

AQUATIC RESOURCES AUTHORITY OF PANAMA INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES AFFAIRS

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For:	Shipowners, Masters and Resident Agents
On Behalf:	Directorate of Technical Cooperation and International Fisheries Affairs
Subject:	Documents required under ICCAT's new recommendation on transshipment
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The Aquatic Resources Authority informs the Owners, Operators, Captains and Resident Agents that, at the recent Regular Meeting of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), Recommendation 21-15, related to transshipments (Rec. 21-15, attached Annex I) was approved, which establishes the requirements for certain information to be sent directly from the vessels to the ICCAT Secretariat.

All Panamanian fishing vessels of international service with a valid fishing license and duly registered in the ICCAT Record of Vessels and those with a length of less than 20 m operating in the Atlantic with fishing resources regulated by this Commission, shall send only the information established in the ICCAT Recommendations clearly identified.

In addition to the domestic guidelines established in the transshipments, the documents to be sent by the masters of the vessels to the ICCAT Secretariat are:

1. Transshipment declaration - only longliners transshipping at sea, in accordance with Appendix 1 of Rec. 21-15.
2. Supply declaration - only when a carrier vessel supplies (at sea) another vessel and such supply is not associated with a transshipment at sea that is being observed by a regional observer (new requirement as of June 2022).

Vessels are not required to send prior transshipment notifications, port transshipment declarations, port entry notifications, port discharge reports and other documents that are not required by the Secretariat; **but are required to send all such reports to the Authority under the procedures in force.**

Since the Commission has not adopted a format for the declaration of supply (fuel, bait, victuals, spare parts, medical supplies, passengers/crew and other well specified), a suggestion is attached (Annex II) which has been provided by the Commission itself; such declarations shall be completed electronically and sent to the ICCAT Secretariat at info@iccat.int with a copy to the Authority at transshipment@arap.gob.pa.

✓ **Important and Mandatory**

Vessels detected in violation of the rules and recommendations established by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), will be subject to the application of the regulations in force established by this Authority in sanctioning matters.

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