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GENERAL NOTICE

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GENERAL NOTICE IN TERMS OF SECTION 16 OF THE MARINE LIVING RESOURCES ACT, 1998 (ACT NO. 18 OF 1998)

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 16 of the Marine Living Resources Act, ' 998 (Act No. 18 of 1998) that an emergency in the linefish sector, excluding tuna and hake, has occurred.

The Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, Mohammed Valli Moosa, hereby publishes for general information, that an emergency has occurred in respect of linefish as defined in Section 1 of the Regulations promulgated in Government Gazette No. 19205, Government Notice R. 1111 of 2 September 1998, excluding however, tuna and hake.

In order to protect the stocks of line fish as aforesaid from being depleted and from being commercially oversubscribed, the Minister of Environmental Affairs and Tourism hereby imposes, in terms of Section 16 of the Marine Living Resources Act, 1998 (Act No. 18 of 1998), the following restrictions which will operate until further notice in the Government Gazette:

- (1) The Total Applied Effort (TAE) in respect of linefish shall be restricted to 450 vessels with a maximum of 3450 crew:
- (2) A right in the linefish sector may not be granted to any person who holds a commercial fishing right in respect of any other sector of the fishing industry:
- (3) Flake and tuna will no longer form part of linefish, but will from the coming into operation of these restrictions, constitute two separate sectors within the fishing industry, and will be known as the hake (handline) and tuna (handline) sectors respectively

The aforesaid restrictions will come into operation upon the granting of commercial fishing rights in the linefish, hake (handline) and tuna (handline) sectors of the fishing industry, pursuant to applications submitted therefor.

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