



PNA VESSEL REGISTER RULES OF PROCEDURE

(As adopted by SPNA71 14th September 2022)

Rule 1 Preliminary

- 1.1. Article V paragraph 10 of the Nauru Agreement Concerning Cooperation in the Management of Fisheries of Common Stocks (as amended April 2010), and Article 1 of the First Implementing Arrangement (as amended 2022) vested the powers to the Parties to adopt the Rules of Procedure.
- 1.2. These Rules of Procedure regulate the procedures for the operation of the PNA Vessel Register, hereinafter called the "Register".
- 1.3. The Parties retain the primary responsibility for providing general policy and administrative guidance for the operation of the Register.
- 1.4. The PNAO Chief Executive Officer (Chief Executive Officer) has the responsibilities for detailed administration of the Register.

Rule 2 Application

- 2.1. These Rules of Procedure shall apply to the registration of purse seine, longline, bunker and carrier, vessels and related matters.

Rule 3 Requirement for Registration

- 3.1. A purse seine, longline, bunker or carrier vessel shall be registered on the Register in order to be licensed to undertake any fishing activities, including bunkering or transshipment activities, in the waters of the Parties.
- 3.2. Parties shall not license any vessel to fish or operate in their EEZs unless the vessel is registered on the Register. Registration on the Register is not a license to fish. These procedures are in addition to any registration and licensing procedures required by Parties.
- 3.3. The Chief Executive Officer shall maintain and update the Register on the PNA Fisheries Information Management System (PNA FIMS) for Parties' information and update.

Rule 4 Application for Registration

- 4.1. All applications for registration shall contain the information required in the form as advised by the Chief Executive Officer from time to time.
- 4.2. Applications for registration shall be submitted online through the OVR using the Register Vessels link on the PNA website <https://pna.fimsportal.com/sub/index.php>. Instructions on how to apply online shall be advised by the Chief Executive Officer.

4.3. The Chief Executive Officer will review and check the application forms on FIMS and will request for any missing information that is required in the register.

4.4. Any information required to be recorded, or to be notified, communicated, or reported, shall be true, complete and correct. Any change in circumstances which has the effect of rendering any such information false, incomplete or misleading shall be notified to the Chief Executive Officer in writing immediately.

4.5. Purse seine and longline vessels expecting to operate for the following year will need their registrations renewed before January 1 of that following year.

4.6. Any change or variation to vessel information pertaining to the vessel's name, IRCS, IMO #, ownership, or flag, submitted in the application shall require the reapplication for registration of the vessel and payment of the applicable fees set out in Schedule 1.

4.7. Any other change to the vessel information submitted in the application shall be provided to the Chief Executive Officer by the applicant without requiring reregistration.

4.8. Registration is an annual requirement and all vessels these rules are applicable to shall reapply for registration annually.

Rule 5 Registration Fees

5.1. A vessel shall pay a Vessel Registration and Fisheries Management (VRFM) Fee as set out in Schedule 1, and as amended from time to time.

5.2. The Chief Executive Officer will issue an invoice to the applicant applying for registration of a vessel in accordance with the applicable VRFM fee in Schedule 1 once the vessel's application is completed and e-lodged via PNA FIMS.

5.3. The VRFM fees shall be paid to the PNAO account as specified on the PNAO invoice and shall be free of any bank transfer fees. Payment advice shall be made to the Chief Executive Officer.

5.4. The VRFM fee is not transferable.

5.5. The VRFM fee is non-refundable except when the owner advises the PNAO, prior to the commencement of the management year, that the vessel will not operate during that management year and provided also that the registration certificate has not been issued.

5.6. An administration fee in the amount as advised by the Chief Executive Officer from time to time, including the applicable bank transfer charges, will be deducted from the amount to be reimbursed.

Rule 6 Issuance of Registration Certificate

6.1. The Chief Executive Officer shall register and issue a vessel registration certificate to a vessel which meets the following requirements.

(a) A completed application form is e-lodged in FIMS;

(b) A copy of a valid MTU Inspection Certificates is e-lodged in FIMS;

(c) Coloured photograph of the vessel clearly showing radio call sign and Vessel name is e-lodged in FIMS;

(d) Payment of the VRFM fee as per Schedule 1, and as amended from time to time;

(e) The Vessel's MTU is reporting to FIMS.

(f) Upon the satisfaction of the Chief Executive Officer that the vessel will be able to comply with the requirements.

6.2. Upon registration, the Chief Executive Officer shall notify the vessel owner of such, and of the commencement date of the registration.

6.3. The certificate of registration is valid only for one year and vessels on the register shall be automatically deleted from the Register at the expiry date of the certificate, provided that the application is received before the expiry date.

6.4. The certificate of registration for purse seine and longline vessels shall expire on December 31 each year.

6.5. The certificate of registration for careers and bunkers shall expire at the end of the twelve months after issuance of the certificate.

Rule 7 Notifications by Parties

7.1. Parties shall notify the Chief Executive Officer of any licence issued to a vessel on the Register, including the duration of the license, and any conditions imposed.

Rule 8 Cancellation of OVR Applications by Applicants

8.1. Applications to register a vessel on the Register may be cancelled by applicants by notifying the Chief Executive Officer through email and any other mode as advised by the Chief Executive Officer from time to time.

8.2. Where the Applicant has paid applicable fees for a vessel, it may choose one of the following options:

(a) Receive a credit note which can be applied to future invoices; and or

(b) Receive a reimbursement less the applicable bank fees.

Rule 9 Deletion from the Register

9.1 The Chief Executive Officer may delete a vessel from the Register if information submitted for the registration is no longer accurate;

9.2 The Chief Executive Officer shall delete a vessel from the Register if:

(a) The vessel owner requests the Chief Executive Officer to delete the vessel from the Register; or,

(b) A Party requests that a vessel be deleted from the Register; or

(c) The Chief Executive Officer is satisfied that the vessel has failed to comply with the requirements of a relevant Management Scheme.

9.3 The Chief Executive Officer shall not delete a purse seine vessel from the Register pursuant to Rule 9.2 unless the Chief Executive Officer first consults with the Parties about the proposed deletion, and no Party objects to the proposed deletion of the vessel from the Register. If the Chief Executive Officer deletes a vessel from the Register, the Chief Executive Officer shall notify the vessel owner and any relevant Party of the fact and date of the deletion. A purse seine vessel that has had its registration

on the Register deleted shall satisfy the requirements of Rule Article 6.1 in order to be registered again on the Register.

Rule 10 Amendment

10.1. These Rules may be amended by unanimous decisions of the Parties.

10.2. The Chief Executive Officer may amend these Rules only in regards to non-substantive matters which are editorial in nature, and shall inform the Parties promptly of such changes.

Schedule 1

Applicable Fees (USD)

(as at 1 January 2021)

Gear Type	Vessel Registration and Management Fee
Foreign & Domestic Purse-Seine	US\$ 14,000 per vessel per calendar year
Longline ≤ 40 m	US\$ 3,000 per vessel per calendar year
Longline > 40 m	US\$ 4,000 per vessel per calendar year
Bunker/ Tanker	US\$ 5,200 per vessel per year
Reefer Carrier	US\$ 5,200 per vessel per year