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Benchmarking of certain current tuna RFMO requirements regulating at-sea transshipment against best-practice recommendations

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RFMO Best Practices Snapshot –
2025: Transshipment Regulation

 Priority reform in place  Partial reform in place  Does not have priority reform in place

Regulating Transshipment: Priority Reforms Needed by RFMO	CCSBT	IATTC	ICCAT	IOTC	WCPFC
Require authorized carrier vessels to be flagged to RFMO CPC (Contracting Parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties) or CNM (Cooperating Non-Members)					
Require that (1) all reporting is undertaken electronically and in near real-time, but no longer than 24 hours after the event, and (2) all transshipment declarations, notifications, etc. are submitted to the flag States, landing state, relevant coastal states and the RFMO Secretariat					
Require that all vessels (fishing vessels and carriers) authorized to conduct at-sea transshipment have an IMO (International Maritime Organization) number					
Require that all vessels authorized to conduct at-sea transshipment have an operational VMS (vessel monitoring system) and AIS (Automatic Identification System)					
Set criteria for authorization of at-sea transshipment and a review process of authorizations against those criteria					
Require (1) 100% observer coverage (human or electronic monitoring [EM]) on both the fishing vessel & the carrier vessel and (2) observer report to be provided to RFMO					
Have binding measures on observer safety					
Require 48 hours of advance notice of intention to transship					
Maintain public list of all vessels authorized to transship					
Require transfers of RFMO-regulated species to be recorded on transship declaration					

¹ Non-Contracting Parties (NCP)-flagged carriers now only allowed if replacing NCP carrier vessel of same flag

² Exceptions for non-member flagged vessels under charter or other arrangement

³ Not within 24 hours

⁴ Not applicable to all vessel types

⁵ Exceptions for Indonesian pilot program

⁶ VMS only

⁷ Only on carrier

⁸ Carrier or offloading vessel (not both)

⁹ 36 hours

¹⁰ Authorized carriers only

¹¹ Authorized carriers and Large-scale Tuna Longline Fishing Vessels (LSTLFVs)

¹² The Resolution required the list to be public, but it is in fact not public: <https://www.iatcc.org/en-US/Management/Vessel-register>