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AN ACT TO AMEND THE FISHERIES AND AQUATIC RESOURCES
ACT, NO. 2 OF 1996

BE it enacted by the Parliament of the Democratic Socialist
Republic of Sri Lanka as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the Fisheries and Aquatic
    Resources (Amendment) Act, No. 11 of 2017.

2. The following new section is hereby inserted
    immediately after section 28 of the Fisheries and Aquatic
    Resources Act, No. 2 of 1996 (hereinafter referred to as the
    “principal enactment”) and shall have effect as section
    28A of that enactment:—

   28A. (1) (a) No person shall engage in or
       cause any other person to be engaged in
       fishing operations utilizing bottom trawl nets,
       including nets with or without two wings or
       using vertical poles at the two free ends of the
       net, to be towed by motorized or mechanized
       fishing boats.

       (b) No person shall use, possess, import,
           transport, purchase or sell any bottom trawl
           net, to be towed by a motorized or mechanized
           fishing boat for the purpose of carrying out
           fishing operations in Sri Lanka Waters.

       (2) No license shall be issued by the
           Director-General under Part II of this Act for
           fishing operations carried out by bottom trawl
           nets to be towed by a motorized or mechanized
           fishing boat in Sri Lanka Waters.

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Amendment of section 49 of the principal enactment.

3. Section 49 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the insertion immediately after subsection (2A) thereof, of the following new subsection:—

“(2AA) Any person who contravenes or fails to comply with the provisions of section 28A of this Act shall be guilty of an offence and shall on conviction after summary trial before a Magistrate, be liable to an imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to a fine not less than fifty thousand rupees.”.

Amendment of section 66 of the principal enactment.

4. Section 66 of the principal enactment is hereby amended by the insertion, immediately after the definition of the expression “Sri Lanka Waters”, of the following new definition:—

““bottom trawl net” means a towing net having a cone shaped body and a bag or cod end (madiya) connected to the apex with or without two wings connected to the other end and towed by motorized or mechanized fishing boats.”.
5. The provisions of section 28A of this Act, shall have effect notwithstanding anything to the contrary in any other written law, and accordingly, in the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the provisions of section 28A of this Act and such other law, the provisions of section 28A of this Act shall prevail.

6. In the event of any inconsistency between the Sinhala and Tamil texts of this Act, the Sinhala text shall prevail.
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