1966 Extension and Modification of the 1959 Maritime Code
Decree Law No. 7 of 1 November 1966 as converted into Law, with a few more amendments, by Law No. 3 of 7 January 1967, which also amended slightly Articles 4, 9 and 12 of the (1966) Decree Law

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For the purpose of the Maritime Administration, the Shores of the State Territory shall be considered a single Maritime Circumscription with Mogadiscio as the chief town; and its office shall be called the Maritime and Port Service of Mogadiscio. The maritime circumscription shall include the Maritime Sections of Chisimaio, extending from Ras Chiambone to Ras Audulla (excluding Ras Audulla); of Merca; extending from Ras Audulla to Danane (excluding Danane); of Mogadiscio, extending from Danane to El Cabone (excluding El Cabone); of Obbia, extending from El Cabone to Eil (excluding Eil); of Alula, extending from Eil to Durbo (excluding Durbo); of Bosaso, extending from Durbo to Bender Ziad (including Bender Zaid); of Las Koreh, extending from Bender Ziad to Ras Sura; of Mait extending from Ras Sura to Ras Khanzir of Berbera, extending from Ras Khanzir to Bulhar (excluding Bulhar); of Zeila, extending from Bulhar to Loya Ada; and the Maritime Branch Offices of Brava, Adale, Eli, Bender Beila, Hafun, Hordio, Bargal, Candala, Elayu, and Heis.

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2. Shipping and Forwarding Agents, except as otherwise provided by special laws, shall be licenced by the Maritime Authority. The licence may be issued on an application presented, together with the following documents, by the applicant:

a) birth certificate, showing that the applicant is of age;

b) certificate of residence and nationality:

c) good conduct certificate;

d) Chamber of Commerce certificate showing that the applicant

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has worked for, at least two years as an apprentice with a shipping or Forwarding
Agent, and possesses therefore the required experience;
e) certificate issued by the Maritime Authority showing that the applicant has passed
an examination in maritime and port matters;
f) deposit into the Somali National Bank of Sh. So. 3,000 (three thousand) according
to the prescribed rules;
g) acceptance to comply with all formalities and obligations prescribed by the
Maritime Authority, including the payment of an annual fee of Sh. So. 1,000 (one
thousand) for the Shipping Agent licences.
3. The issue of the licence shall be subject to the payment of a fee of Sh. So. 500 (five
hundred).
The annual renewal fee of the licence shall be Sh. So. 150 (one hundred fifty).

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2. Any vessel, either self-propelled or the sailing type weighing less than 1,000 net tons
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