

REPUBLIC OF VANUATU

OFFICE OF THE MARITIME ADMINISTRATOR

VANUATU INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING REGISTRY

Circular #015

Fishing Vessels: Incident Reporting & Strict Complaince

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President and CEO

Dear Valued Clients,

At Vanuatu Logistics and Administrative Services Limited (VLAS), we are committed to ensuring that all **fishing vessels** under our registry operate in full compliance with international fishing regulations and maintain the highest standards of safety and responsibility. Sustainable fishing practices are essential to protecting marine resources and safeguarding the future of the industry.

As part of this commitment, we require all incidents—**regardless of severity**—to be reported to our administration without delay, **even the minor ones.** Timely and accurate reporting is crucial for identifying potential risks, ensuring compliance, and preventing future operational issues. Minor incidents can often indicate larger underlying risks, and addressing them early helps maintain the safety and integrity of your operations.

We urge all fishing vessel owners and operators to adhere strictly to all fishing regulations and conduct their operations responsibly. Compliance is not just a legal requirement but a shared duty to protect fisheries, preserve marine ecosystems, and uphold the reputation of vessels flying the Vanuatu flag.

All incident reports must be submitted via our designated reporting channel at info@register-vu.com. We assure you that all submissions will be handled with strict confidentiality.

For any further inquiries or clarifications, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

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