



CIRCULAR #0024

Mandatory Requirements for Registration of Fishing Vessels

TO	All fishing vessel owners, operators and agents
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1. Purpose

The Office of the Deputy Commissioner issues this Circular to ensure strict compliance with national and international requirements concerning the registration and licensing of fishing vessels under the Haiti flag. Effective immediately, the following requirements apply to all fishing vessels seeking permanent registration.

2. International Authorization to Fish Certificate

No permanent Certificate of Registry will be issued for any fishing vessel unless the Deputy Commissioner has received a valid copy of the International Authorization to Fish (IAF) Certificate issued by the competent fisheries authority.

3. Approval Letters

Approval letters from the competent fisheries authority alone shall support only the issuance of a Provisional Certificate of Registry. Such a provisional certificate remains valid only until the IAF Certificate is received.

4. Validity of Authorizations

The IAF Certificate must:

- (a) be addressed directly to the Office of the Deputy Commissioner;
- (b) be signed by a duly authorized officer of the competent fisheries authority;
- (c) be transmitted directly from the official email account of that authority.

5. Compliance and Enforcement

Any vessel failing to provide the required authorizations within the validity period of its provisional registration may be subject to deregistration without further notice.

Owners, operators and agents are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure that all authorizations are obtained and communicated promptly.

This policy ensures that all Haiti-flagged fishing vessels operate lawfully, meet international obligations, and maintain the integrity and reputation of the Haiti flag.

For and on behalf of the

Office of the Deputy Commissioner
Haiti International Ship & Corporate Registry