
AQUATIC RESOURCES AUTHORITY OF PANAMA



TECHNICAL NOTICES

N° 069-2023

FOR: Shipowners, Operators, Masters and Resident Agents

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

SUBJECT: *Conditional operations for landing in Cameroon ports.*

DATE: October 24, 2023

The Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama (ARAP), informs to Shipowners, Operators, Masters and Resident Agents that, as a result of recent inspections carried out since September 2023 to date in ports, such as: Duala in Cameroon; Tema in Ghana; General Santos in the Philippines; Masan in Korea and Bangkok in Thailand, in compliance with Resolution ADM/ARAP No. 033 of June 20, 2023, which establishes the requirements to be met by fishing and fishing-related activities vessels of national flag of international service, to carry out landing operations in foreign ports, it has been determined to condition the entry to ports of Cameroon for the purpose of landing fishery products, and for this purpose shall comply with the following assumptions:

1. That the cargo to be unloaded is only the product of a previous unloading carried out in port;
2. The port shall have the presence on site of an inspector recognized by this Authority, in the event that the cargo is the product of catches or transshipments, not previously unloaded at any port. The expenses incurred by the Authority to carry out the activity of this case shall be borne by the vessel owner.

The foregoing is due to the fact that this Authority has been able to confirm the lack of fishing controls, as well as the absence of control by the country's fishing and/or port authorities, thus demonstrating the inability to guarantee effective and adequate measures to validate the traceability of the product before it is landed in ports, representing a threat to the prevention of IUU fishing activities.

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It is important to highlight Panama's commitment to ensure that the entire national flag fleet complies with all national and international regulations and reiterates its position as guarantor of the State's policy of ZERO(0) tolerance for Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated fishing (IUU).

✓ Important and Mandatory

This Authority requests to take the necessary measures to comply with the provisions of this circular, failure to comply with the same, will be subject to the application of the regulations in force and established by this Authority in sanctioning matters according to Law No. 204 of March 18, 2021.

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