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## IOTC CIRCULAR 2008/10

### SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF IOTC RESOLUTION 06/02

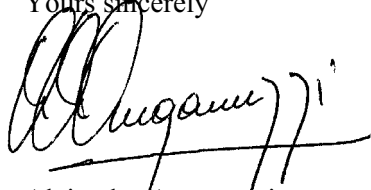
I wish to bring to your attention that in the initial stages of the implementation of Resolution 06/02 (soon to be replaced by Resolution 08/02), the Secretariat has received several queries and comments from the industry with regards to the practical use of the Transhipment Declaration form in Annex 2. In response to those comments, the Secretariat would like to suggest some adjustments to the procedure and to Annex 2 of the Resolution to reduce the paperwork and streamline the procedure. The modifications in the implementation of the procedure are necessary in light of the proposed modifications to the Transhipment Declaration Form. The Secretariat has taken care to preserve the elements found in the original Annex 2, and have incorporated them in the proposals, thereby maintaining the objective of the adopted Resolution.

With regards to the Transhipment Declaration Form, the advantages to be gained by the new proposal are as follows;

- only one form is required to be completed by both the large-scale tuna fishing vessel (LSTV) and the carrier vessel for a transhipment/landing activity
- it allows for vessels to tranship to multiple carriers, which is a common practice for transhipment in port
- it provides verifiable indicators to the port State, flag State and landing State with regards to compliance with the reporting requirements
- it provides additional space for listing of species
- it provides detailed instructions on completing the declaration form
- it provides a checklist with regards to when information has to be transmitted by the LSTV and the carrier vessels to the different States

The Secretariat would like to request clearance from the Members to conduct a trial of the modified Transhipment Declaration Form in order to test its usability. Also we welcome any comments that Members may have on the proposed changes.

Yours sincerely



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#### Attachments

- Procedures & Conditions
- IOTC Transhipment Declaration Form

#### Distribution

**IOTC Members:** Australia, Belize, China, Comores, Eritrea, European Community, France, Guinea, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Kenya, Korea, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mauritius, Oman, Pakistan, Philippines, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Tanzania, Thailand, United Kingdom, Vanuatu.

**IOTC Chairperson.**

**Cooperating non contracting parties:** Senegal, South Africa, Uruguay.

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## **PROCEDURES AND CONDITIONS RELATING TO IN-PORT TRANSHIPMENT BY LSTVs**

### **General**

1 Transshipment operations in port may only be undertaken in accordance with the procedures detailed below:

### **Notification obligations**

#### **2 Fishing vessel:**

2.1 Prior to transshipping, the Captain of the LSTV must notify the following information to the Port State authorities, at least 48 hours in advance:

- a) the name of the LSTV and its number in the IOTC record of fishing vessels,
- b) the product to be transhipped,
- c) the tonnage (in kilograms) by product and species to be transhipped,
- d) the date transshipment is expected to begin and the location,
- e) the major fishing grounds of the tuna and tuna like species catches

2.3 The captain of the LSTV concerned shall transmit to its Flag State the completed IOTC transshipment declaration in accordance with the format set out in Annex 2 not later than 15 days after the transshipment.

### ***Receiving vessel:***

3 Not later than 24 hours after the end of the transshipment, the master of the receiving carrier vessel shall inform the Port State authorities of the quantities of tuna and tuna-like species transhipped to his vessel, by transmitting the completed IOTC transshipment declaration, to the competent authorities.

### ***Landing State:***

4 The master of the receiving carrier vessel shall, 48 hours before landing, transmit the applicable IOTC transshipment declaration forms, to the competent authorities of the Landing State where the landing will take place.

5 The Port State and the Landing State referred to in the above paragraphs shall take the appropriate measures to verify the accuracy of the information received and shall cooperate with the flag CPC of the LSTV to ensure that landings are consistent with the reported catches amount of each vessel. This verification shall be carried out so that the vessel suffers the minimum interference and inconvenience and that degradation of the fish is avoided.

# IOTC TRANSHIPMENT DECLARATION

## Part 1

(1) Location of transshipment:

At sea

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In Port

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### (2) Fishing Vessel

Vessel name:

Vessel type:

Longliner

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Purse seiner

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Other

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Radio Call Sign:

Flag:

National Register Number, if available:

IOTC Record Number, if available:

Lloyds/IMO Number, if available:

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(3) Departure Date:

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(5) Return Date:

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(7) Transshipment To Begin:

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COUNTRY&PORT

(4) From:

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(6) To:

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(8) Location:

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(9) Location of catches:

Indian Ocean

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Atlantic Ocean

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Pacific Ocean

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(10) Indicate the weight, in kilograms, by product(s) of species to be transhipped.

| Species | Whole | Gutted | Headed | Filletted |  |  | F | Fr |
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(11) Master's name of Fishing Vessel:

Signature & Date:

## Part 2

### (12) Carrier Vessel

Name:

Radio Call Sign:

Flag:

National Register Number, if available:

IOTC Record Number, if available:

Lloyds/IMO Number:

(13) Indicate the weight, in kilograms, by product of species transhipped

| Species | Whole | Gutted | Headed | Filletted |  |  | F | Fr |
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(14) Date & time transshipment ends:

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(15) Master's name of Fishing Vessel:

(16) Master's name of Carrier Vessel:

(17) Agent's / Observer's name:

Signature & Date:

Signature & Date:

Signature & Date:

## **Instructions for completing the IOTC Transhipment Declaration Form**

**For transhipment at sea:** Sections 1, 2 and 7 - 11 of Part 1 and Section 12 of Part 2 of the form is to be completed by the Master of the fishing vessel and transmitted to the flag State at least **24 hours** in advance of any transhipment activity.

**For transhipment in port:** Part 1 of the form is to be completed by the Master of the fishing vessel and transmitted to the port State at least **48 hours** in advance of any transhipment activity.

For catches made in the **Atlantic Ocean** or **Pacific Ocean** the Master of the fishing vessel shall complete only sections 2, 9 and 10.

### **Part 1**

1. Indicate if the transhipment will take place at sea or in port.
2. Provide the required information listed in this section with regards to the fishing vessel. For vessel type, tick (✓) the appropriate box or for vessels other than longliners or purse seiners write the type of vessel under "Other".

*Sections 3 – 6 need not be completed if transhipment is at sea.*

3. Date the fishing vessel left port.
4. The name of the country and port the fishing vessel left.
5. Date the vessel returned to port or is expected to return to port.
6. The name of the country and port that the fishing vessel has returned to or is expected to return to.
7. The date on which transhipment is to begin.

*Section 8 need not be completed if transhipment is in port.*

8. The geographical coordinates of where transhipment is expected to take place; for transhipment at sea.
9. Tick (✓) the appropriate box(es) to indicate the location of where the catch on board was made.
10. Complete the table with the relevant information. Tick (✓) the appropriate column(s) for product types that are fresh (F) and/or frozen (Fr). Two blank columns are available for other product types not listed.
11. The Master of the fishing vessel shall sign Part 1 of IOTC Transhipment Declaration Form.

**For transhipment at sea, Section 12 should also be completed together with Part 1.**

*The Master of the fishing vessel shall duplicate the form completed at this stage as many times as required for the purpose of completing **Part 2** of the form.*

### **Part 2**

*If transhipment is to be effected to more than one carrier vessels, Part 2 of the form is to be completed for transhipments to each carrier vessel. Sections 12 – 15 are to be completed by the Master of the fishing vessel.*

12. Provide the required information listed in this section with regards to the carrier vessel.
13. Complete the table with the relevant information. Tick (✓) the appropriate column(s) for product types that are fresh (F) and/or frozen (Fr). Two blank columns are available for other product types not listed. To be completed **immediately** after transhipment.
14. Date and time on which transhipment was completed.
15. Provide the name and signature of the Master of the fishing vessel.
16. Provide the name and signature of the Master of the carrier vessel.
17. Provide the name and signature of the Agent of the fishing vessel or the observer, if transhipment was at sea.

### **Notes on transmission of the IOTC Transhipment Declaration to flag State, port State and landing State**

- Sections 1, 2 and 7 - 11 of Part 1 and Section 12 of Part 2 of the form is to be completed by the Master of the fishing vessel and transmitted to the flag State at least **24 hours** in advance of any transhipment activity taking place at sea.
- **48 hours** before any transhipment activity, the Master of the fishing vessels shall complete Part 1 of the Transhipment Declaration Form and transmit it to the competent authorities of the vessel's flag State and the port State where transhipment will take place.
- Not later than **24 hours** after the end of a transhipment operation, the Master of the carrier vessel shall send the completed Transhipment Declaration Form to the competent authority of the port State where transhipment has taken place.
- Regardless of whether the transhipment is at sea or in port, not later than **15 days** after the end of transhipment operation, the Master of the fishing vessel shall send the completed Transhipment Declaration Form(s) to the fishing vessel's flag State.
- **48 hours** before any landings, the Master of the carrier vessel shall send the applicable Transhipment Declaration Forms to the authorities of the landing State.
- Upon receipt of a Transhipment Declaration Form, the landing State and the port State shall cooperate with the flag State of the fishing vessel to verify the accuracy of information received.