



FFA

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

To: All Fishing Vessel Associations and Companies

cc: FFA Official Contacts
FFA Fisheries Contacts
All National Licensing and Surveillance Authorities

FFA VESSEL REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS JUL 2022/JUN 2023 PERIOD

Please find below information relating to the FFA Vessel Registration which will become effective from 1st July 2022 until 30th June 2023:

Vessel Registration Fee and other Charges

Please note there is ongoing internal work to pursue improved efficiencies that would ensure that the vessel registration fee cost recovery collects the costs of providing the relevant services. Given the ongoing work, there will be no changes to the vessel registration fee for the upcoming registration period.

Therefore, the Vessel Registration fee for the 2022-2023 period will continue to be the same as the 2021-2022 period until further notice and there will be no application of the regional inflation index of 1.6% at this time.

The registration fee for the 2022-2023 period will continue to be **Three Thousand Three Hundred and Six United States dollars (US\$3,306)** per vessel. Kindly refer to **Table 1** below which provides a summary of the fees by vessel categories.

In addition, at FFC122 last month, Members approved the removal of the FFA Levy fee of \$US200 per vessel. This decision will be effective from 1 July 2023. This levy will continue to apply for the 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023 period.

FFC122 also endorsed the proposed amendments relating to observer insurance to the Procedures for the Operation of the FFA Vessel Register (Annex 4) of the Harmonised Minimum Terms and Conditions (HMTTC). A new sub-paragraph has been added in Annex 4 as: ***“2.1A All foreign fishing vessel applications for registration shall include the certified copy of the P & I (Protection and Indemnity) Certificate of Currency maintained by the foreign fishing vessel.”*** As part of the vessel registration supporting documents, vessel operators are required to provide a copy of the ***Protection & Indemnity*** document when applying for FFA Good Standing.

Table 1

2022-2023 FFA FY	Registration Fee	FFA Levy	Observer Levy	Total Fee
Bunker	\$ 3,306	\$ 200	\$ 1,010	\$ 4,516
Fish Carrier	\$ 3,306	\$ 200	\$ 1,010	\$ 4,516
Light/Search Boat (F)	\$ 3,306	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 3,506
Light/Search Boat (D)	\$ 1,488	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 1,688
Longline (F)	\$ 3,306	\$ 200	\$ 159	\$ 3,665
Longline (M)	\$ 3,306	\$ 100	\$ 159	\$ 3,565
Longline (D)	\$ 1,488	\$ 100	\$ 47	\$ 1,635
Mothership	\$ 3,306	\$ 200	\$ 1,010	\$ 4,516
Pole & Line (F)	\$ 3,306	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 3,506
Pole & Line (D)	\$ 1,488	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ 1,688
Purse Seine (F)	\$ 3,306	\$ 200	\$ 2,625	\$ 6,131
Purse Seine (D)	\$ 1,488	\$ 200	\$ 702	\$ 2,390
F = Foreign				
D = Domestic				
M = Member Flag				

Any payment of the fees by Telegraphic Transfer (TT) for each vessel should be accompanied by the following information to ensure fast tracking of the payment:


- Invoice number,
- Vessel name, and
- International Radio Call Sign (IRCS) or IMO number; if the vessel does not have an IRCS, the flag registration number or IMO number should suffice.

All fees must be paid in full and free of any deductions from bank charges. The fees are not refundable nor transferable, even if they are paid partially.

Vessel operators are reminded that any changes to the vessel ownership, operator (registration applicant), flag or gear type will require a new registration, therefore a new application will be required for such changes.

As is the standing practice, please find herewith the '***Guide to application for registration and good standing on the FFA Vessel Register***' which is provided as an Attachment to this Notice and sets out detailed information about the requirements for the new registration period, 1st July 2022 to 30th June 2023.

We look forward to your continued cooperation in the new registration period.


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