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**AQUATIC RESOURCES AUTHORITY OF PANAMA**



**TECHNICAL NOTICES**

**N° 061-2023**

**FOR:** Shipowners, Operators, Masters and Residents Agents

**ON  
BEHALF:** General Directorate of Inspection, Surveillance and Control (DGIVC)

**SUBJECT:** Requirements for landing operations, for fishing vessels and fishing related activities of national flag of international service.

**DATE:** September 06, 2023

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The Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama (ARAP), reiterates to Shipowners, Operators, Captains and Resident Agents, that by Resolution ADM/ARAP No. 033 of June 20, 2023, the requirements to be met by fishing vessels and fishing related activities of national flag of international service, to perform landing operations in foreign ports were established. In particular, we refer to what is established in Article Sixth of the Resolution:

"**SIXTH:** The Authority shall authorize the use of ports not included in the list of Authorized Ports, only in the following cases:

1. When, in coordination with the Port State, an inspection can be carried out to determine the characteristics of the product verified, weighed and tested;
2. When by means of the on-board observer (when applicable) authorized by the Authority, an inspection can be carried out to determine the characteristics of the product verified, weighed and tested;
3. When by means of an inspector assigned by the Authority, an inspection can be carried out to determine the characteristics of the product verified, weighed and tested. The expenses incurred by the Authority to carry out the aforementioned inspection shall be borne by the vessel owner, upon request supporting the need for the inspection, which must be approved by the General Administration.

Based on the above, this Authority will ensure faithful compliance with the provisions, opting to condition the landing authorizations as long as the aforementioned conditions are met.

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The Authority reiterates its responsibility as flag State to implement the necessary measures to combat IUU fishing, and being the port State measures an essential element to prevent, discourage and eliminate these illegal activities, aware of the need to increase international coordination to combat this scourge.

### ✓ Important and Mandatory

Failure to comply with the provisions of this resolution and the information contained in this circular will be considered an infraction in accordance with the current fishing regulations in accordance with Law 204 of March 18, 2021, "Which regulates fishing and aquaculture in the Republic of Panama and dictates other provisions".

### Attachments:

- ADM/ARAP Resolution No. 033 of June 20, 2023.

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