

**AQUATIC RESOURCES AUTHORITY OF PANAMA
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION & HIGH SEAS FISHERIES AFFAIRS**

Technical Circular ARAP/IFA/TC/008/2020

To:	Owners/Operators/ Shipping agents of foreign-flagged fishing vessels in the Republic of Panama
Subject:	Authorized ports of unloading in jurisdictional waters of the Republic of Panama and format for prior notification to fishing and fishing support vessels.
Ref:	Resolution ADM/ARAP NO. 018 of February 19, 2020, "Whereby Resolution ADM/ARAP No. 034 of December 21, 2019 is amended and other provisions are issued".

All Operators, Owners and Shipping Agents are informed that according to Resolution ADM/ARAP NO. 018 of February 19, 2020, which amends Resolution ADM/ARAP No. 034 of December 21, 2017, the authorized ports of entry for fishing and fishing support vessels (refrigerated cargo, supply, tankers) of foreign flag in the Republic of Panama are established.

The authorized ports of entry in compliance with the Resolution established in the previous paragraph, under the protection of the agreement to the measures of the Port State aimed at preventing, discouraging and eliminating illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing are:

- a. Vacamonte Port
- b. Balboa Port
- c. Armuelles Port
- d. Panama International Terminal (PSA), Rodman
- e. Petroamérica Terminal Port (PATSA) – Rodman
- f. Cristóbal Port
- g. Melones Island Port - Melones Oil Terminal
- h. Taboguilla Island Port (DECAL).

Regardless of the activity to be carried out: provisioning, loading, unloading of fishery products, maintenance or any other, fishing or fishing support vessels must notify the Panama Aquatic Resources Authority prior to arrival by filling out the form attached to this Technical Circular.

The annex must be filled out and sent digitally to the following email address merp@arap.gob.pa or to the email psm@arap.gob.pa within a period not less than forty-eight (48) hours of arrival at port in accordance with the provisions of Executive Decree No. 161 of June 6, 2013.

Legal Basis:

- Law No. 43 of September 14, 2016, approving the agreement on port state measures aimed at preventing, deterring and eliminating illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, made in Rome, on November 22, 2009.
- Executive Decree No. 161 of June 6, 2013, which establishes the mechanisms for inspection, surveillance and control to catching vessels and support vessels of national flag fishing of international service.

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