longitudes set out below:

1. 08 15 ′ 48" N	8136′18″E
2. 0824′42″N	8135′30″E
3. 0836′24″N	8131′30″E
4. 0841′36″N	81 25 ′ 48 ″ E
5. 0846′24″N	8123′18″E
6. 0900′00″N	81 14' 12"E

7.	0907 ′ 12" N	8107′12″E
8.	09 14 ′ 48" N	8103'12"E
9.	0926′06″ N	80 58 36" E
10.	0938'42"N	8042′24″E
11.	0949′13″N	8009′12″E
12.	0951′12″N	8027′42″E
13.	09 54 ′ 24 ″ N	8026′18″E
14.	0958′30″N	8024′06″E
15.	1011′06″N	8013′24″E
16.	1008′24″N	8009′30″E
17.	1005′48″N	8005′00″E
18.	1005′00″N	8005′00″E
19.	0957′00″N	7935′00″E
20.	0940′09″N	7922′36″E
21.	0921′48″N	7930′42″E
22.	0913′00″N	7932′00″E
23.	0906′00″N	7932′00″E
24.	0900′00″N	7931′05″E
25.	08 <i>5</i> 4′06″N	7934′05″E
26.	0851′00″N	7942′08″E
27.	0847′00″N	7942′08″E
28.	0843 ′ 05 ″ N	7944′00″E
29.	0840′00″N	7938′00″E
30.	0836′00″N	7935′06″E
31.	0831 ′ 00″N	7934′08″E
32.	0824′00″N	7935′00″E
33.	0813′00″N	7929′06″E
34.	0806′07″N	7929′08″E
35.	0803′05″N	7930′00″E
36.	0755′05″N	7932′05″E
37.	0804′08″N	8143′08″E
38.	0751′03″N	81 52 ′ 04 ″E
39.		8158′08″E
40.	0722′08″N	8203′06″E
41.	0701′08″N	8204′08″E
42.	0648′08″N	8202'04"E
43.	0640′07″N	8200'00"E
44.	0633 ′ 05" N	8157'06"E
45.	0625'04"N	8153'02"E
46.	0616′05″N	8145′05″E
47.	0609′05″N	8136'03"E
48.	0602′05″N	8125'02"E
49.	0616′08″N	8125′05″E

and shall include the inland waters of the Puttalam Lagoon, North of Kalpitiya.

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EMERGENCY (ESTABLISHMENT OF A PROHIBITED ZONE) REGULATIONS No. 1 OF 2006

Appointment of Competent Authority

BY virtue of the powers vested in me by regulation 2 of the Emergency (Establishment of a Prohibited Zone) Regulations No. 1 of 2006, I, Mahinda Rajapaksa, President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka do hereby, declare the officers specified in the Schedule hereto, to be Competent Authorities for the purposes of the said regulations.

Mahinda Rajapaksa, President.

Colombo, 27th March, 2006.

SCHEDULE

- 1. Commander of the Sri Lanka Navy
- 2. Commander Northern Naval Area
- 3. Commander Eastern Naval Area
- 4. Commander Western Naval Area
- 5. Commander Southern Naval Area
- 6. Commander North Central Naval Area.