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LIFTING OF SUSPENSION OF FISHING OPERATING LICENSES FOR WV LONG XIANG 607, WV LONG XIANG 608, WV MENG XIN 10 AND WV FLORENCE 2

The Ministry of Fisheries and Aquaculture wishes to inform the general public and all stakeholders that the one-year suspension of fishing operating licenses for the vessels WV Long Xiang 607, WV Long Xiang 608, WV Meng Xin 10, and WV Florence 2 have officially been lifted.

This follows the expiration of the suspension period which was communicated in earlier correspondence dated 18th March 2025. The suspension, which took effect from 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026, was imposed due to the vessels' involvement in repeated illegal fishing activities, in violation of the defunct Fisheries Act, 2002 (Act 625) and Regulations 32(1) and 32(2) of the Fisheries Regulations, 2010 (L.I. 1968).

With the expiration of the sanction, the Ministry has lifted the suspension on the affected vessels' licenses. The Ministry expects that this enforcement action has served as a deterrent and a corrective measure.

Operators of the vessels are hereby reminded to strictly comply with all provisions of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Act, 2025 (Act 1146), as well as all applicable laws and regulations governing fisheries operations in Ghana.

They are further advised to take the necessary steps to renew their fishing licenses in accordance with the prescribed procedures outlined under Sections 56–66 of Act 1146, which regulate licensing for fishing and related activities.

The Ministry reiterates its commitment to sustainable fisheries management and warns that it will continue to work closely with all relevant regulatory bodies to monitor fishing activities and ensure strict compliance with the law.

Any future violations will attract the full rigors of the law.

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