

Government Notice No. 151 of 2026

THE FISHERIES ACT 2023

Regulations made by the Minister under section 206 of the Fisheries Act

1. These regulations may be cited as the Fisheries (Vessel Monitoring System) (Amendment) Regulations 2026.
2. In these regulations –
“principal regulations” means the Fisheries (Vessel Monitoring System) Regulations 2024.
3. Regulation 6 of the principal regulations is amended in paragraph (1) –
 - (a) in subparagraph (a)(iv), by deleting the words “every 2 hours” and replacing them by the words “at least once every 2 hours”;
 - (b) by revoking subparagraph (d);
 - (c) in subparagraph (h), by deleting the word “vessel” and replacing it by the words “vessel including from its original place of installation, without the prior written approval of the supervising officer”; and
 - (d) by revoking subparagraph (i) and replacing it by the following subparagraph –
 - (i) any authorised removal of the Mobile Transceiver Unit for the purposes of repair, replacement, or any other reason approved by the supervising officer, shall immediately be notified in writing to

the Fisheries Monitoring Centre and the supervising officer indicating the date and reason for removal;

4. Regulation 8 of the principal regulations is amended –

- (a) by revoking paragraph (2) and replacing it by the following paragraph –

(2) The operator shall inform the Fisheries Monitoring Centre and the supervising officer of any failure of the Mobile Transceiver Unit to operate in whole or in part within 24 hours. The operator of a fishing vessel shall ensure that the Mobile Transceiver Unit which fails to operate in whole or in part, is repaired or replaced within 30 days from the date of detection of the failure or the date the operator of the vessel was informed by the Fisheries Monitoring Centre of the failure to function, whichever is earlier, and such repair or replacement shall be carried out in a port approved by the supervising officer.

- (b) in paragraph (4), by deleting the words “a port of Mauritius” and replacing them by the words “an approved port”.

5. Regulation 11 of the principal regulations is amended –

- (a) in paragraph (1), by deleting the words “a fine not exceeding 25 million rupees and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years” and replacing them by the words “penalties as prescribed under the Act, as applicable”;
- (b) by revoking paragraph (2) and replacing it by the following paragraph –

(2) The operator who fails to comply with a notice issued under regulation 9(1) shall commit an offence and

shall, on conviction, be liable to penalties prescribed under the Act, as applicable.

- (c) in paragraph (3), by deleting the words “a fine not exceeding 25 million rupees and to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years” and replacing them by the words “penalties prescribed under the Act, as applicable”.
6. These regulations shall come into operation on 26 August 2026.

Made by the Minister on 26 August 2026.
