

AQUATIC RESOURCES AUTHORITY OF PANAMA INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES AFFAIRS

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For:	Shipowners, Masters and Legal Representative / Resident Agents
On Behalf:	Technical Cooperation and International Fisheries Affairs
Subject:	IATTC Transshipment Declaration Protocols
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The Aquatic Resources Authority informs the Shipowners, Masters, Legal Representative and Resident Agents that, after recent communications with the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC), on the Transshipment Declaration Protocol of vessels that operate in the Eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO), the notifications prior to transshipment must be reported only and exclusively to the Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama (ARAP), according to its regulations, at least 48 hours before the date of the transshipment activity, to the email transshipment@arap.gob.pa.

Regarding the reports, after having finished the transshipment, the Commission has provided the defined template in Excel format that must be used to report this activity, (annexed to this circular). This form must be sent dully completed and signed by both captains of the vessels (donor and receiver) and by the observer on board the receiving vessel, to the IATTC email transshipments@iattc.org, within a period of no more than 24 hours. It necessary that the transshipment declaration form sent to the IATTC includes in copy to the ARAP email transshipment@arap.gob.pa.

✓ Important and Mandatory Character

In accordance with the aforementioned, it is necessary that the vessels operating within the convention area of the EPO, comply with the following points to consider:

1. The vessel must send notifications prior to transshipment only to the Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama (ARAP), at least 48 hours before starting the transshipment to the mail: transshipment@arap.gob.pa.
2. All transshipment declarations must be reported to the IATTC Commission and ARAP within a period of no more than 24 hours after the transshipment activity has been executed, to the e-mails: transshipments@iattc.org and transshipment@arap.gob.pa.
3. The templates for prior notification and declaration of transshipments used in the Commission's Convention area are attached hereto.

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