

REPUBLIC OF PANAMA  
AQUATIC RESOURCES AUTHORITY OF PANAMA

RESOLUTION No. 003 ADM/ARAP (in Spanish)  
(As of January 13, 2021)

Whereby the document entitled "Manual of Procedures for the Issuance of the Letter of No Objection for the Registration of Vessels before the Panama Maritime Authority (AMP in Spanish) 2021" is adopted.

THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATOR,  
In use of its legal powers,

**WHEREAS:**

That by Law 44 of November 23, 2006, the Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama, hereinafter referred to as the Authority, was created as the guiding entity of the State to ensure compliance with and enforcement of national fisheries and aquaculture laws and policies.

That paragraphs 2 and 7 of Article 38 of Law 44 of 2006, provide that the Authority, through the General Directorate of Inspection, Surveillance and Control, has among its functions, to establish the bases and parameters to be followed by the technical standards for the development of fishing and aquaculture activities, as well as the supervision, verification and certification of the updating and compliance with such standards and to ensure, in coordination with the corresponding entities, strict compliance with the legal and regulatory provisions that aim to regulate the protection and use of aquatic resources.

That according to Article 30 of Decree Law 7 of February 10, 1998, amended by Law 57 of August 6, 2008, the Maritime Authority of Panama, through the Directorate General of Merchant Marine is the competent entity to execute the acts related to the registration of vessels in the National Merchant Marine.

That by Resolution ADM/ARAP (in Spanish) No. 025 of June 11, 2019, the document called "Procedures Manual for the Issuance of No Objection for the Registration of Vessels before the Panama Maritime Authority (AMP in Spanish), prepared in 2019, was adopted, by which the mechanism for the issuance of this indispensable element for the registration of fishing vessels and fishing-related activities, before the Panama Maritime Authority was established.

That this Authority considers it essential to update the afore mentioned Manual, with the purpose of ensuring the optimization of the mechanisms through which applications expressing interest in entering the Panamanian registry of vessels for fishing vessels and activities related to fishing will be evaluated, in accordance with the measures established and adopted by the Republic of Panama: consequently.

**RESOLVE:**

**FIRST:** To adopt the document entitled "Procedures Manual for the Issuance of the Letter of No Objection for the Registration of Vessels before the Panama Maritime Authority (AMP in Spanish), 2021".

  
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**SECOND:** The "Procedures Manual for the Issuance of the Letter of No Objection for the Registration of Vessels before the Panama Maritime Authority (AMP in Spanish), 2021", shall apply for the process of issuance of the Letter of No Objection of this Authority, for vessels requesting to enter the Panamanian registry of fishing vessels and fishing related activities, with the objective of ensuring that only those vessels that have not been identified as vessels linked to illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing activities are allowed to enter the Panamanian registry (INDNR in Spanish).

**THIRD:** Resolution ADM/ARAP(in Spanish) N°025 of June 11, 2019 is hereby rescinded.

**FOURTH:** This Resolution shall become effective as of its promulgation.

**LAW BASIS:** Law 44 of November 23, 2006. Decree Law 7 of February 10, 1998. Law 57 of August 6, 2008.

**PUBLISH AND COMPLY.**

**FLOR TORRIJOS ORO**  
General Administrator

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THIS IS A TRUE TRANSLATION FROM THE SPANISH ORIGINAL.  
Panama, May 12, 2021.

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