

We, Abdullah II Ibn Al-Hussein, King of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in accordance with Article 31 of the Constitution and in pursuance of the decision of the Council of Ministers on 15/9/2009, hereby ratify the following regulations:

Regulation No. 111 for the year 2009

Search system for falling objects in the sea

Issued by virtue of paragraph (R) of Article (5) of Jordan Maritime Commission Law No. (46) for the year 2006

Article (1)

These Regulations shall be named (Search system for falling objects in the sea for the year 2009) and shall come into force as of the date of publication in the Official Gazette.

Article (2)

The following words and terms wherever stated in this Law shall have the meanings assigned to them below unless the context indicates otherwise:

The Commission:	Jordan Maritime Commission established pursuant to the provisions of this law
Director General:	The Director General of the Commission
The Authorized Person:	The person who is authorized to carry out the procedures of searching for and retrieving of the fallen objects in the sea.
Territorial Waters:	Jordan Territorial waters are demarcated by the position zero at the Red Sea Northeast coast of Aqaba Gulf, where the marine borderline extends vertically on the longitude line, which crosses the zero point and extends toward the west for 2.84 Kilo Meters, where it meets the line dividing Aqaba Gulf into two halves, and from that point this line tracks the marine borderline, which divides the Gulf and extends toward the south at the last point, to be vertical on the borderline of the Saudi Arabia Kingdom, at the east

coast, facing Durrah Border Center.

Article (3)

It is not permissible to search for objects which have fallen in the sea or recover them unless a detailed statement is submitted to the Director-General within a period not exceeding 24 hours from the time of its fall, from the vessel master, the owner of the goods, its agent or the competent authority. This statement shall include:

- a. Type of things that fell in the sea, its size, weight, number and danger resulting from its fall;
- b. The origin of the goods, the place and causes of their fall and the circumstances that accompanied this fall;
- c. Actions taken to determine the location of the fall, including buoys positions;
- d. The equipment and means necessary to carry out the search and the persons to be contracted for this purpose;
- e. Determining the approximate time required for the completion of this search.

Article (4)

- a. The Director-General shall grant a permit to carry out the search works, specifying the hours and times allowed and the procedures to be taken, taking into consideration the approval of any other relevant party.
- b. A copy of the statement referred to in paragraph (a) of this Article shall be sent to the competent Customs Department.

Article (5)

- a. Searching for falling objects into the sea or recovering them shall be allowed only in the presence of a representative of the Commission and provided that the authorized person has taken all necessary precautions to prevent the occurrence of any marine pollution or other damages under legal liability.
- b. The authorized person shall not recover any other materials not mentioned in the statement submitted in accordance with the provisions of Article (3) of these Regulations.

Article (6)

The operators of the berths and barges shall inform the Commission under its liability about the fallen objects in the sea and the names of their owners. The competent authority shall bear the cost of removing them from the sea if they are not reported by the its owner, the vessel master, its agent or the handling competent authority.

Article (7)

If the objects falling into the sea are not searched for within a period not exceeding six months from the date of their fall, then they shall belong to the Commission, noting that the owner of these goods shall bear any damage resulting from such fall.

Article (8)

- a. The Commission shall collect a fee of (100) one hundred JD for issuing the permit.
- b. The Commission shall take the fees for the services determined by it in accordance with instructions issued for this purpose in return for supervising the searching for or retrieving of the objects from the sea.

Article (9)

Any person who violates the provisions of this Law shall be liable to a fine of (300) three hundred JD, noting that in case of repetition, this amount will be doubled, and the competent authority shall confiscate the equipment used in the searching works.

Article (10)

The Director General may delegate any of the powers stipulated in these Regulations to any employee in the Commission provided that this delegation is in writing and specific.

Article (11)

The Board of Directors of the Commission shall issue the necessary instructions to implement the provisions of these Regulations.

Article (12)

The search system for objects falling in the sea No. (52) for the year 1961 shall be cancelled.