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PANAMA WATER RESOURCES AUTHORITY INTERNATIONAL FISHERY AFFAIRS		
Technical Notice 024 - 2021		
To:	Resident Agents	
From:	Dir. Technical Cooperation and International Fisheries Affairs	
Subject:	Registration of fishing vessels whose owner is a company incorporated in Panama	
Ref.:	ARAP/IFA/TC/024/2021	
<p>The Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama, communicates to the Resident Agents that, through Executive Decree 131 of April 14, 2020, which establishes and regulates the licenses for capture and activities related to fishing for vessels of national flag, of international service and dictates provisions to prevent, discourage and eliminate illegal, unreported, unregulated (IUU) fishing, established in Article 27, the mandatory nature of the registration of all fishing vessels that are owned by companies incorporated in Panama.</p> <p>The requirements for mandatory registration are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Name, nationality; address, telephone number and emails of the shipowner, owner, and the charterer of the vessel, if any; as well as the direct beneficiaries of the activity from the ship. In the event that the beneficiary is a legal person, the details of its directors, dignitaries and legal representative must be provided. 2. International Identification Number 3. Nationality or flag of the vessel. 4. Copy of the fishing license and navigation license issued by the corresponding competent authorities. <p>That this same Executive Decree establishes the sanction for non-compliance with the aforementioned</p> <p>"Article 28. The Authority shall impose a fine in the amount of five thousand balboas with 00/100 (B / 5,000.00) to the company that fails to comply with the provisions of the previous Article. The Authority will proceed to issue an official letter to the General Directorate of Revenue of the Ministry of Economy and Finance, in order to take the pertinent measures against the company that owns the ship in case it does not cancel the fine once the resolution imposing it is executed."</p> <p>They are urged to make the proper communications to their users or representatives in order to comply with the measures provided, these provisions arise as a commitment of the Panamanian State to prevent, discourage and eliminate illegal, unreported, unregulated (IUU) fishing.</p>		
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