
AQUATIC RESOURCES AUTHORITY OF PANAMA



TECHNICAL NOTICE

N° 075-2024

FOR: Shipowners, Operators, Masters and Resident Agents

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

SUBJECT: *Prohibition of port activities and transshipments in ports of countries designated with a Red Card by the European Union, for fishing vessels and fishing-related activities of national flag of international service.*

DATE: January 15, 2024.

The Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama (ARAP), reiterates 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 of 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 and transshipment operations in foreign ports, therefore we must inform that this Authority will take the following measures:

- Prohibit the entry or port call of national flag vessels of international service that intend to carry out port activities such as: loading, unloading, transshipment, supplying, provisioning, etc., in foreign ports of countries that currently maintain a red card sanction by the European Union, and identified as non-cooperating countries in the fight against illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing, and when these activities involve fishery products whose final destination are ports belonging to member countries of the European Union. These are the following countries:
 - a. Cameroon.
 - b. Cambodia
 - c. Comoros
 - d. St. Vincent and The Grenadines
 - e. Trinidad and Tobago.

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This shall be effective from January 30, 2024.

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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