

Law No. (11) of 2007
Establishing the
Dubai Maritime City¹

We, Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum, Ruler of Dubai,

After perusal of:

Federal Law No. (9) of 1982 Concerning Maritime Trade;

Law No. (1) of 1992 Establishing the Department of Economic Development and its amendments;

Law No. (1) of 2001 Establishing the Ports, Customs, and Free Zone Corporation;

Law No. (19) of 2005 Concerning Financing Projects of the Ports, Customs, and Free Zone Corporation;

Law No. (5) of 2006 Appointing the Chairman of the Ports, Customs, and Free Zone Corporation; and

Law No. (18) of 2006 Concerning Management and Realisation of the Public Funds of the Government of Dubai,

Do hereby issue this Law.

Article (1)

This Law will be cited as "Law No. (11) of 2007 Concerning the Dubai Maritime City".

Article (2)

The following words and expressions, wherever mentioned in this Law, will have the meaning indicated opposite each of them unless the context implies otherwise:

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¹Every effort has been made to produce an accurate and complete English version of this legislation. However, for the purpose of its interpretation and application, reference must be made to the original Arabic text. In case of conflict, the Arabic text will prevail.

Emirate:	The Emirate of Dubai.
Ruler:	His Highness the Ruler of Dubai.
DMC:	The Dubai Maritime City.
DMCA:	The Dubai Maritime City Authority.
Chairman:	The chairman of the DMCA.

Article (3)

- 1- Pursuant to this Law, a city named the "Dubai Maritime City", whose boundaries are demarcated on the plan attached to this Law, is established.
- 2- An authority named the "Dubai Maritime City Authority" is hereby established to manage the DMC. The DMCA will have legal personality, financial and administrative autonomy, and the capacity required to own movable and immovable property and undertake all legal dispositions that ensure the achievement of its objectives. The DMCA will be affiliated to the Ports, Customs, and Free Zone Corporation.

Article (4)

The DMCA aims to strengthen the position of the Emirate and turn it into a hub for maritime sectors, including without limitation:

1. navigation services;
2. navigation management;
3. registration of ships and yachts;
4. owning and chartering ships and yachts;
5. navigation and academic research;
6. designing and building ships and yachts;
7. regulating maritime transport;
8. maritime exhibitions, conferences, training courses, and workshops;

9. maritime tourism; and
10. maritime arbitration.

Article (5)

For the purpose of achieving its objectives, the DMCA will have the powers to:

1. issue the regulations and bylaws required for the implementation of the provisions of this Law, including those regulating registration of ships and yachts; and regulating maritime traffic and navigation within the boundaries of the DMC;
2. issue licences to individuals, companies, establishments, and maritime consultancy firms that wish to conduct various maritime activities or any other activity related thereto;
3. provide companies, establishments, and individuals with administrative staff, technicians, artisans, and other workers in accordance with the conditions agreed upon between the DMCA and the requesting entity;
4. collect fees for the services that the DMCA provides;
5. own, sell, lease out, mortgage land and facilities; or dispose thereof in any manner;
6. build and manage infrastructure and buildings on the land of the DMCA;
7. hold shares or enter into partnership with others to establish companies within and outside of the DMC;
8. cooperate with local and international maritime corporations and agencies; and
9. invest and utilise the DMCA funds in commercial, financial, or service fields.

Article (6)

The DMCA will be responsible for licensing various maritime activities and other activities related thereto, including:

1. ownership of ships and yachts;
2. operating ships and conducting ship operations;
3. managing ships;
4. operating as maritime agents;

5. ship chartering and brokerage; and freight;
6. loading and unloading cargo;
7. maritime classification bodies;
8. maritime surveyors and inspectors;
9. marine insurance;
10. maritime financing;
11. maritime navigation regulatory authorities;
12. maritime tourism, maritime leisure industry, and cruises;
13. seismic survey vessels, drilling vessels, and refuelling vessels;
14. marine fishing and marine aquaculture;
15. ship and yacht building and repair;
16. storage;
17. marine equipment;
18. maritime information systems;
19. marine exploration, surveying, and photography;
20. marine education, training, and research;
21. marine conferences and workshops; and
22. any other activities that are relevant to the DMCA work and are approved by the Chairman.

Article (7)

The management of the DMCA will be comprised of the Chairman, the CEO, and an executive body.

Article (8)

1. The Chairman of the Ports, Customs, and Free Zone Corporation will be the Chairman of the DMCA.
2. The Chief Executive Officer of the DMCA will be appointed, and his functions will be determined, pursuant to a resolution of the Chairman.

Article (9)

Any person who violates the provisions of this Law and the regulations issued in pursuance hereof, or any terms of a licence issued by the DMCA, will be subject to the civil penalties prescribed by the relevant regulation issued by the Chairman.

Article (10)

The Chairman will issue the bylaws, regulations, and resolutions required for the operation and management of the DMC.

Article (11)

The DMCA may outsource to one or more legal person(s), (the "**Operator(s)**"), the management and conducting of any or all the operations performed within the land of the DMCA, including the development and investment of the DMCA property. The DMCA may, in accordance with the objectives and conditions it deems appropriate, conclude contracts for assigning; transferring the ownership; mortgaging; or disposing, in any manner, of the assets of the DMCA. The Chairman is hereby authorised to sign all the documents and contracts required in relation to the Operator(s) or any other party. The DMCA will not be liable for any debts or obligations claimed from the Operator (s) or any other party.

Article (12)

Neither the DMCA, within its area of jurisdiction, nor the companies and individuals working within the land of the DMCA may, with respect to their operations in this land, be subject to the local laws and regulations concerning the Dubai Municipality, the Department of Economic Development, the Rent Committee, the Department of Tourism and Commerce Marketing, or the Roads and Transport Authority; nor may be subject to the authority and powers that are within the jurisdiction of any of these entities.

Article (13)

No entity may conduct its activities within the DMC without first obtaining the required licence from the DMCA.

Article (14)

The financial resources of the DMCA will consist of:

1. the support allocated to the DMCA in the general budget of the Emirate;
2. fees and charges for the services provided by the DMCA;
3. grants and gifts received by the DMCA and accepted by the Chairman; and
4. any other resources approved by the Chairman.

Article (15)

Any provision in any other legislation will be repealed to the extent that it contradicts the provisions of this Law.

Article (16)

This Law will be published in the Official Gazette and will come into force on the day on which it is issued.

Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum
Ruler of Dubai

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