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MERCHANT SHIPPING

GOVERNMENT OF ST HELENA POLICY STATEMENT

SHIP REGISTRY POLICY: REGISTRATION OF FISHING VESSELS, COMMERCIAL VESSELS, YACHTS AND PLEASURE VESSELS

1. This Policy is effective from 15 October 2019 and sets out the criteria for the registration of fishing vessels, commercial vessels, yachts and pleasure vessels in St Helena. The policy is set by the Executive Council and implemented by the St Helena Registrar of Shipping who may be contacted at Karen.Yon@sainthelena.gov.sh.
2. Subject to paragraph 4, the following persons are eligible to be the owners of a **yacht or pleasure vessel** that may be registered in St Helena:
 - (a) Residents of St Helena who have St Helenian status as referred to in section 15(1) or (2) of the Immigration Ordinance, 2011;
 - (b) The following nationals who have a work permit or long term entry permit issued under the Immigration Ordinance, 2011:
 - (i) British citizens;
 - (ii) persons who under the British Nationality Act 1981 are British subjects;
 - (iii) persons who under the Hong Kong (British Nationality) Order 1986 are British Nationals (Overseas); and
 - (iv) citizens of any of the countries listed in Schedule 1;
 - (c) Corporate bodies incorporated in St Helena
 - (d) Corporate bodies incorporated in a country listed in the Schedule 1
 - (e) Limited partnerships registered in a country listed in Schedule 1, which—

- (i) have their principal place of business in any such country or in St Helena; and
 - (ii) have a general partner which is either an individual who is resident in any such country or in St Helena, or a body corporate which has its principal place of business in any such country or in St Helena.
 - 3. Subject to paragraph 4, the following persons are eligible to be the owners of a **fishing or commercial vessel** that may be registered in St Helena:
 - (a) Residents of St Helena who have St Helenian status as referred to in section 15(1) or (2) of the Immigration Ordinance, 2011;
 - (b) The following nationals who have a work permit or long term entry permit issued under the Immigration Ordinance, 2011:
 - (i) British citizens;
 - (ii) persons who under the British Nationality Act 1981 are British subjects;
 - (iii) persons who under the Hong Kong (British Nationality) Order 1986 are British Nationals (Overseas); and
 - (iv) citizens of any of the countries listed in Schedule 2;
 - (c) Corporate bodies incorporated in St Helena
 - (d) Corporate bodies incorporated in a country listed in the Schedule 2
 - (e) Limited partnerships registered in a country listed in Schedule 2, which—
 - (i) have their principal place of business in any such country or in St Helena; and
 - (ii) have a general partner which is either an individual who is resident in any such country or in St Helena, or a body corporate which has its principal place of business in any such country or in St Helena.
- provided that such persons or companies have a close economic connection with the Island (as may be defined from time to time by Governor in Council).

The Policy is that all enquiries from foreign companies/persons will be answered with a copy of this statement together with a request that the applicant sets out how the condition of having a close economic connection with the island would be met. The current interpretation of ‘close economic connection’ is a minimum investment of £250,000 unless a smaller investment offers the potential for significant long-term benefits.

- 4. Fees are listed in Schedule 3.
 - 5. Gazette Notice No. 5 of 19 January 2000 is revoked.
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SCHEDULE 1

- (a) The United Kingdom;
- (b) British Overseas Territories of Anguilla; Bermuda; British Antarctic Territory; British Indian Ocean Territory; British Virgin Islands; Caymans Islands; Falkland Islands; Gibraltar; Montserrat; Ascension; Tristan Da Cunha; Pitcairn Islands; South Georgia; South Sandwich Islands; Sovereign base areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia; or Turks and Caicos Islands;
- (c) British Crown Dependencies of the Channel Island bailiwicks of Jersey and Guernsey and the Isle of Man;
- (d) Other countries: Argentina, Australia; Austria; Belgium; Brazil; Canada; China; Denmark; Finland; France; Germany; Greece; Hong Kong (China); Iceland; India; Ireland; Italy; Japan; Luxembourg; Malaysia; Mexico; Netherlands; New Zealand; Norway; Portugal; Russian Federation; Singapore; South Africa; Spain; Sweden; Switzerland; Turkey; United States of America.

SCHEDULE 2

- (a) The United Kingdom;
 - (b) British Overseas Territories of Anguilla; Bermuda; British Antarctic Territory; British Indian Ocean Territory; British Virgin Islands; Caymans Islands; Falkland Islands; Gibraltar; Montserrat; Ascension; Tristan Da Cunha; Pitcairn Islands; South Georgia; South Sandwich Islands; Sovereign base areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia; or Turks and Caicos Islands;
 - (b) Other countries: Austria; Belgium; Denmark; Finland; France; Germany; Greece; Iceland; Ireland; Italy; Luxembourg; Netherlands; Norway; Portugal; Spain; Sweden.
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SCHEDULE 3

Standard fees	
Initial Registry/Registry Renewal/Transfer of Port to St. Helena/Registry Anew: ~Up to 150GRT Commercial or over 150GT Pleasure vessel owned by persons described in sections (a) (b) or (c) of the Registration of Fishing Vessels, Commercial Vessels, Yachts and Pleasure Vessels Policy Statement	£400
~Under 100GRT Commercial or under 150GT Pleasure vessel owned by persons described in sections (a) (b) or (c) of the Registration of Fishing Vessels, Commercial Vessels, Yachts and Pleasure Vessels Policy Statement;	£250
~Small vessels Commercial or any Pleasure vessel owned by persons described in sections (a) (b) or (c) of the Registration of Fishing Vessels, Commercial Vessels, Yachts and Pleasure Vessels Policy Statement;	£50
~Up to 150GRT Commercial or any Pleasure Vessel owned by persons described in sections (d) or (e) of the Registration of Fishing Vessels, Commercial Vessels, Yachts and Pleasure Vessels Policy Statement;	£600
Provisional registration	£200
Transfer of Ownership by Bill of Sale	£120
Transfer of Ownership by Transmission on Death of owner	£120
Registration of priority notice by intending mortgagee	£50
Renewal of priority notice by intending mortgagee	£45
Registration of Mortgage	£120
Transfer or Transmission of Mortgage	£120
Discharge of Mortgage	£120
Renewal of Registration	£100
Change in particulars, including change of Engine, Authorised Officer and change of Representative Person	£50
Change of Vessel name	£50
Issue of duplicate certificate	£50
Transcript of a Register	£50
Request for Closure by owner	£50
Transcript of a Closed Register	£50
Transcript of a Register at other than current date	£50
Transfer of Port of Registry from St Helena, including transcript & closure	£80
Inspecting a Register Book	£15
Certified Copy of Document	£5

Susan O'Bey
Chief Secretary

The Castle
15 October 2019