

**AQUATIC RESOURCES AUTHORITY OF PANAMA
INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES AFFAIRS**

**Technical Circular
058-2023**

For:	Shipowners, Operators, Masters and Resident Agents of fishing vessels and fishing related activity vessels operating in the SPRFMO Convention Area
On Behalf:	General Directorate of Inspection, Surveillance and Control
Subject:	Amendments to the Conservation and Management Measures on the Vessel Monitoring System in the SPRFMO Convention Area
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The Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama, communicates to the Shipowners, Operators, Masters and Resident Agents of fishing vessels and vessels of fishing related activities operating in the SPRFMO Convention Area that, during the annual meeting of the Commission, held in Manta, Ecuador from 13 to 17 February 2023, amendments to different Conservation and Management Measures (CMM) were adopted, Ecuador from February 13-17, 2023, amendments to different Conservation and Management Measures (CMM) were adopted, including the Conservation and Management Measure for the Commission's Vessel Monitoring System in the SPRFMO Convention Area (CMM 06-2023), which replaces CMM 06-2020.

In particular, we refer to paragraph 7 of Annex 1 of this CMM, which after its amendment, now requires that, "*Members and CNCPs shall ensure that VMS position reports are reported by each of their authorised vessels **at least once every hour.***"

In turn, we also note that there have been changes in the "Manual Information" requirements, which are described in Annex 3 of this conservation measure.

Taking into consideration the aforementioned, Shipowners, Operators, Masters and Resident Agents are reiterated to take the corresponding and timely measures so that all vessels operating in the SPRFMO Convention Area comply with the measures established in CMM 06-2023.

✓ **Important and Mandatory**

Failure to comply with the provisions of CMM 06-2023 and informed by this circular will be considered violations of the current fishing regulations in accordance with the provisions of Law 204 of March 18, 2021, "Which regulates fishing and aquaculture in the Republic of Panama and dictates other provisions".

Attachment: CMM 06-2023

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