

REPUBLIC OF PANAMA  
AQUATIC RESOURCES AUTHORITY OF PANAMA

ADM/ARAP RESOLUTION No. 058  
(August 4, 2025)

Establishing the requirements for loading and unloading previously landed product from fishing vessels and for fishing-related activities under the national flag of international service, and determining the ports authorized for such activities.

THE GENERAL ADMINISTRATOR,  
exercising his legal powers,

**CONSIDERING:**

That Law 44 of November 23, 2006, created the Aquatic Resources Authority of Panama, hereinafter "the Authority," is created as the governing entity of the State to ensure compliance with and application of national laws and policies regarding fishing and aquaculture.

That sections 2 and 7 of Article 38 of Law 44 of 2006 establish that the Authority, through the General Directorate of Inspection, Surveillance, and Control, has among its functions to establish the bases and parameters that the technical standards for the development of fishing and aquaculture activities must follow, as well as to supervise, verify, and certify the updating and compliance of said standards, ensuring, in coordination with the corresponding entities, strict compliance with the legal and regulatory provisions that regulate the protection and use of aquatic resources.

That Article 31 of Law 204 of March 18, 2021, which regulates fishing in the Republic of Panama, provides that the Authority will adopt all necessary conservation, management, and oversight measures to prevent, deter, and eliminate IUU fishing, and may regulate those measures not expressly contemplated in the Law, in accordance with international agreements, conventions, and treaties.

That Executive Decree 13 of November 1, 2023, regulates Law 201 of 2021 and provides, in its Article 137, that the Authority, through an administrative resolution and in coordination with the Maritime Authority of Panama, will designate the ports and landing sites authorized for the entry and use of Panamanian-flagged vessels, provided that they have the necessary means for adequate detection, control, and surveillance, in order to prevent, discourage, and eliminate Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) fishing.

That ADM/ARAP Resolution No. 016 of March 21, 2024, established the requirements for loading, transshipment, and landing operations by fishing vessels and vessels engaged in fishing-related activities, bearing the national flag in international service.

That the Authority, recognizing that the primary responsibility of the flag State is to implement effective measures to combat IUU fishing; that port State measures represent effective tools to prevent, deter, and eliminate such illegal activities; and mindful of the need to increase information exchange and international cooperation in order to ensure that Panamanian vessels operate within the legal framework:

**RESOLVES:**

**FIRST:** To authorize fishing vessels and vessels engaged in fishing-related activities, flying the national flag in international service, to carry out loading and unloading operations of fishery products in the ports included in the

List of Authorized Ports, which forms an integral part of this resolution as an Annex.

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**SECOND:** The aforementioned vessels must request prior authorization from the Authority to enter and use any listed port, as follows:

1. The master must notify the Fisheries Control and Monitoring Center, via the email addresses established through a technical circular, at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to arrival, indicating the port of destination and the estimated date of arrival, accompanying the port entry notification, which must contain:

- a) IMO number, MMSI, and vessel name;
- b) Name of the port of destination and purpose of the stopover (landing, loading, or access to services);
- c) Tide dates and geographical areas where the catches or transshipments were made;
- d) Estimated date and time of arrival;
- e) FAO 3-alpha code for each species
- f) Quantities by species to be loaded, landed, or transshipped.
- g) Summary of hauls (if applicable)

In the case of operations involving loading of previously landed product, they must also include:

- a) A copy of the landing certificate or equivalent document proving the origin of the product (date, place, and name of the fishing vessel);
- b) A health certification or admissibility document issued by the competent authority (if applicable);
- c) A packing list detailing the volume, species, and presentation of the product;
- d) A copy of the fishing license of the vessel that carried out the operation, or evidence of its affiliation with an RFMO or international regime;
- e) Any other documentation that the Authority deems necessary to verify the traceability and legality of the product.
- f) Dates of the fishing operation.

In the event of a change of port, the captain must immediately notify the Fisheries Control and Monitoring Center and request a new entry authorization.

**THIRD:** Ports included in the List of Authorized Ports must meet at least one of the following requirements, with paragraph a) always being mandatory:

- a) Belong to a State that applies effective controls for inspection, surveillance, registration, and information exchange on vessels operating in its ports;
- b) Be a party to the Port State Measures Agreement (PSMA);
- c) Be on the list of authorized ports by the corresponding RFMO.

**FOURTH:** Effective control will be deemed to exist when the port State:

- a) Provides the Authority with information on its authorized ports (name, coordinates, minimum infrastructure);
- b) Provides up-to-date contact points (name of institution, officials, email addresses, and telephone numbers);
- c) Allows the exchange of information, including physical and documentary validations, and inspection results.

**FIFTH:** Any request, rescheduling, or cancellation of port entry and use must be notified to the Fisheries Control and Monitoring Center through the means defined in a technical circular.

**SIXTH:** In the event that operations are required in an unlisted port, authorization must be requested from the General Directorate of Inspection, Surveillance, and Control at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance, and all documentation listed in Article 2 of this resolution must be submitted.



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**SEVENTH:** The Authority may authorize the use of unlisted ports when:

- a) An inspection can be carried out by a designated inspector, the costs of which will be borne by the vessel owner, subject to administrative approval;
- b) The competent port authority issues an official document validating quantities and species (signed and sealed).
- c) When the characteristics and weight of the loaded and unloaded product are validated by an on-board observer (where applicable) authorized by the authority.

**EIGHTH:** The official document validating the quantities and species landed must be submitted to the Authority in accordance with the resolution implementing the mandatory use of the e-LAND electronic platform. Failure to comply will be sanctioned in accordance with Law 204 of 2021 and its regulations.

**NINTH:** Entry into ports of countries identified as cooperating in the fight against IUU fishing will not be authorized.

**TENTH:** Shipowners wishing to request the inclusion of a new port on the List of Authorized Ports must submit a formal request through an attorney, with due justification. This request will be subject to inspection and evaluation by the Authority. Ports located in non-cooperating countries in the fight against IUU fishing will not be included.

**ELEVENTH:** The Authority may modify the List of Authorized Ports every six (6) months, following inspection and evaluation.

**TWELFTH:** The Authority may, on its own initiative, remove ports from the List when:

- a) They do not comply with the provisions of Article Three;
- b) They do not report activity for a period of twenty-four (24) months;
- c) They are located in non-cooperating countries against IUU fishing.

**THIRTEENTH:** Failure to comply with the provisions of this resolution will be sanctioned in accordance with Law 204 of 2021 and its regulations.

**FOURTEENTH:** Resolution ADM/ARAP No. 050 of July 4, 2025, is repealed.

**FIFTEENTH:** This resolution shall enter into force upon its publication in the Official Gazette.

**LEGAL BASIS:** Law 44 of November 23, 2006; Law 204 of March 18, 2021; Executive Decree 13 of November 1, 2023.

#### **PUBLISH AND COMPLY**

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LIST OF AUTHORIZED PORTS

Number	PORT	COUNTRY
1	PORT LINCOLN	AUSTRALIA
2	COTONÚ	BENIN
3	MINDELO	CAPE VERDE
4	TALCAHUANO	
5	CORONEL	CHILE
6	ZHOUSHAN	
7	SHIDAO	
8	DALIAN	
9	NINGBO	
10	LIAN YUN GANG	CHINA
11	FUZHOU	
12	QINGDAO	
13	XIAMEN	
14	BARRANQUILLA	
15	BUENAVENTURA	COLOMBIA
16	MATADI	
17	BOMA	CONGO
18	POINTE NOIRE	
19	BUSAN	
20	MASAN	
21	MOKPO	KOREA
22	TONG YEONG	
23	ABIDJAN	IVORY COAST
24	PORT CALDERA	COSTA RICA
25	MANTA	
26	POSORJA	ECUADOR
27	GUAYAQUIL	
28	THE UNION	EL SALVADOR
29	CARTAGENA	
30	TOWN OF THE CARAMINAL	
31	VIGO	
32	MARIN	SPAIN
33	ALGECIRAS	
34	CADIZ	
35	DUTCH HARBOR	UNITED STATES
36	GENERAL SANTOS	PHILIPPINES
37	TEMA	GHANA
38	PUERTO QUETZAL	GUATEMALA
39	KILLYBEGS	IRELAND
40	PORT LOUIS	MAURITIUS ISLAND
41	Á SUNDI	
42	KLAKSVIK	
43	TVØROYRI	
44	FUGLAFJØRÐUR	FAROES ISLANDS
45	KOLLAFJØRÐUR	
46	TÓRSHAVN	
47	RUNAVIK	
48	NORO	
49	HONIARA	SOLOMON ISLANDS
50	SHIMIZU-KU	
51	YOKOSUKA	
52	SENDAI	
53	MAKURAZAKI	
54	SHIOGAMA	JAPAN
55	HAKATA	
56	JAPAN(YAMAGAWA)	
57	OSAKA	

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Number	PORT	COUNTRY
58	MONROVIA	LIBERIA
59	VALLETA	MALTA
60	LARACHE	MOROCCO
61	NOAUDHIBOU	
62	NOUAKCHOTT	MAURITANIA
63	KOSRAE	MICRONESIA
64	WALBIS BAY	NAMIBIA
65	LAGOS	
66	PORT HARCOURT	NIGERIA
67	WARRI	
68	IJMUIDEN	
69	VELSEN	PAISES BAJOS
70	PORT OF VACAMONTE	
71	PORT OF BALBOA	PANAMA
72	WEWAK	
73	MADANG	PAPUA NEW GUINEA
74	LAE	
75	PAITA	
76	CALLAO	PERU
77	PISCO	
78	PETERHEAD	UNITED KINGDOM
79	ST. PETERSBURG	RUSSIA
80	PAGO PAGO	AMERICAN SAMOA
81	DAKAR	SENEGAL
82	PORT VICTORIA	SEYCHELLES
83	CAPETOWN	SOUTH AFRICA
84	BANGKOK	
85	SONGKHLA	THAILAND
86	KAOHSIUNG	TAIWAN
87	LOME	TOGO
88	SFAX	TUNISIA
89	CAM RANH	
90	CUALO	
91	VAN PHONG	VIETNAM
92	TAN CANG HIEP PHUOC	

  
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