9. Each Contracting Party shall notify the Executive Secretary of any factual information showing that there are reasonable grounds for suspecting vessels not on the SEAFO record to be engaged in fishing for and/or transhipment of species covered by the Convention in the Convention Area.

Vessel documentation

10. Each Contracting Party shall:

(a) ensure that each of its fishing and fishing research vessels carry on board documents issued and certified by the competent authority of that Contracting Party, including, as a minimum, the following:

(i) registration document;
(ii) license, permit or authorisation to fish or to engage in research fishing activities and terms and conditions attached to the licence, permit or authorisation;
(iii) vessel name;
(iv) port in which registered, and the number(s) under which registered;
(v) International Radio Call Sign (if any);
(vi) names and addresses of owner(s) and where relevant, the charterer;
(vii) overall length;
(viii) power of main engine or engines in KW/horsepower; and;
(ix) certified drawings or description of all fish holds, including storage capacity in cubic feet or metres;

(b) check above documents on a regular basis; and

(c) ensure that any modification to the documents and to the information referred to in subparagraph (a) is certified by the competent authority of that Contracting Party.

Marking of fishing vessels

11. Each Contracting Party shall ensure that its fishing vessels and fishing research vessels authorised to fish in the Convention area are marked in such a way that they can be readily identified with generally accepted standards, such as the FAO Standard Specification for the Marking and Identification of Fishing Vessels.

Marking of gear

12. Each Contracting Party shall ensure that gear used by its fishing vessels and fishing research vessels authorised to fish in the Convention Area is marked as follows: the ends of nets, lines and gear anchored in the sea shall be fitted with flag or radar reflector buoys by day and light buoys by night sufficient to indicate their position and extent. Such lights should be visible at a distance of at least two nautical miles in good visibility. Marker buoys and similar objects floating on the surface and intended to indicate the location of fixed fishing gear shall be clearly marked at all times with the letter(s) and/or number(s) of the vessel to which they belong.

Information on fishing activities

13. Each Contracting Party shall ensure that all fishing vessels and fishing research vessels flying its flag keep a bound fishing logbook with consecutively numbered pages and, where appropriate, a production logbook, storage plan or a scientific plan. Fishing logbooks shall contain the following:

(a) each entry into and exit from the Convention Area;

(b) the cumulative catches by species (FAO 3 Alfa Code as defined in Annex 1) by live weight (Kg), the proportion of the catch by live weight (Kg) retained on board; and

(c) for each haul:

(i) catch by species in live weight (Kg), catch retained on board by species in live weight (Kg) and an estimation of the amount of living marine resources discarded (Kg) by species;
(ii) the type of gear (number of hooks, length of gill nets, etc.) ;
(iii) the longitude and latitude co-ordinates of shooting and hauling; and
(iv) the date and time of shooting and hauling (UTC).

(d) After each hail report the following details shall be entered in the logbook immediately:

(i) date and time (UTC) of transmission of the report; and
(ii) in the case of a radio transmission, the name of the radio station through which the report is transmitted.

(e) Fishing vessels, and if appropriate, fishing research vessels engaged in fishing activities which process and/or freeze their catch shall either:

(i) record their cumulative production by species (FAO 3 Alfa Code), by live weight (Kg), and product form in a production logbook; or

(ii) stow in the hold all processed catch in such a way that the location of each species can be identified from a stowage plan maintained by the master of the fishing vessel.

The quantities recorded shall correspond accurately to the quantities kept on board. The original recordings contained in the fishing logbooks shall be kept on board the fishing vessel and if appropriate, fishing research vessel, for a period of at least 12 months.

Reporting of catch and fishing effort

14. Each Contracting Party shall report to the Executive Secretary the catch of species listed in Annex 1 and in accordance with the specifications and format set out in Annex 2 attached, in metric tonnes per species, taken in the Convention Area on a quarterly basis. Such reports shall specify the month to which each report refers and shall be submitted within 30 days following the end of the quarter in which the fishing occurred. The Executive Secretary shall, within 15 days following the quarterly deadlines for receipt of the provisional catch statistics, collate the information received and circulate it to the Contracting Parties.

Vessels Monitoring System (VMS)

15. Each Contracting Party shall ensures that their vessels fishing for species not subject to the management and conservation regimes of other competent regional fisheries organisations, operating in the SEAFO Convention Area, shall implement a satellite based vessel monitoring system and :

(a) Be equipped with an autonomous system able to automatically transmit a message to the land based Fisheries Monitoring Centre (FMC) of its flag State allowing a continuous tracking of the position of the fishing vessel by the flag State.

(b) The satellite tracking device fitted on board the fishing vessel shall enable the vessel to continuously collect and transmit, at any time, to the FMC of the flag State the following data :