

OPERATING RULES FOR SCREENING APPLICATIONS TO IMPORT FISHING VESSELS USING NEW FISHING METHODS

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1. An application to import a fishing vessel using new fishing methods shall, in accordance with Article 10 of the Enforcement Rules of Fishery Act, be supported by the following documents and filed with the competent authority of the municipality or county/city of the place of registry for transmittal to the Council of Agriculture (the "Council") for approval:
 - (1) application form;
 - (2) a photocopy of the certificate of registry of the exporting country of the fishing vessel;
 - (3) a valid document certifying that the vessel has passed the safety inspection; and
 - (4) a design specification of the vessel.
2. If a vessel to be imported is over ten years old from the date of completion to the date of application, then the application shall be dismissed pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 26-2 of the Guidelines Governing the Issuance of Fishing Vessel Licenses. The same applies where all the required documents are not submitted as scheduled on request.
3. Upon accepting an application, the Council shall fix a date for holding a meeting which relevant experts and scholars in fishing, fishing implements, shipbuilding or processing, representatives of experiment agencies and municipal directly under the jurisdiction of the Central Government/municipal fishing authorities will be invited to attend to review and determine whether the fishing method under application is a new fishing method.
4. The Council shall assess the fishing method which is deemed new upon review. Importation of the fishing vessel shall be approved if its fishing method is encouraged under the public policy.
5. Once approved, importation of the fishing vessel using new fishing method shall be completed within six months of the date of approval; otherwise, the approval granted shall be deemed invalid.