

REPUBLIQUE DE DJIBOUTI  
MINISTÈRE DE L'EQUIPEMENT ET DES TRANSPORTS  
DIRECTION DES AFFAIRES MARITIMES



# DJIBOUTI FLAG

## THE FLAG OF 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURIES





## ELIGIBILITY

The decree of August 10, 1992 governs ship registration in the Republic of Djibouti. Ships which may be registered include almost every category from passenger ships to bulk carriers, ro-ro or tugs, fishing vessels, etc, with some restrictions

- Ships must be less than 25 years old;
- Ships must be over 150 gr
- State ships assigned to non trading services are not eligible.

Eligible ships must carry the tope classification of one of the recognized classification societies.

Any person or company, irrespective of nationality and place of incorporation, may register such a ship in Djibouti, providing in a representative agent (maritime agent, advocate, notary) acting on their behalf. The initial registration application must be presented by the ship owner, the charterer or his representative to the Director of Maritime Affairs, and registration is permitted by ministerial approval.



## COMPANY FORMATION

Two or more people of any nationality may create a corporation (incorporated company, public company, limited company). Djiboutian law has act up a new type of public company in the free zone of the port (société anonyme de la zone franche" or SAZF) when companies do not perform business in the custom territory of the Republic. Such a public company may be formed without capital, and may be registered in some Djiboutian Consulates. The registered office is in the area of the free zone, and there are no income taxes payable by the company. Djiboutian nationality is given to any ship built or in construction owned more than half in full or in bare property by.

Citizens of Djibouti who have their usual domicile or resident in the Republic.

Individual entities having the nationality of another country with which there is an agreement of reciprocity, and having in this country their usual domicile or

Their residence, and represented or installed themselves in Djibouti.

Legal entities having their main branch in the Republic of Djibouti or in another country with which there is an agreement of reciprocity, and with a representative in Djibouti.

Djiboutian nationality may also be allowed to any ship built or in construction which is the property of a foreign ship owner regularly represented in Djibouti by individual or legal entity with Djiboutian nationality or interests.

## TAXES

The income profit proceeding from the exploitation in international traffic of registered ships is not taxable. In fact, there are no income or withholding taxes payable by non-resident shipping companies.





## REGISTRATION AND DOCUMENTATION

To register a ship in Djibouti the following documentation is request in French or in English:

- The statute of the society, or an extract, with the repartition of the registered capital and the complet address,
- A presentation of the society with, if possible, the report of the last general assembly,
- Tonnage and measurement certificates:
- Classification certificate,
- Main characteristics of the ship, with the name of shipbuilder, date and place of construction, and a photograph;
- Request for name,
- Certificate of insurance;
- Application for radio license,
- Deletion certificate, if previously registered elsewhere

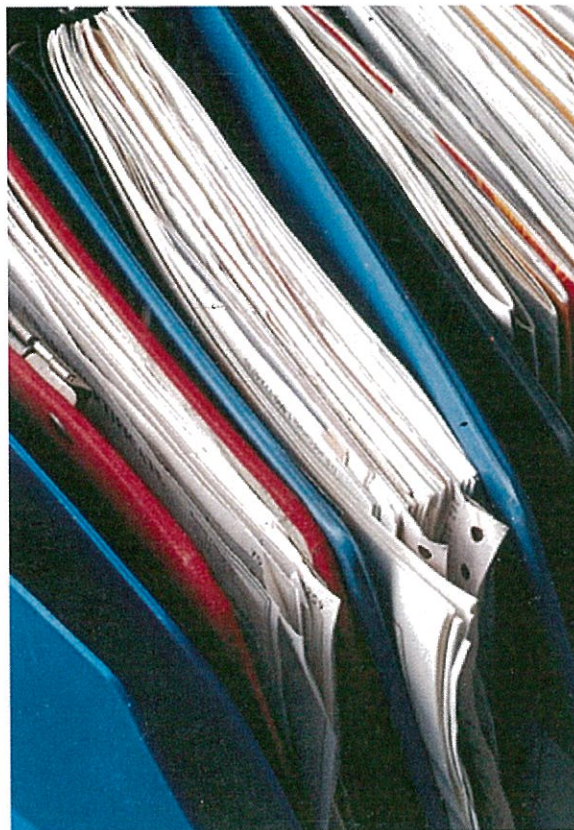
Upon review and acceptance by the Director of Maritime Affaire, fees are payable at the National Treasury, and applications are given to the classification society authorized to conduct surveys for the issuance of the certificate.

### CONVENTIONS AND TREATIES IMMO

- International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea, 1974, as amended
- Convention on the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, as amended
- Protocol of 1978 relating to the international convention for the Prevention of Pollution from ships, 1973 as amended (with the exception of Annexe III, IV an V of the Convention).
- International Convention on Load Lines, 1966
- International Convention Relating to Intervention on the High Seas in Case of Oil Pollution Casualties, 1969.
- International Convention on Civil Liability for Oil Pollution Damage, 1971
- International Convention the Establishment of an International Fund For Compensation for Oil Pollution Damage, 1971
- International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution at Se by Oil, 1954, as amended

### SURVEY

Ships carrying valid safety certificates are not required to be resurveyed upon joining the registry. The following classification societies



are recognized.

- American Bureau of Shipping
- Bureau Verities
- Dot Norske Veritas
- Germanischer
- LloydLloyd Register of Shipping
- Nippon Kaiji Kyokai
- Registro Italiano Navale

For the issuance of required technical certificates which, depending upon the vessel, include;

- Passenger Ship Safety Certificate
- Cargo Ship Safety Construction Certificate
- Cargo Ship Safety Equipment Certificate Cargo Ship Safety Radiotelegraphy Certificate
- Exemption Certificate

ratified the STCW are recognized by Djibouti. Wages of seagoing personnel are exempt from income tax.

### FEES

Fees are quoted in US\$

Registration fees:

Up to 3000 grt	\$1400
3001 - 10,000grt	\$2800
Over 10,000grt	\$4200

Annual fees

Up to 3000grt	\$1200
Over 3000grt	\$1200, plus \$0.1 per add'l grt



Annual Fees may be lowered according to :

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## **BAREBOAT CHARTER**

Bareboat charter registration is permitted by Djibouti. A foreign ship, bareboat chartered without any limitation in the duration, can be registered in Djibouti without losing its previous registration, and the opposite is also true. Just an acceptance of the previous flag state.

## **MORTGAGES**

Mortgages are handled by the Director of Maritime Affaire. The legal system is based on the French model. The stability of the Djibouti Government facilitates the registration and insures the security of mortgages.

## **MANNING**

No restriction of nationalities free crewing.

Reinvestment of profits in the Republic of Djibouti,

The number of registered ships which belong to

The punctuality or lack thereof of shipping line accomplished by an oceangoing ship scheduling in Djibouti;

Loyalty to the flag

Additional fees: Certificate of registry \$100(permanent or provisional) reissue of above\$50Each endorsement \$50Resolution or Cancellation Registry \$100

