

Report of the Discussion on Transshipment Scheme in the 27th Regular Meeting of
The International Commission for The Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT)
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1. Draft Recommendation to amend the Recommendation by ICCAT on Transshipment (Rec.16-15) was proposed in the Permanent Working Group for the Improvement of ICCAT Statistics and Conservation Measures (PWG) during the 27th regular meeting of ICCAT. After the thorough discussion, the draft was adopted by PWG with some amendments and proposed to the Commission for the adoption. The Commission finally adopted it so that the revised recommendation entered into force on 17th June 2022 in accordance with the procedure.

2. The proposal was aimed to strengthen the monitoring of transshipments of tuna and tuna-like species caught in the ICCAT Convention area. The new recommendation (Rec. 21-15) includes the following additional and revised measures;
 - (1) Carrier vessel is additionally required to separate and stow transhipped fish by fishing vessels and develop a stowage plan.
 - (2) Carrier vessel is required to submit a supply declaration 24 hours in advance of providing supply services to another vessel unless such supply activity is conducted in association with transshipment that is monitored by a regional observer onboard
 - (3) Large Scale Pelagic Longline Vessel (LSPLV) is required to submit the transshipment declaration to the flag CPCs not later than 5 working days after the transshipment. (It was 14 days before the revised recommendation entered into force).
 - (4) The ICCAT Secretariat promptly publishes the documents including the transshipment declaration received from a carrier vessel in the secure part of the ICCAT website for the facilitation of implementation of the ICCAT Recommendation on Port State measures (Rec. 18-09).
 - (5) The Recommendation will be reviewed no later than 2024.