

Fishing Vessel Notice

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To: All Ship Owners, Operators, Deputy Registrars, Resident Agents, Representatives, and other Stakeholders

Subject: ACCESS TO PORTS IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

As a party to the Port State Measures Agreement, Trinidad and Tobago has designated ports at which foreign fishing vessels can access port services. The Port of Chaguaramas and Port of Spain have been identified as accessible ports under this arrangement.

To access these ports a vessel must provide advance notice of port entry through their respective agent(s) in Trinidad. The agent(s) shall provide, through the Single Electronic Window platform, the following information:

- Vessel's certificate of registration.
- Fishing License, authorizations, permits granted to the vessel from its flag State.
- Permission or approval from the flag State to land their fish in Trinidad and Tobago.

Request for port access should be sent at least 72 hours prior to arrival and it is required for fishing vessel owners/operators to complete Appendix A of the General Arrival Declaration which captures the information of Annex A of the Port State Measures Agreement. This document should be accessible from an agent in Trinidad.

Following the respective documentation checks and related verifications a vessel may, upon arrival be inspected by the Fisheries Division of Trinidad, Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries.

Joint inspections between the Port State of Trinidad and Flag State of Belize may also be required from time to time.

It is important that all Belize flagged vessels intending to call ports in Trinidad and Tobago follow the necessary protocols established by that country in order to facilitate ease of access to port services.



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