

In accordance with law no. 2013-041 of November 12, 2013, establishing a structure called “Mauritanian Coast Guard”;

In accordance with law no. 2013-029 of July 30, 2013, relating to the merchant navy code;

In accordance with law no. 2015-017 of July 29, 2015, relating to the maritime fisheries code;

In accordance with ordinance no. 88-120 of August 31, 1988, concerning the delimitation and legal status of the territorial sea, the contiguous zone and the Exclusive Economic Zone and the continental shelf of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania;

In accordance with decree no. 157-2017 of September 6, 2017, relating to the Council of Ministers and the powers of the Prime Minister and the Ministers;

In accordance with decree no. 155-2020 of August 9, 2020, appointing members of the government;

In accordance with decree 159-2015 of October 1, 2015, establishing general regulations for the application of law no. 2015-017 of July 29, 2015, establishing the maritime fisheries code;

In accordance with decree No. 211-2017 of May 29, 2017, establishing the powers of the Ministry of Fisheries and the Maritime Economy and the organization of the central administration of its department;

Article 1: All vessels operating in waters under the jurisdiction of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania must be equipped with a satellite tracking beacon, the position data transmission arrangements for which are defined in articles 4 and 5. An active vessel is taken to mean all national, chartered or freely-licensed deep-sea and coastal fishing vessels and all vessels engaged in fishing-related activities.

Article 2: The issuance of a license, fishing authorization or safe-conduct is conditional upon the vessel having a functional satellite positioning beacon on board. The shipowner must ensure that his vessel has a beacon in working order before entering waters under the jurisdiction of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.

Article 3: All vessels operating in waters under the jurisdiction of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania must be equipped with a bi-directional IRIDIUM beacon, compatible with the Mauritanian Coast Guard (GCM) data reception and processing system.

Article 4. All active vessels must transmit at least 24 positions per day, one per hour, to the CMG Monitoring Center.

Article 5: Position data transmitted to the Monitoring Center must contain essential information about the vessel, including name, date, time, latitude and longitude, speed and course.

Article 6: If the Surveillance Center finds that a vessel is no longer transmitting data as stipulated articles 4 and 5 above, it will carry out a check by interrogating the beacon. The shipowner will be informed of the results of the check by email, telephone or any other means of communication.

Article 7: In event of equipment failure, captains are required to send position data every 4 hours via their shore-based contacts, and to carry out repairs within 72 hours. After this time, the vessel must suspend its activities and return to port for repairs.

Article 8: The information recorded in the CMG database is exclusively intended for the control and monitoring of fishing vessels. Under no circumstances may it be communicated to a third party without the written authorization of the shipowner.

Article 9: Failure to comply with these provisions and the communication of false data constitute very serious offences and will be punished in accordance with the texts in force.

Article 10: All previous provisions to the contrary are hereby repealed, in particular those order no. R0708/MPEM dated May 22, 2006.

Article 11: Shipowners are required to comply with the provisions of this order, in particular articles 3, 4 and 5, by November 1, 2020.

Article 12: The Secretary General of the Ministry of Fisheries and Maritime Economy, the Commander of the Mauritanian Coast Guard, the Director General of the Exploitation of Halieutic Resources and the Director of the Merchant Navy are each responsible for the application of this order, which will be published in the Journal Officiel de la République Islamique de Mauritanie