
AQUATIC RESOURCES AUTHORITY OF PANAMA



TECHNICAL NOTICES

N° 068-2023

FOR: Shipowners, Operators, Captains and Resident Agents

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

SUBJECT: *Compliance with Resolution ADM/ARAP N°051 of September 01, 2023, which establishes the requirements for transshipment of Panamanian Vessels in International Service. .*

DATE: September 26, 2023

The Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama (ARAP) informs Shipowners, Operators, Captains and Resident Agents, that **Resolution ADM/ARAP No. 051 of September 1, 2023**, which establishes the requirements for transshipments, for fishing vessels and fishing related activities of national flag of international service, has been published in Official Gazette No. 29871, on Tuesday, September 19, 2023.

That according to article **THIRD** of this resolution, the necessary requirements to be submitted by the vessels together with the request for authorization for transshipment, either at sea or in port, are established.

It should be noted that the authorization and the requirements requested in said article must be submitted to the Fisheries Monitoring Center (FMC) of the Authority, at least 24 hours prior to the operation, provided that the deadlines established for transshipment notifications to the Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs), which are included in **Technical Circular No. 053-2023**, previously distributed, are also complied with. Likewise, compliance with the report after the transshipment operation, also included in the aforementioned circular and in this resolution.

Similarly, it is important to note compliance, according to Executive Decree No. 131 of April 14, 2020, which regulates fishing licenses for national fishing vessels of international service, in its articles 24 and 25 establishes the following:

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Article 24. *Purse seine vessels of national flag of international service, may only transship at ports authorized by the Authority.*

Article 25. *Refrigerated cargo vessels of national flag, with license for fishing related activities, may receive transshipment at sea, from longline vessels of foreign flag, provided that the Panamanian vessel carries an observer on board recognized by the Authority and by the corresponding RFMO, and that such transshipment has been previously authorized by the Authority and does not contradict the rules, resolutions and/or recommendations of the respective RFMO.*

✓ Important and Mandatory

This Authority requests to take the necessary measures to comply with the provisions of the resolution and described in this circular. Vessels that are detected not complying with these guidelines and measures, will be subject to the application of the regulations in force and established by this Authority in sanctioning matters in accordance with Law N°204 of March 18, 2021.

This Authority reiterates that all vessels must follow the provisions established by the RFMOs. ADM/ARAP Resolution No.51 does not invalidate the reporting deadline for notification or declaration of transshipment established by the RFMOs (Technical Circular 053-2023).

- **Attached:** Resolution ADM/ARAP No. 051 of September 01, 2023..

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