

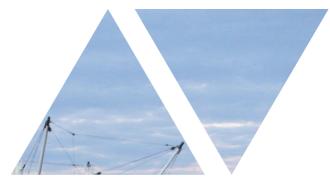


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User Manual for the non Flag State, non Port State users









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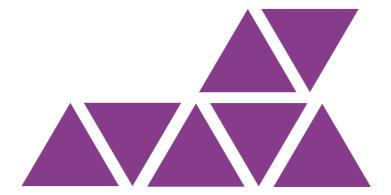
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ACRONYMS

AREP Advance Request for Entry to Port

CPC Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties

FS Flag State

FSCA Flag State Competent Authority
IOTC Indian Ocean Tuna Commission
NFV Notification to a Fishing Vessel

OLT Offloading declaration
PIR Port Inspection Report

PS Port State

PSCA Port State Competent Authority

PSM Port State Measures

RAI Request for Additional Information

RAI-AREP Request for Additional Information following an Advance

Request for Entry to Port

RAI-PIR Request for Additional Information following a Port Inspection

Report

TRX-TDD Transhipment declaration as a Donor Vessel
TRX-TDR Transhipment declaration as a Receiver Vessel

VF Vessel File

VFL Vessel File Listing

VMS Vessel Monitoring System

1 WHO IS THIS MANUAL FOR?

This manual is for the use of User Manual for the non Flag State, non Port State users ("NFSNPS") competent authorities of IOTC CPCs.

If you need any help while using the IOTC e-PSM application, please refer first to this Manual and its Frequently Asked Questions at the end. If you cannot find an answer in this document, please contact epsm@iotc.org or use the contact user support page to leave a message (http://epsm.iotc.org/contact). The link is accessible in the quick links:



DEFINITIONS: NON FLAG STATE. NON PORT STATE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

In the context of the e-PSM application a non Flag State, non Port State user is a CPC that does not have fleet and/or does not have designated port. In its quality of CPC, he has access to a vessel file listing (Dashboard) where he can consult Vessel Files shared with him.

DEFINITIONS: FLAG STATE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

The Flag State Competent Authority is a national authority responsible for the monitoring, control and surveillance of the fishing activity of the vessels registered or licensed under is flag. A Flag State is responsible for making sure vessels comply with international conventions and IOTC Resolutions.

DEFINITIONS: PORT STATE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

The Port State Competent Authority is a national authority responsible for Fisheries Port State Measures in accordance with Resolution 10/11.

In principle, the **Port State Competent Authority** is designated in national law as an authority with the power to decide whether to grant or deny a vessel access to port, to conduct inspection of vessels (Fishing vessel or any vessel involved in fishing-related activities) and implement the relevant paragraphs of the IOTC <u>Resolution 10/11 on Port State Measures.</u>

DEFINITIONS: VESSEL'S REPRESENTATIVES

Master (or captain): It is the person who is in ultimate command of the vessel. The master is responsible for the safe and efficient operation of the vessel, including fishing operations, navigation, crew management and ensuring that the vessel complies with local and international laws, as well as company and flag state policies.

Fishing master (or fishing captain): On some vessels there is a fishing master who is responsible for the fishing operations of the vessel. This person is not the person legally responsible for the activities of the vessel although they may give the appearance of being in command.

Owner: The owner is the natural or legal person registered as owning the vessel. This may be different to the beneficial owner, who directs the activities of the vessel.

Beneficial owner: The beneficial owner directs the activities of the vessel.

Operator: The operator is a person(s) or company(ies) responsible for the complete operation of the vessel, including the crew, and all the administration and management of the fishing operation.

Agent: The agent is the person(s) or company(ies) that provides support to the vessel. The role of the agent is not defined and the services provided will vary with circumstances. The services may include, for example, arranging for the sale of the catch, supplying the vessel with victuals and fuel, vessel maintenance and administrative services such as providing legal documents and insurance. Some vessels may use different agents when they operate away from their home port.

2 INTRODUCTION: IOTC PORT STATE MEASURES

In 2010, aware of the powerful and cost effective compliance tool that Port States measures represent to combat IUU fishing activities in the Indian Ocean, the IOTC adopted a resolution on Port State measures to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing (IOTC Resolution 10/11 on Port States measures). The resolution, which entered into force on 1 March 2011, is inspired by the 2009 FAO Agreement on Port State Measures but placed in the context of the IOTC mandate. The fisheries administration of the Coastal CPCs of the IOTC, where foreign fishing vessels call to request entry into their designated port to offload tuna and tuna like species and use ports facilities and services, are responsible for the implementation of the resolution.

While some CPCs of the IOTC have port State and/or flag State responsibilities to implement the Resolution 10/11, the fishing industry has as well some responsibilities.

One of these responsibilities is for the vessel master of the vessel's representative (Agent) to provide a form, named Advance Request for Entry into Port (AREP), within the period of notice defined by the Port State (see the Designated Ports section on the IOTC e-PSM website: http://epsm.iotc.org). The format and information of the AREP is defined at annex 1 of the Resolution 10/11.

After receiving the AREP form and other information required to determine whether the vessel requesting entry into its port has engaged in IUU fishing or fishing related activities in support of such fishing, the competent authority of the port State decides whether to authorize or deny the entry of the vessel into its port.

3 OVERVIEW OF THE E-PSM PROCESS

As provided by the IOTC PSM, any vessel planning to call in a port in the IOTC Area of Competence must notify the competent authority of the Port State at least 24 hours in advance of the date of the entry into port and within the established advance period of notice. The vessel must then wait for the notification by the competent authority of the Port State, or for any potential request for additional information, before entering into port.

The whole process is detailed below:

- At least 24hrs before entering into port: the master or the agent of the vessel (or owner/operator) submits an AREP to the Port State Competent Authority (PSCA).
- The PSCA examines the AREP and:
 - ➤ The PSCA may send a Request for Additional Information (RAI-AREP) to the master or to the agent of the vessel asking for more details.
 - the vessel representative receives the RAI-AREP and must reply to the PSCA by sending the requested information;
 - the PSCA examines the answers and if they are not satisfactory, the PSCA can send another RAI-AREP;
 - once the RAI-AREP/replies process is completed to the satisfaction of the PSCA:
 - ► The PSCA sends a "Notification to the Fishing Vessel" (NFV) to the master or to the agent of the vessel which can be:
 - Port entry authorised: the vessel can enter port.
 - Port entry authorised but use of port facilities denied until completion of a port inspection and clearance by the competent authority
 - Port entry denied: the vessel cannot enter port.

- Once the vessel is in port, two processes can take place:
 - ► The PSCA decides to conduct a complete Port Inspection of the vessel including inspection/monitoring of the offloading of catch:
 - he vessel is inspected,
 - the PSCA produces a Port Inspection Report (PIR), a copy of which is sent to the master and/or to the agent of the vessel and to the Flag State;
 - the PSCA may request additional information following the inspection by sending a Request for Additional Information (RAI-PIR):
 - the master and/or the agent of the vessel receive the RAI-PIR and must reply to the PSCA by sending the requested information;
 - the PSCA examines the answers and if they are not satisfactory, can send another RAI-PIR;
 - this exchange can be repeated until the RAI-PIR/replies process is completed to the satisfaction of the PSCA.
 - Usually, a Port Inspection is accompanied by a monitoring of the offloading of the catch.
 - ► The PSCA decides to not conduct a complete Port Inspection of the vessel but decides to inspect/monitor the offloading (transhipment and/or landing operations):
 - The offloading is inspected/monitored,
 - The PSCA produces an Offloading form (OLT), a copy of which is sent to the master and/or to the agent of the vessel and to the Flag State.
 - If a transhipment has taken place in port, the master and/ or the agent of the vessel transmit the Transhipment Declaration to the PSCA, then the PSCA produces a Transhipment form (TRX TD), a copy of which is sent to the master and/or to the agent of the vessel and to the Flag State.

• There is no IOTC e-PSM procedure that the vessel must follow to leave port, only the standard procedures defined by the PSCA.

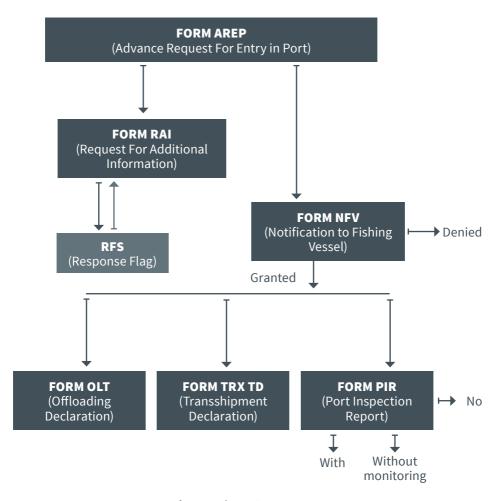


Figure 1 The e-PSM process

4 THE VESSEL FILE LISTING

As an FSCA, the heart of the IOTC e-PSM application is the Vessel File Listing ("VFL"). The VFL allows you to consult e-PSM Vessel Files that have been created for vessels flying your flag: incoming AREPs, look at the status of vessels flying your flag and calling in ports, reply to Requests for Additional Information (RAI), etc.

DEFINITIONS: THE VESSEL FILE

The Vessel File (VF) or e-PSM vessel file is created as soon as a form is completed (generally an AREP) and submitted in the e-PSM application.

There are two entry points to create a Vessel File, but the core process remains the same:

- From the IOTC website suitable for vessel representatives,
- From the e-PSM application's Vessel File listing suitable for port State users that may have received a paper version of an AREP (e.g. by fax).

The Vessel File acts as a "data folder" or a "vessel activity folder". It is made of the different data and information submitted in each forms and the forms themselves. A complete overview of the Vessel File content and attached forms is accessible from the Vessel File Dashboard.

To access your VFL, go to the IOTC e-PSM website: http://epsm.iotc.org then click on the "Log in e-PSM Forms & Processes" link.

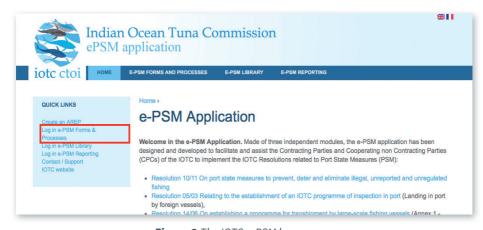


Figure 2 The IOTC e-PSM home page

On the Login page, enter your user name and password then click "Sign in".



Figure 3 The IOTC e-PSM login form

You will then be presented with the VFL. It lists:

• All Vessel Files which have been shared with you.

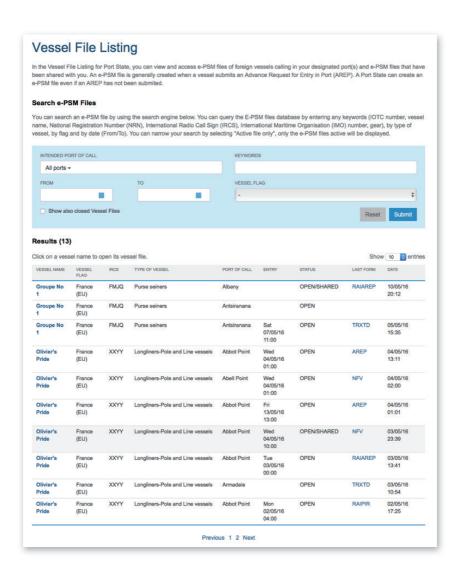


Figure 4 The Vessel File Listing

On your VFL, you can:

- Browse the list of current open Vessel Files,
- Search for current, open Vessel Files,
- Search for archived, closed Vessel Files,
- Access open or archived Vessel Files

4.1 Listing and Searching Vessel Files

By default, your VFL shows a list of all the current, open Vessel Files.

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ESSEL NAME	VESSEL FLAG	IRCS	TYPE OF VESSEL	PORT OF CALL	ENTRY	STATUS	LAST FORM	UPDATED	RAR
REVIGNON	France (EU)	FMJQ	Purse seiners	Abbot Point	Wed 13/04/16 06:00	OPEN	NFV	14/04/16 16:09	4
RVIN JAYA	Indonesia	YE 4985	Longliners	Abbot Point		OPEN	PIR	14/04/16 15:32	Δ
INGFISHER	Australia	VZN7927	Longliners	Armadale	Fri 15/04/16 19:00	OPEN	AREP	14/04/16 12:54	1
Bathaana	Maldives		Pole and Line vessels	Abbot Point	Wed 13/04/16 09:00	OPEN	AREP - CANCELLED	13/04/16 15:41	Δ
Bathaana	Maldives		Pole and Line vessels	Abbot Point	Tue 12/04/16 05:00	OPEN	AREP	12/04/16 17:24	Δ
RVIN JAYA	Indonesia	YE 4985	Longliners	Abbot Point		OPEN			Δ
ERVIN JAYA	Indonesia	YE 4985	Longliners	Abbot Point		OPEN			Δ

Figure 5 The list of open Vessel Files

A Vessel File is "open" until it has been archived by the PSCA: it means the file is still active, and that new information will/might be added to it. When the file is deemed closed, usually after the vessel has left port and all forms and information have been submitted in a satisfactory manner, then the file is archived and will only be accessible in a read-only way.

The list of Open Vessel Files shared with you shows all the active files in chronological order, with the following information:

- **Vessel name:** The vessel's name: click on it to open the relevant Vessel File where you can see details about the Vessel File.
- Vessel Flag: The vessel's Flag,
- IRCS: the vessel's International Radio Call Sign,
- **Type of vessel:** the vessel's type,
- Port of Call: the vessel's intended Port of Call
- **Entry:** the date of entry into port (as indicated in the AREP or in the PIR),
- Status: whether the file is OPEN or CLOSED,
- Last form: the last e-PSM form that has been submitted regarding that vessel. Clicking on the form's name (AREP, NFV, PIR...) allows you to display the PDF version of that file.
- Date: the date and time of submission of the last e-PSM form.

If you are looking for a particular vessel file and there are too many files in the list, it is an archived file or you want to find all files relating to a given vessel or a given flag, you can use the "Search e-PSM Files" form.

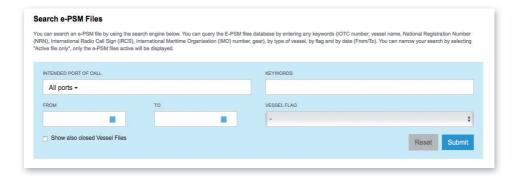


Figure 6 The "Search e-PSM Files" form

You can search using the following criteria:

- **Keyword**: enter all or part of an IOTC number, vessel name, National Registration Number (NRN), International Radio Call Sign (IRCS), International Maritime Organisation (IMO) number or gear,
- **From-to**: select a date range within which you want to search for vessel files,
- Type of vessel: select a type of vessel,
- Vessel flag: select the flag of the vessel you want to find,
- Active files only: selected by default, it restricts the search for open, active files. If you want to search for archived files, deselect this box.

When you have selected your search criteria, click the "Submit" button to display the list of matching Vessel Files.

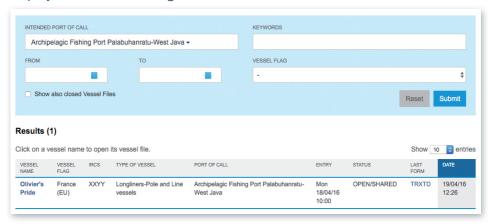


Figure 7 An example of Vessel File search based on the vessel's name

You can also clear the whole form by clicking on the "Reset" button.

5 THE AREP PROCESS

The e-PSM application offers the Vessel representatives the possibility to submit an Advance request of entry in port (AREP) to the Competent Authority of the Port State. Sending the AREP is an IOTC mandatory requirement that CPCs have agreed to when they have adopted the Resolution 10/11 in 2010.

The advantages of providing an AREP through the e-PSM application are multiples:

- **FASTER REQUEST:** It makes faster the entry into port and the decision making process of the port State,
- **PAPERLESS REQUEST:** It reduces paper works for the master of the vessel or its agent, and for the port State,
- **ENHANCED COMMUNICATION:** It provide a direct communication platform between the vessel representatives (e.g. master or agent) and the Competent Authority of the port State.

IN A NUTSHELL: THE AREP PROCESS

At least 24hrs before the intended entry into port, the vessel representative uses the e-PSM application to send an AREP to the Port of Call Port State Competent Authority.

The PSCA reviews the AREP, ask for more information through the process of Request for Additional Information (RAI-AREP) as necessary.

Once all required information has been sent by the vessel (Master or agent), the PSCA sends a Notification to a Fishing Vessel (NFV) to the vessel to indicate whether the request for entry has been granted or not (Denial of entry).

REMINDER

A vessel cannot enter a port without having submitted an AREP and any additional documents (as required by the Competent Authority of the port State).

A vessel can only call in ports that have been designated by IOTC Members (consult which ports in the IOTC area have been designated - (see the Designated Ports section on the IOTC e-PSM website: http://epsm.iotc.org/library/contact/designated-port).

It is mandatory to submit an AREP within the time period specified by the port State (Consult the advance period of notice of the port you wish to call - see the Designated Ports section on the IOTC e-PSM website: http://epsm.iotc.org/library/contact/designated-port).

As an NFSNPS, your role in the AREP process is mostly to receive notifications of the various forms that are created by the Vessel Representatives and of the responses sent by the Port State Competent Authority.

You might nonetheless receive Requests for Additional Information following an AREP (RAI-AREP) regarding a vessel, to which you will have to respond.

5.1 Filling and submitting the AREP form

5.1.1 How are AREP forms submitted?

There are two ways to fill an AREP form:

- 1. The old way (paper submission): the Vessel representative fills in the paper form as specified in annex 1 of the Resolution 10/11 and transmit it to the relevant PSCA, which will enter it in the e-PSM application after having created a vessel File;
- 2. The new way (electronic submission): the Vessel representative goes to the e-PSM section of the IOTC website: http://epsm.iotc.org and fills an electronic version of the AREP.

5.1.2 Recipients of the AREP

By default, the AREP is automatically sent by email to:

- the Vessel Representative, who is the Vessel Contact that is defined as the "Sender of the advance request to enter port";
- the Competent Authority of the Port State,
- the Competent Authority of the Flag State.

If the Vessel Representative wishes so, she can add additional recipients to which the AREP will be sent by email:

• any other recipients can be added manually (such as an NFSNPS).

TIP: WHO CAN BE ADDED AS ADDITIONAL RECIPIENTS OF AN AREP?

The IOTC Resolution 10/11 (Paragraph 4) requests Port States to integrate and coordinate at national level the implementation of Port State Measures with the broader system of Port State Controls and exchange information among relevant national agencies.

It is recommended to copy other national agencies that have jurisdiction in port to inform them that a request to enter port has been submitted to the fisheries competent authority.

The national agencies you can add as recipients are: Customs
Authority, Port Authority, Veterinary Authority, Immigration
Authority, Maritime Authority, Fisheries Authority, Maritime
Police, National Police, Ministry (National), Directorate (National),
Department (National), National Coast Guard, Defence/Military
Authority, Navy/Military Authority, Sanitary Authority.

5.1.3 Reception of the AREP

An email will promptly be sent to the various contacts, including the NFSNPS, f you have been included in the Additional recipients, which gives you a link to check the AREP/Vessel File status.

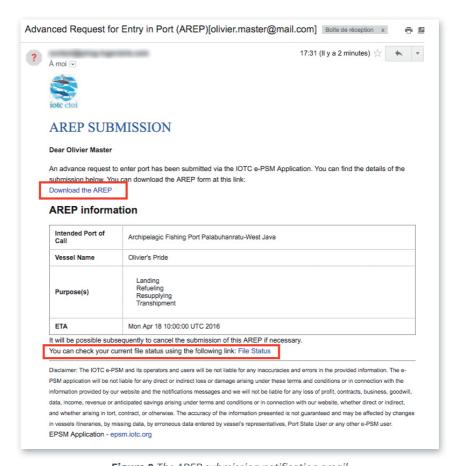


Figure 8 The AREP submission notification email

If the Vessel File has been shared with you, the AREP will appear in your VFL, with the relevant Vessel File showing "AREP" in the "Last form" column.

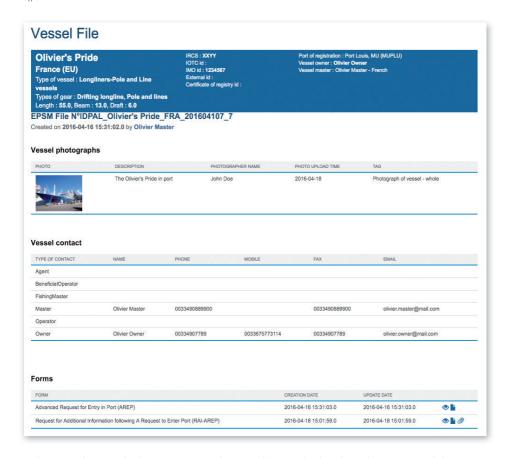


Figure 9 The Vessel File status screen showing the vessel's details and contacts and the AREP form that has been submitted

Once the Vessel representative has successfully submitted the AREP, he just has to wait to be notified by email by the Port State Competent Authority:

- through a Request for Additional Information following an AREP (RAI-AREP), to which you will have to reply if you are recipient of the request;
- through a Notification to a Fishing Vessel (NFV) granting or denying access to the port.

5.2 Receiving a RAI-AREP and replying

If the Competent Authority of the port in which a vessel intends to call requires additional information regarding the AREP that was submitted, it will send a Request for Additional Information following an AREP (RAI-AREP). This RAI-AREP can be sent to:

- the Vessel Representative (who sent the AREP),
- the Flag State Competent Authority,
- the NFSNPS competent authority (you, in most of case in your quality as a Coastal State),
- other officials, as needed.

The list of additional information that the PSCA might request includes:

- Fishing licence issued by a Coastal State;
- Flag State Authorisation to Fish (ATF);
- Transhipment declaration;
- Fishing logbook (covering a given period);
- Vessel Certificate of National Registration;
- IOTC Transhipment declaration;
- VMS track (covering a given period);
- Identification document of the Vessel Master;
- Any other information/document, as needed.

If the RAI-AREP has been addressed to you, you will be notified by an email sent to your contact address. This email contains:

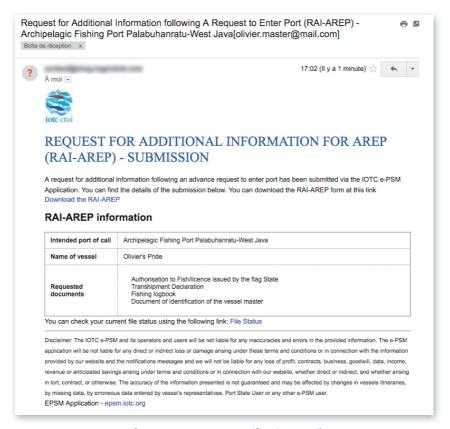


Figure 10 A RAI-AREP notification email

- the list of documents/information requested by the PSCA;
- a link to download a PDF copy of the RAI-AREP with details on what additional information is required;

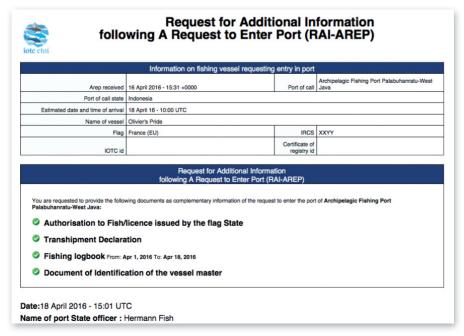


Figure 11 A RAI-AREP PDF document

 a link to access directly a web page in the e-PSM application where you can consult the status of the current vessel file, with access to all previously submitted forms or notifications, including the RAI-AREP.



Figure 12 The Vessel File status page showing that there is a RAI-AREP awaiting response

The RAI-AREP will also appear in your VFL, with the relevant Vessel File showing "RAI-AREP" in the "Last form" column.

On the Vessel File status page, a RAI-AREP awaiting response will be shown with an Attachments icon (②). To see the list of requested documents and upload the relevant files, click on the Attachments icon (②).

Note that on this page you can also download all the forms that have been submitted or sent under the current Vessel File: simply click on the Document icon () to download the relevant PDF.



Figure 13 The RAI-AREP Requested document screen on the Vessel File status page.

To upload the requested documents, click on the Upload icon (1) in the "Action" column to open the Document Upload dialog:

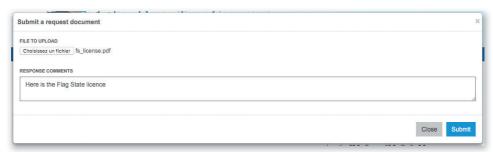


Figure 14 The RAI-AREP Document Upload dialog

- Click the "Select file" button and in the pop-up file explorer, select the relevant file and click the "Select" button (terms may vary depending on your operating system, language and web browser). Note: please make sure that the file you are uploading is of a reasonable size (not more than 2 Megabytes).
- Enter any relevant comment or remark in the "Response comment" field, as needed.
- Click the "Submit" button.
- You will then be returned to the Vessel File status page where each Requested Document for which you uploaded a file will be marked with a Document icon ().

Request for Additional Information following A Request to Enter Port (RAI-AREP)

	IRCS : XXYY IMO id : 1234567		Type of vessel : Longliners-Pole and Line vesse Types of gear : Pole and lines, Drifting longline Length : 55.0 - Beam : 13.0 - Draft : 6.0 Arep received : Sat 16 April 2016			
Estimated date and time of arrival : Mon 18 April 2016 - 10:00 UTC	Port of call : Archipelagic Fishing Port Palabuhanratu	ı-West Java				
Requested documents TYPE OF DOCUMENT	REQUESTER COMMENTS	RESPONSE DATE	RESPONSE COMMENTS			
Authorisation to Fish/licence issued by the fla	ag State	2016-04-18 15:11:37.0	Here is the Flag State licence	₽ ①		
Transhipment Declaration				•		
Fishing logbook	2016-04-01 > 2016-04-18			•		
Document of Identification of the vessel master						

Figure 15 The RAI-AREP Requested document screen showing uploaded documents

• If you made a mistake and uploaded the wrong file, simply click on the Upload icon (1) again to replace the previous file with a new one.

Note that as soon as you click the "Submit" button, the file will be uploaded to the e-PSM application.

Once you have uploaded all the relevant documents, click the "Notify update to parties" button and an email will be sent to the relevant recipients to notify them that the RAI-AREP has been answered.

REMINDER

Do not forget to click the "Notify update to parties" button: if you forget, then the parties, and especially the Port State Competent Authority will not be notified that you have answered the RAI-AREP and your entry to port could be delayed or even denied.

After that, you can safely go back to your VFL or log out and wait for the PSCA feedback:

- if the PSCA requires more details, you will receive a new RAI-AREP notification or a Request for new documents within the same RAI-AREP;
- if the PSCA has all the information required to take a decision regarding the AREP, they will send a Notification to a Fishing Vessel (NFV) to the Vessel representative, with copy to you.

5.3 Receiving a Notification to a Fishing Vessel

Once the PSCA has all the information required to take a decision regarding your AREP, they will send a Notification to a Fishing Vessel (NFV) to the Vessel representative, with copy to the FSCA, which can indicate:

- Port entry authorised: the vessel can enter port;
- Port entry authorised but use of port facilities denied until completion of a port inspection and clearance by the competent authority: once in port your vessel will undergo a Port Inspection and the PSCA will then produce a Port Inspection Report (see section 6 below);
- Port entry denied: the vessel cannot enter port.

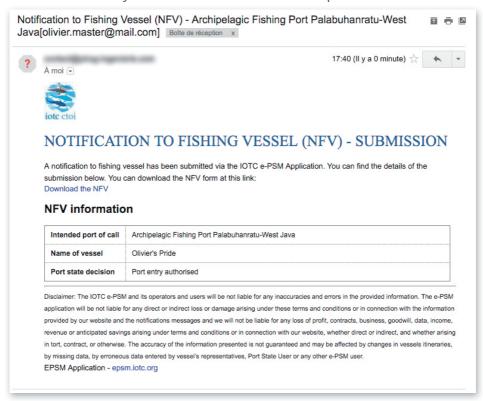


Figure 16 A Notification to a Fishing Vessel email

If the Vessel File has been shared with you, you will receive a notification email and the NFV will also appear in your VFL, with the relevant Vessel File showing "NFV" in the "Last form" column.

6 THE PORT INSPECTION PROCESS

Depending on the national procedures and policies, the PSCA can require that a vessel calling in one of its ports be inspected after arriving in port. This will happen following an NFV denying use of port facilities until completion of a port inspection and clearance by the competent authority but can also happen after an NFV authorising entry in port without conditions.

The Port inspection is carried-out by an inspection team composed of authorised officers from the competent authority.

During the inspection process, the inspectors will complete a Port Inspection Report (PIR). This will be entered in the e-PSM application and the Vessel File will be updated with a PIR form.

6.1 Receiving the PIR

If the Vessel File has been shared with you, or if you have been included in the Additional recipients, you will receive a PIR notification by email after the inspection. This email contains:



Figure 17 A PIR notification email

- a link to download a PDF copy of the PIR;
- a link to access directly a web page in the e-PSM application where you can consult the status of the current vessel file, with access to all previously submitted forms or notifications, including the PIR.



Figure 18 The Vessel File status page showing that there is a PIR

If the Vessel File has been shared with you, the PIR will also appear in your VFL, with the relevant Vessel File showing "PIR" in the "Last form" column.

Once you have received the PIR, there is nothing for you to do unless the PSCA requires additional information from the NFSNPS through a RAI-PIR.

Note that the PIR DPF that you can download includes computed differences between catch quantities declared in the AREP and those verified by the inspector, for the "Evaluation of catch to be offloaded" and "Catch retained on board" sections of the AREP.

		Evaluat	ion of catch to	be offic	baded						
Species	Product form	Catch area(s)	Quantity on board declared (Kg)	Quantity to be	Quantity to be Tranship ed (Kg)	Quantity Landed verified (kg)	Quantity Tranship ped verified (kg)	Delta landed	Delta tranship ped	Objection	
Yellowfin tuna	Head off, Gilled & Gutted, Tail on		1,400	1,000	0	800	600	-200	600		
Albacore	Whole/rounded - Not processed		3,500	2,000	1,500						
		Ca	tch retained	on Board	i						
Species	Product Form	Catch Area(s)	Quantity Dec	ared	Quantity R	etained	Delta	Retained	C	Objection	
Albacore	Whole/rounded - Not processed			0		500		50		as declared kg on board	

Figure 19 The PIR PDF document showing the differences between catch quantities declared in the AREP and those verified by the inspector

6.2 Receiving a RAI-PIR and replying

If the Competent Authority of the port State in which a vessel has been inspected requires additional information following the Port Inspection, it may send a Request for Additional Information following a PIR (RAI-PIR), which can be addressed to:

- the Vessel Representative (who sent the AREP),
- the Flag State Competent Authority,
- the NFSNPS Competent Authority (you),
- other officials, as needed.

The list of additional information that the PSCA might request includes:

- Flag State Authorisation to Fish (ATF);
- Flag State Authorisation to Tranship;
- Fishing logbook (covering a given period);
- Vessel Certificate of National Registration;
- IOTC Transhipment declaration;
- VMS track (covering a given period);
- Any other information/document, as needed.

If the RAI-PIR has been addressed to you, you will be notified by an email sent to your contact address. This email contains:

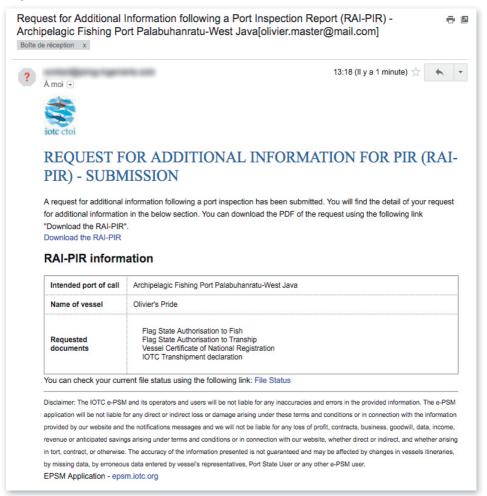


Figure 20 A RAI-PIR notification email

- the list of documents/information requested by the PSCA;
- a link to download a PDF copy of the RAI-PIR with details on what additional information is required;

	Information on fishing vessel	requesting entry in port						
Arep received	16 April 2016 - 15:31 UTC	Port of call	Archipelagic Fishing Port Palabuhanratu-West					
Port of call state	Indonesia							
Estimated date and time of arrival	18 April 16 - 10:00 UTC							
Name of the vessel	Olivier's Pride							
Flag	France (EU)	IRCS	XXYY					
IOTC identification number		Certificate of registry identification number (or national registration number)						
		•						
Port Palabuhanratu-West Java To confirm that the fish on board was to information/documents within 5 days f	wing documents as complementary information taken in accordance with applicable requireme rom the date of this request, falling to prov pping, packaging, processing, refuelling, re	nts of the IOTC, the flag of the vide the information within the	ressel must provide the following period of time, the vessel will be denied					
Flag State Authorisati	on to Fish							
Flag State Authorisati	on to Tranship							
- I lug Otato Mathorioati								
 Vessel Certificate of N 	lational Registration							

Figure 21 A RAI-PIR PDF document

 a link to access directly a web page in the e-PSM application where you can consult the status of the current vessel file, with access to all previously submitted forms or notifications, including the RAI-PIR.

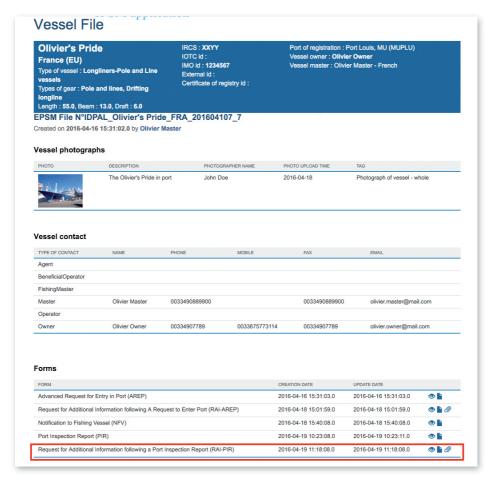


Figure 22 The Vessel File status page showing that there is a RAI-PIR awaiting response

The RAI-PIR will also appear in your VFL, with the relevant Vessel File showing "RAI-PIR" in the "Last form" column.

On the Vessel File status page, a RAI-PIR awaiting response will be shown with an Attachments icon (②). To see the list of request documents and upload the relevant files, click on the Attachments icon (②).

Note that on this page you can also download all the forms that have been submitted or sent under the current Vessel File: simply click on the Document icon () to download the relevant PDF.

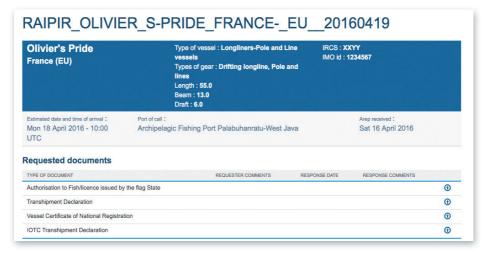


Figure 23 The RAI-PIR Requested document screen on the Vessel File status page

To upload the requested documents, click on the icon (1) in the "Action" column to open the Document Upload dialog:

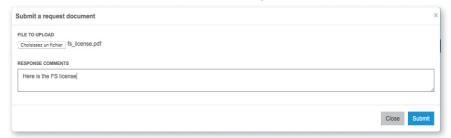


Figure 24 The RAI-PIR Document Upload dialog

- Click the "Select file" button and in the pop-up file explorer, select the relevant file and click the "Select" button (terms may vary depending on your operating system, language and web browser). Note: please make sure that the file you are uploading is of a reasonable size (not more than 2 Megabytes),
- Enter any relevant comment or remark in the "Response comment" field, as needed,
- Click the "Submit" button,
- You will then be returned to the Vessel File status page where each Requested Document for which you uploaded a file will be marked with a Documents icon ().



Figure 25 The RAI-PIR Requested document screen showing uploaded documents

 If you made a mistake and uploaded the wrong file, simply click on the Upload icon (1) again to replace the previous file with a new one.

Note that as soon as you click the "Submit" button, the file will be uploaded to the e-PSM application.

Once you have uploaded all the relevant documents, click the "Notify update to parties" button and an email will be sent to the relevant recipients to notify them that the RAI-PIR has been answered.

REMINDER

Do not forget to click the "Notify update to parties" button: if you forget, then the parties, and especially the Port State Competent Authority will not be notified that you have answered the RAI-PIR.

After that, you can safely go back to your VFL or log out and wait for the PSCA feedback:

 if the PSCA requires more details, you will receive a new RAI-PIR notification or a Request for new documents.

6.3 The offloading declaration (OLT)

As mentioned in the AREP process summary, when the port State decides to not conduct a complete Port inspection of the vessel, it can decide (or not) to inspect/monitor the offloading (transhipment and/or landing operations). Following the inspection/monitoring of the offloading, the port State will complete an Offloading Declaration (OLT).

When the OLT has been completed by the Inspector and submitted to the e-PSM application, if the Vessel File has been shared with you or you have been included in the Additional recipients, you will receive a notification by email sent to your contact address. This email contains:

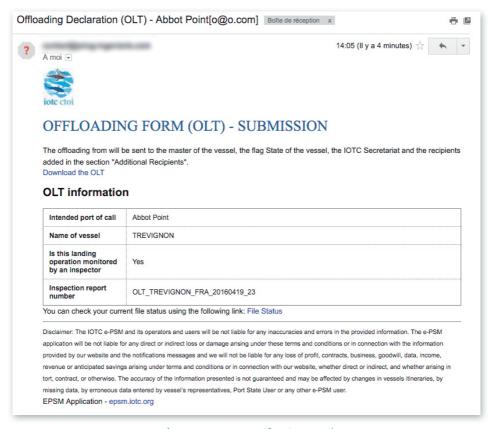


Figure 26 An OLT notification email

- a link to download a PDF copy of the OLT;
- a link to access directly a web page in the e-PSM application where you can consult the status of the current vessel file, with access to all previously submitted forms or notifications, including the OLT.

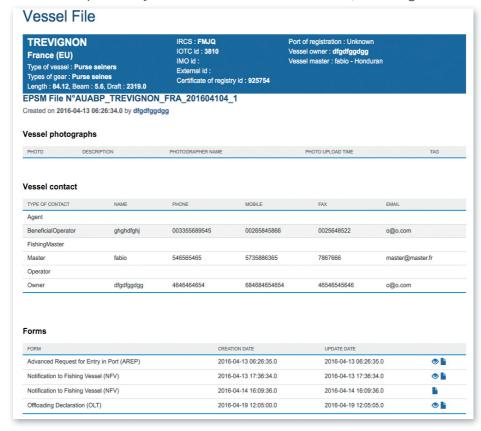


Figure 27 The Vessel File status page showing that there is an OLT which has been produced

Note that on this page you can also download all the forms that have been submitted or sent under the current Vessel File: simply click on the Document icon () to download the relevant PDF.

		Evaluation of	foffload	led cate	ch					
Species	Product form	Catch area(s)	Quantit y on board declar ed (Kg)	Quantit y to be landed (Kg)	Quantit y to be Transh iped (Kg)	Quantit y Lande d verified (kg)	y Transh ipped		Delta transhi pped	Objection
Albacore	Head off, Gilled & Gutted, Tail off		3,000	2,000	1,000	2,200	800	200	-200	Quantities observe are quite different from those declare

Figure 28 The OLT PDF document showing the differences between catch quantities declared in the AREP and those verified by the inspector

If the Vessel File has been shared with you, the OLT will also appear in your VFL, with the relevant Vessel File showing "OLT" in the "Last form" column.

7 THE TRANSHIPMENT MONITORING PROCESS

7.1 Transhipment as a receiver vessel (TRX-TDR)

If a vessel receives fish products transhipped from another vessel while in port, the Vessel representative must transmit the Transhipment Declaration to the PSCA, then a Transhipment Declaration as a Receiver Vessel (TRX-TDR) will be filled by the PSCA's Inspector in the e-PSM application, including the details about the transhipment operations (donor vessel, species/products transhipped etc.).

When the TRX-TDR has been completed by the Inspector and submitted to the e-PSM application, the Vessel representative and the Additional Recipients, will receive a notification by email. This email contains:



Figure 29 A TRX-TDR notification email

• a link to download a PDF copy of the TRX-TDR;

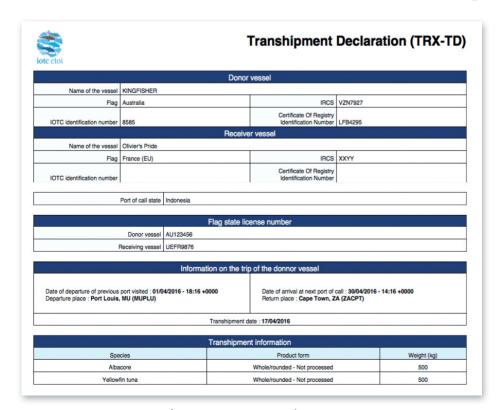


Figure 30 A TRX-TDR PDF document

 a link to access directly a web page in the e-PSM application where you can consult the status of the current vessel file, with access to all previously submitted forms or notifications, including the TRX-TDR.

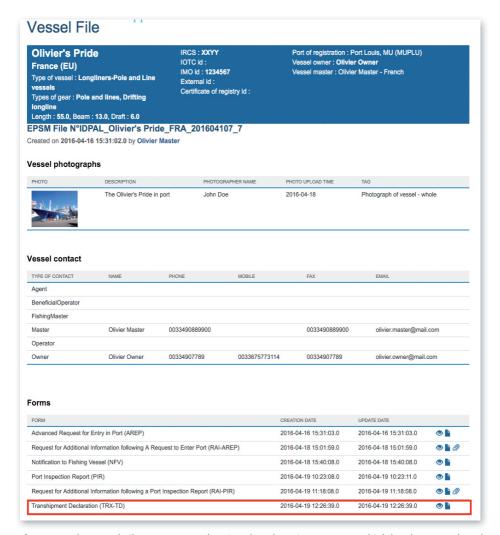


Figure 31 The Vessel File status page showing that there is a TRX-TDR which has been produced

Note that on this page you can also download all the forms that have been submitted or sent under the current Vessel File: simply click on the Document icon () to download the relevant PDF.

If the Vessel File has been shared with you, the TRX-TDD will also appear in your VFL, with the relevant Vessel File showing "TRX-TDD" in the "Last form" column.

7.2 Transhipment as a donor vessel (TRX-TDD)

If a vessel tranships fish products to another vessel while in port, the Vessel representative must transmit the Transhipment Declaration to the PSCA, then a Transhipment Declaration as a Receiver Vessel (TRX-TDD) will be filled by the PSCA's Inspector in the e-PSM application, including the details about the transhipment operations (donor vessel, species/products transhipped etc.).

When the TRX-TDD has been completed by the Inspector and submitted to the e-PSM application, the Vessel representative and the Additional Recipients, will receive a notification by email. This email contains:

- a link to download a PDF copy of the TRX-TDD;
- a link to access directly a web page in the e-PSM application where you can consult the status of the current vessel file, with access to all previously submitted forms or notifications, including the TRX-TDD.

If the Vessel File has been shared with you, the TRX-TDD will also appear in your VFL, with the relevant Vessel File showing "TRX-TDD" in the "Last form" column.

Note that on this page you can also download all the forms that have been submitted or sent under the current Vessel File: simply click on the Document icon () to download the relevant PDF.

APPENDIX I FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

► To whom Port State Measures (PSM) apply to?

PSM apply to foreign vessels calling in designated ports in the IOTC area.

► To whom Port State Measures (PSM) don't apply to?

PSM don't apply to:

- vessels of a neighbouring State that are engaged in artisanal fishing for subsistence, provided that the port State and the flag State cooperate to ensure that such vessels do not engage in IUU fishing or fishing related activities in support of such fishing; and
- container vessels that are not carrying fish or, if carrying fish, only fish that have been previously landed, provided that there are no clear grounds for suspecting that such vessels have engaged in fishing related activities in support of IUU fishing.

► Can a vessel enter a designated port without submitting a request to enter port?

No, it is illegal. It is mandatory to provide an advance request of entry in port to the competent authority of the port State and according to the prior notification period it has established.

► How can I attached document to an AREP and what are the documents to submit with the AREP?

When a request to enter port is completed, at the step 5 of the form AREP, documentation can be attached to it. It is recommended to attach the documents listed below, it will fasten the processing of the request by the port State and avoid un-necessary delay in the response of the port State to grant entry in port. The recommended documents are:

- Authorisation to fish or fishing license issued by your flag State;
- Fishing licenses issued by Coastal States;
- Transhipment authorisations;
- Previous Transhipment declarations;
- Certificate of Registration of the Vessel;
- Fishing logbook corresponding to your last fishing trip;
- Crew list;
- Wells or hold plan.

However, the competent authority of the Port State knows exactly the type of documents they request to be provided.

► A vessel has been granted entry into port, can the vessel be denied use of port services, landing or transhipment of catch?

Yes, if the ports State:

- finds that the vessel does not have a valid and applicable authorization to engage in fishing or fishing related activities required by its flag State;
- finds that the vessel does not have a valid and applicable authorization to engage in fishing or fishing related activities required by a coastal State in respect of areas under the national jurisdiction of that State;

- has clear evidence that the fish on board was taken in contravention of applicable requirements of a coastal State in respect of areas under the national jurisdiction of that State;
- has reasonable grounds to believe that the vessel was otherwise engaged in IUU fishing or fishing related activities in support of such fishing,

And/or if the flag State does not confirm within a reasonable period of time, on the request of the port State, that the fish on board was taken in accordance with applicable requirements of a relevant regional fisheries management organization.

► What are the designated ports in the IOTC Area?

See designated ports - http://epsm.iotc.org/library/contact/designated-port

A vessel cannot call, land or tranship its catch in any other port in the IOTC Area.

► Can a vessel be denied port entry for Force Majeure or Distress?

No, nothing in the IOTC PSM affects the entry of vessels to port in accordance with international law for reasons of force majeure or distress, or prevents a port State from permitting entry into port to a vessel exclusively for the purpose of rendering assistance to persons, ships or aircraft in danger or distress.

► I cannot find a vessel in the e-PSM application when I want to enter, in the e-PSM application, a request to enter port submitted manually (E.g.: fax)?

Contact the IOTC Secretariat at epsm@iotc.org.

▶ I have some problems to submit a request to enter port?

Contact the IOTC Secretariat at epsm@iotc.org.

► I have some problems to respond to a request for additional information?

Contact the IOTC Secretariat at epsm@iotc.org.

► Which countries are Contracting Parties or Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties (CPCs) of the IOTC?

http://www.iotc.org/about-iotc/structure-commission

► Where is the IOTC Area of competence?

http://www.iotc.org/about-iotc/competence

Note: The Commission, at its 4th Session in 1999 agreed to modify the western boundary of the IOTC area of competence from 30°E to 20°E, thus eliminating the gap between the areas covered by IOTC and ICCAT.

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