

AQUATIC RESOURCES AUTHORITY OF PANAMA INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES AFFAIRS

Technical Circular 049 – 2023

To:	Shipowners, Captains and Resident Agents
From:	General Directorate of Inspection, Surveillance and Control (DGIVC, for its acronym in Spanish.)
Subject:	Compliance in the Notification of Entry to Port of Panamanian fishing vessels of international service.
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The Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama (ARAP), informs to the Shipowners, Captains and Resident Agents that, in accordance to the provisions of Law 204 of March 18, 2021, Article 24 indicates that, "The Authority by regulation shall establish procedures and the format of the data and information to be collected and transmitted by the skippers or captains of all vessels engaged in fishing, related activities and activities related to fishing", related activities and activities related to fishing", thus, all Panamanian flag vessels at the time of carrying out their activities related to unloading in authorized ports must report their activities to the ARAP.

Likewise, it is important to remember that, Article 24 of Executive Decree No. 161 of June 6, 2013 establishes that, **the fishing captain or his representative, shall notify in a term not less than twenty-four (24) hours to the Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama the landing** and submit a landing declaration in which all the quantities of the species to be landed shall be expressly noted...

In accordance with the aforementioned, the Authority requests the Captains, Owners and Resident Agents that, when requesting authorization for a landing, the vessels provide the port entry notification for catcher vessels, according to the new form attached to this circular (**DGIVC/ IVC-001-2023. Rev.1**) and in accordance with the previously established deadline, to the following emails: ivc@arap.gob.pa, hsfs@arap.gob.pa.

✓ **Important and Mandatory**

To ensure compliance and the guidelines described in this circular, it is necessary that all Panamanian flag fishing vessels that catch regulated species and unload in port at each RFMO 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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