

**RESOLUTION 15/03****ON ESTABLISHING A VESSEL MONITORING SYSTEM PROGRAMME**

APPLICABLE TO

**REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

This Resolution is to ensure that all vessels 24 m and longer, as well as vessels under 24 m that fish outside their EEZs, authorized to operate in the IOTC Area of Competence carry and operate a VMS. There are two reporting requirements for CPCs operating a VMS under this resolution, one being event based, and the second being an annual report.

**WHO**

CPC FLAG STATE

CPC COASTAL AND PORT STATES

**WHAT**

Provide to the IOTC Secretariat a report on the implementation of its VMS programme

Notify the IOTC Executive Secretary and vessel's flag State if it has information that the VMS does not meet the requirements of the Commission, or it has been tampered with

**WHEN**

**DEADLINE**  
*By 30<sup>th</sup> June, annually*

**DEADLINE**  
*Upon detection of non-compliance  
(At sea patrol/port inspection)*

**REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:  
FORMAT AND CONTENT**

One reporting template form has been developed by the Secretariat to assist reporting under this resolution.

REPORTING REQUIREMENT 1:

PROVIDE TO THE IOTC SECRETARIAT A REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS VMS PROGRAMME AND INCIDENTS OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THIS RESOLUTION

**IMPLEMENTATION**

- How to report: CPCs are required to fill in the reporting template developed by the Secretariat. The report allows CPCs to summarize relevant information of the system's functioning on a yearly basis.
- Reporting format: The template form can be downloaded from the following link: <http://www.iotc.org/compliance/reporting-templates>
- Where to send the information: The report should be mailed to [iotc-secretariat@fao.org](mailto:iotc-secretariat@fao.org)

#### REPORTING REQUIREMENT 2:

NOTIFY THE IOTC EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND VESSEL'S FLAG STATE IF IT HAS INFORMATION THAT THE VMS DOES NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COMMISSION, OR IT HAS BEEN TAMPERED WITH

#### IMPLEMENTATION

- How to report: There is no set template to report information. CPCs are encouraged to submit this report in the form they deem fit.
- Reporting format: Official letter to the IOTC Executive Secretary.
- Where to send the information: The letter should be mailed to [iotc-secretariat@fao.org](mailto:iotc-secretariat@fao.org)

## COOPERATION REQUIREMENTS

There are none in this Resolution.

## OBLIGATIONS OF THE INDUSTRY

Masters and owners/licensees of fishing vessels subject to VMS shall ensure that the vessel monitoring device(s) on board their vessels within the IOTC area of competence are at all times fully operational. Masters and owners/licensees shall in particular ensure that: a) VMS reports and messages are not altered in any way; b) the antennae connected to the satellite monitoring device(s) are not obstructed in any way; c) the power supply of the satellite monitoring device(s) is not interrupted in any way; and d) the vessel monitoring device(s) are not removed from the vessel (Annex 1 B).

In the event of a technical failure or non-functioning of the vessel monitoring device on board the fishing vessel, the master or the owner of the vessel, or their representative, shall communicate immediately to the FMC of the flag State, and if the flag State so desires also to the IOTC Secretariat, stating the time that the failure or the non-functioning was detected or notified in accordance with paragraph F of this Annex. In the event of a technical failure or non-functioning of the vessel monitoring device on board the fishing vessel, the master or the owner of the vessel, or their representative, shall also communicate to the FMC of the flag State the information required in paragraph 5 of the Resolution every four hours, by email, facsimile, telex, telephone message or radio (Annex 1 E).

## OBLIGATIONS OF THE SECRETARIAT

The IOTC Secretariat shall compile all the reports prior to the annual session of the Commission and present a report to the IOTC Compliance Committee annually.

## OBLIGATIONS OF THE COMMISSION & BODIES

The Compliance Committee shall review the reports and the Commission shall discuss how to proceed with future considerations of VMS to support its CMMs.



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