

Fisheries Law and Regulations

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- Fisheries Regulation No. 22223 of 1995 and Amendment No. 25052 of 2003 set out application details for Fisheries Law No. 1380 and provide provisions concerning aquaculture, including hygiene, inspection and control of fishery products.



- According to Article 13 of Fisheries Law No. 1380, the procedures and principles related to aquaculture are determined by the Aquaculture Regulation No. 25507 which was issued in 2004 and amended in 2007. This regulation sets out rules for the following issues:

- Site selection for inland and marine farms.
- Application and evaluation procedures for fish farming licenses.
- Approving the projects and issuing licenses.
- Improving production capacity, species etc, cancellation (closing down farms), site changes and sales.
- Other aquaculture activities (tuna fattening, organic farming, integrated production systems) .
- Importing broodstock fish, egg and fry.
- Compulsory technical staff employment.
- Fish health management.
- Environmental impacts and protection.
- Monitoring and control of farming activities.
- Fish welfare.

- Detailed issues concerning the implementation of Aquaculture Regulation No. 25507 are provided in the Application Principles with Regard to the Regulation on Aquaculture (Notice 2006/1).

- The Minister derives his legal authority to make regulations or other subsidiary legal instruments through the law establishing the ministry for which the minister is responsible. Thus, the Fisheries Law is not necessarily the basis for making regulations, but rather it is through the minister's ex officio powers that fishery regulations are made.

- It is up to the minister to determine the instrument that he/she will use, in accordance with the delegated powers, and then to issue the appropriate instrument. The Ministry of Food Agriculture and Livestock – MoFAL is given institutional authority to manage the fishery sector under Decree Law No. 441 of 1991, on the Establishment and Functions of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs.