

AQUATIC RESOURCES AUTHORITY OF PANAMA INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES AFFAIRS

Technical Circular 056 – 2023

For:	Shipowners, Masters and Legal Representative / Resident Agents
On Behalf:	Technical Cooperation and International Fisheries Affairs
Subject:	Request for information on NEAFC 2022-2023 operations.
Ref.:	ARAP/IFA/TC/056/2023

We request all refrigerated cargo fishing vessels, that operated in the Regulatory Area and Convention Area during the year 2022, according to the North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (**NEAFC**) Scheme of Control and Enforcement, to submit the following information to this Authority:

1. Number, type and model of the onboard VMS transmission equipment used for VMS data reporting to this Commission, (e.g.: TID 506328, Iridium, Triton Advance).
2. Confirmation of the installation of the Electronic Reporting System: Marlin Pro, as well as the device for sending data (Tablet).
3. Report or data export of all electronic messages related to the operations that were sent through the Marlin Pro system; by date and type of message: **COE, COX, POR, TRA, POS**.
4. Evidence of the existence of each user's Electronic Port State Control System (EPSC) profile and creation date, which is used to send prior port entry notifications (**form PSC2**) to designated ports in the NEAFC Convention Area: <https://psc.neafc.org/welcome>.
5. All **PCS2** forms that were completed in the EPSC from your account by 2022.
6. Provide notifications and declarations of transshipments of Commission-regulated resources, as well as port entry notifications and Port Discharge Report for year 2022, as formatted and submitted to the Authority.
7. Inform the Authority in case of:
 - a. Having presented any difficulty in the reports of the activities carried out in the NEAFC and seek joint mechanisms to solve them.
 - b. Not having carried out operations in the areas described for the year 2022.

The requested information should be sent to: trasshipment@arap.gob.pa / trasshipment_arap@gmail.com with copy to hsfs@arap.gob.pa, **before June 1, 2023**, since it is necessary to document Panama's performance under the status of Active Cooperating Non-Contracting Party of the NEAFC for 2022, of which the Commission has initiated the evaluations through the Permanent Committee on Monitoring and Compliance as a basis for the possible renewal of this status of Panama for the next period.

✓ ***Important and Mandatory***

It is mandatory that all refrigerated cargo vessels, registered in the NEAFC in 2022, comply with the provisions of this circular.

The Non Compliance with this measure will be subject to the application of current regulations established by this Authority regarding sanctions.

For more information about this Technical Circular, please contact:

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