

## AQUATIC RESOURCES AUTHORITY OF PANAMA INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES AFFAIRS

### Technical Circular 021 - 2021

<b>For:</b>	Shipowners, Masters and Legal Representative / Resident Agents
<b>On Behalf:</b>	Technical Cooperation and International Fisheries Affairs
<b>Subject:</b>	Transshipment Regulations and other transfer activities for SPRFMO.
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The Aquatic Resources Authority informs Shipowners, Masters and Resident Agents that, according to the Conservation and Management Measures for the transshipment regulations and other transfer activities in the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO), the application of the following Measure is established.

#### **SPRFMO CMM Conservation and Management Measure 12-2020:**

Article 2 establishes - Transshipments at sea and in port shall only be carried out between vessels registered in the Commission's Record of Vessels.

Article 3 establishes - At sea, the transfers of fuel, crew, gear or any other supply between two vessels in the Convention Area shall only take place between vessels included in the Commission's Record of Vessels.

Articles 4 and 9 establish - The competent authority can authorize the operators of the receiving fishing vessels (transport vessels) of its flag, that they must report directly to the Secretariat of the Commission on notifications and declarations of the products from transshipments.

In this sense, the Authority reiterates what is established in the communication according to Note DCI / ARAP / 178/2020 of October 16, 2020, that transshipment notifications must be made within a period of no less than 48 hours and according to the template established by the Commission in Annex 1 "Transshipment Notification". And the transshipment declarations must be reported within a period of no more than 48 hours at the end of the activity, according to the "Transshipment Detail template" according to annex 2 (Excel format), both annexes included in this circular.

Each vessel must send a quarterly report of the reported declarations (compendium) in the Transshipment Detail template (annex 2), detailed by column and according to what is requested in said template (generals of the donor vessel and the recipient vessel, dates and hours of transshipments (initial and final), by species and quantity in kilograms, among others). It should be noted that the omission of any data in each column is considered a non-compliance in the report.

All transshipment reports should be provided to the email accounts: [secretariat@sprfmo.int](mailto:secretariat@sprfmo.int), and [transshipment@arap.gob.pa](mailto:transshipment@arap.gob.pa).

#### ✓ **Important and Mandatory**

According to the aforementioned, it is necessary that all vessels of activities related to fishing (refrigerated cargo and tankers) of the Panamanian flag registered in the SPRFMO ship registry comply with the provisions of this circular.

Likewise, the use of the templates established by the Commission also annexed to this circular is requested.

Failure to comply with this measure will be subject to the application of current regulations established by this Authority regarding sanctions.

Annex: Transshipment Notification and Transshipment Detail Report.

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