

**AQUATIC RESOURCES AUTHORITY OF PANAMA  
INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES AFFAIRS**

**Technical Circular  
032 - 2022**

<b>For:</b>	Shipping Agents of foreign flag vessels, Shipowners / Owners / Masters of foreign flag vessels. Panama Canal Authority. Panama Maritime Authority / Port Authority. National Naval Air Service.
<b>Subject:</b>	Resolution ADM/ARAP No. 018 of March 09, 2022 - Transmission of VMS data to the Fisheries Control and Monitoring Center (FMC) of the ARAP by Foreign Flag vessels entering the jurisdictional waters of the Republic of Panama.
<b>Ref.:</b>	ARAP/IFA/TC/032/2022

The Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama informs Shipping Agents, Shipowners, Owners and Captains of the foreign flag fishing fleet, the Panama Canal Authority, the Panama Maritime Authority, the National Naval Air Service, that as of April 15, 2022, Resolution ADM/ARAP No. 018 of March 09, 2022, will enter into force, that all foreign flag vessels engaged in fishing, fishing-related activities and related activities, and that enter the waters under the sovereignty and jurisdiction of the Republic of Panama are required to transmit their position data from the Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) to the Fisheries Control and Monitoring Center (CSP) of the Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama (ARAP).

Vessels classified in the activities previously mentioned in the previous paragraph, must comply with the interconnection and transmission of data to said Center at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to their entry into the jurisdictional waters of the Republic of Panama, as well as submit the documentation and requirements established in said resolution..

Annexes:

- ADM/ARAP Resolution No.018 of March 09, 2022 and Annexes I and II.
- Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) Form for Foreign Flag Vessels (F-DC-001-2022 Ver.01), in Word format.

✓ **Important and Mandatory**

To ensure compliance with the guidelines described in this circular, it is necessary that all foreign-flagged vessels engaged in fishing activities, fishing-related activities and related activities that enter the jurisdictional waters of the Republic of Panama comply with the provisions of this circular.

**Failure to comply with these measures will be considered serious infractions to the current fishing regulations in accordance with the provisions of Article 145 of Law 204 of March 18, 2021, "Which regulates fishing and aquaculture in the Republic of Panama and dictates other provisions".**

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