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**AQUATIC RESOURCES AUTHORITY OF PANAMA**



**TECHNICAL NOTICES**

**N° 072-2023**

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

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

**SUBJECT:** *Prohibition of entry to ports of countries with a Red Fishing Card of the European Union, for fishing vessels and activities related to fishing with national flag of international service.*

**DATE:** Decembre 14, 2023

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The Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama (ARAP) informs to Shipowners, Operators, Masters and Resident Agents that Panama maintains the commitment to ensure compliance with national and international regulations of the entire national flag fleet in international service and reiterates its position on the Zero (0) tolerance State policy with Illegal Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing and in compliance with the provisions of ADM/ARAP Resolution No. 033 of June 20, 2023, which establishes the requirements that National flag fishing vessels and vessels related to fishing with international service must comply with them to carry out landing operations in foreign ports, therefore we must inform that this Authority will take the following measures:

- Prohibit the entry of national flag vessels of international service to foreign ports of countries that have currently been identified as non-cooperative in the fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing, and that maintain the sanction of the card red by the European Union, these being the following:
  - a. Cameroon.
  - b. Cambodia
  - c. Comoros
  - d. St. Vincent and The Grenadines
  - e. Trinidad and Tobago.

This shall be effective from 01 January 2024.

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

### ✓ Important and Mandatory

These prohibitions on entry to foreign ports for national flag vessels will be extended to the ports of those countries that are sanctioned or identified as non-cooperative in the fight against illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, through the imposition of a red card from the European Union.

This Authority requests to take the necessary measures to comply with what is established in the resolution and what is described in this circular. Vessels that are detected failing to comply with these guidelines and measures will be subject to the application of the regulations in force and established by this Authority on sanctions in accordance with Law No. 204 of March 18, 2021.

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