

Law No. 3 of 2025

Amending Certain Provisions of Law No. 8 of 1990 Regarding the Maritime Commerce Law

**In the Name of the People,
The President of the Republic**

The House of Representatives has passed the following law, and we have enacted it:

Article One

The text of **Article (5)** and **Clause (1) of Article (11)** of the Maritime Commerce Law, issued by Law No. 8 of 1990, shall be replaced with the following:

Article (5):

Without prejudice to the provisions set forth in special laws, a ship shall acquire **Egyptian nationality** if it is registered in an Egyptian port and meets any of the following conditions:

1. If the ship is owned by a natural or legal person holding Egyptian nationality.
2. If an unequipped foreign ship is leased to a natural or legal person holding Egyptian nationality for a period of no less than two years.
3. If an unequipped foreign ship is leased for financing purposes to a natural or legal person holding Egyptian nationality for the duration of the lease.

In all cases, if the ship is co-owned or leased by multiple parties, a majority of the ownership shares or lease interests must be held by Egyptians for the ship to acquire Egyptian nationality.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the lessee of an unequipped foreign ship shall assume the responsibilities of the shipowner, in accordance with Clauses (2) and (3) of the first paragraph of this article, without prejudice to the ownership rights of the foreign owner.

It shall be permissible to suspend the registration of an unequipped Egyptian ship leased for the purpose of registering it under a foreign flag for the duration of the lease.

Article (11), Clause (1):

1. Transactions involving the creation, transfer, or extinguishment of ownership rights or other real rights over a ship shall be executed by an official document; otherwise, they shall be deemed void. The fees for documenting such transactions shall be determined by a resolution of the Minister responsible for maritime affairs, provided that they do not exceed **one thousand pounds**.

Article Two

The Minister responsible for transport affairs shall issue the necessary decrees for the implementation of this law within three months from the date of its enactment. Until such decrees are issued, the current decrees shall remain in force, provided they do not conflict with the provisions of this law.

Article Three

This law shall be published in the **Official Gazette** and shall come into effect on the day following its publication.

This law shall bear the **State Seal** and be enforced as part of the Republic's legislation.

Issued at the Presidency of the Republic on 10 Sha'ban 1446 AH (corresponding to February 9, 2025 AD).

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