

**Law of Sea Ports Wharfs and Minarets**  
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**Decision of the Council of Ministers No. 934 dated 19/6/1394H**

**Article (1)**

This law shall be applied to all sea ports, and wharfs in the Kingdom. The geographical borders and zone of each port or wharf are specified by a decision from the Minister of Interior and Minister of Communications.

**Article (2)**

Every violation hereof or regulations issued in execution thereof shall be removed in all cases and the violator shall be punished with one or more than one of the following penalties:

- a- Suspension from work for a term not exceeding one year.
- b- Withdrawal of license and prevention from practicing, business for good.
- c- A maximum fine of fifty thousand riyals
- d- Imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years.

**Article (3)**

A claim against the defendant shall be quashed by the elapse of three years as of the date of occurrence of the violation ascribed to the same. This term shall be intermitted by any procedures of investigations or judgment. The term shall commence again as of the last proceeding and the penalty shall be quashed by the elapse of five years as of date of issuance of the final decision without execution.

**Article (4)**

Decisions issued to impose penalty shall be final and affective by elapse of thirty days as of date of notifying the person concerned, if a grievance is not submitted, excepting decisions inclusive of imprisonment penalty imposition which may not be executed except after approval of the prime minister.

**Article (5)**

Whoever is subject to a decision of penalty imposition by the virtue of the provisions hereof and regulations issued in execution thereof, may submit a grievance against the penalty decision on the claim of violating the said provisions, provided that such grievance shall be in writing and inclusive of the supporting reasons, and the same shall be submitted to the board of grievance within a term of thirty days referred to in

the above Article. The board of grievance shall bring the grievance to a conclusion directly and then submit the result to the prime minister for consideration.

**Article (6)**

The Council of Ministers shall set the necessary executive rules for this law. The decisions thereof and the executive regulations shall be published in Umm Al-Qura Gazette.

**Article (7)**

This law shall substitute the law of the directorate of the coastguard departments and its subsidiaries in regard with ports, wharfs and minarets, and it shall abrogate all contradictory laws. The Ministry of Communication shall collect the prescribed fees on ports' services until the new regulation of the fees is approved by a decision from the Council of Ministers.

**Article (8)**

Deputy prime Minister and concerned Ministers shall execute this law in their respective competencies.