



VESSEL MONITORING SYSTEM

RESOLUTION 15/03ON ESTABLISHING A VESSEL MONITORING SYSTEM (VMS)
PROGRAMME

APPLICABLE TO



The objective of this Resolution is to require CPCs to adopt a satellite-based vessel monitoring system (VMS) for all CPC flag vessels 24 metres in length overall or above, or those less than 24 metres fishing beyond the flag State's EEZ for IOTC species. The Commission is empowered establish guidelines for the registration, implementation and operation of VMS in the IOTC area with a view to standardising VMS adopted by CPCs.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

There are two reporting requirements for CPCs operating a VMS under this Resolution: the flag State must report in an annual report on the progress of implementation of its VMS programme, and coastal and port States must report when the on-board monitoring device does not meet certain requirements.

WHO

CPC FLAG STATE

CPC COASTAL AND PORT STATES

WHAT

Provide to the IOTC Secretariat a report on the progress of implementation of its VMS programme, including technical failures, or reasons why they cannot fulfil the obligations in this Resolution

Notify the IOTC Executive Secretary and vessel's flag State if it has information that any on-board vessel monitoring device does not meet the requirements of para 4 of the Resolution, or has been tampered with

WHEN**DEADLINE***By 30 June, annually***DEADLINE***Upon detection of non-compliance
(At sea patrol / port inspection, other)*REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:
FORMAT AND CONTENT

One reporting template form has been developed by the Secretariat for all flag State reporting under this Resolution.

REPORTING REQUIREMENT 1:

PROVIDE TO THE IOTC SECRETARIAT A REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS VMS PROGRAMME, INCLUDING TECHNICAL FAILURES OR REASONS WHY THEY CANNOT FULFIL THE OBLIGATIONS UNDER THIS RESOLUTION. (PARAS 11, 12)

IMPLEMENTATION

- How to report: CPCs are required to fill in the reporting template developed by the Secretariat. The report allows CPCs to summarise 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 sent to iotc-secretariat@fao.org

REPORTING REQUIREMENT 2:

NOTIFY THE IOTC EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND VESSEL'S FLAG STATE IF IT HAS INFORMATION THAT ANY ON-BOARD VESSEL MONITORING DEVICE DOES NOT MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF PARAGRAPH 4 OF THE RESOLUTION, OR IT HAS BEEN TAMPERED WITH. (ANNEX I, PARA A)

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 sent to iotc-secretariat@fao.org

COOPERATION REQUIREMENTS

None in this Resolution.

OBLIGATIONS OF THE INDUSTRY

Masters and owners/licensees of fishing vessels subject to the VMS requirement must 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 must 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 must review the reports and the Commission must discuss how to proceed with future considerations of VMS to support its CMMs.



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