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Digitalized Sailing Permit Control System

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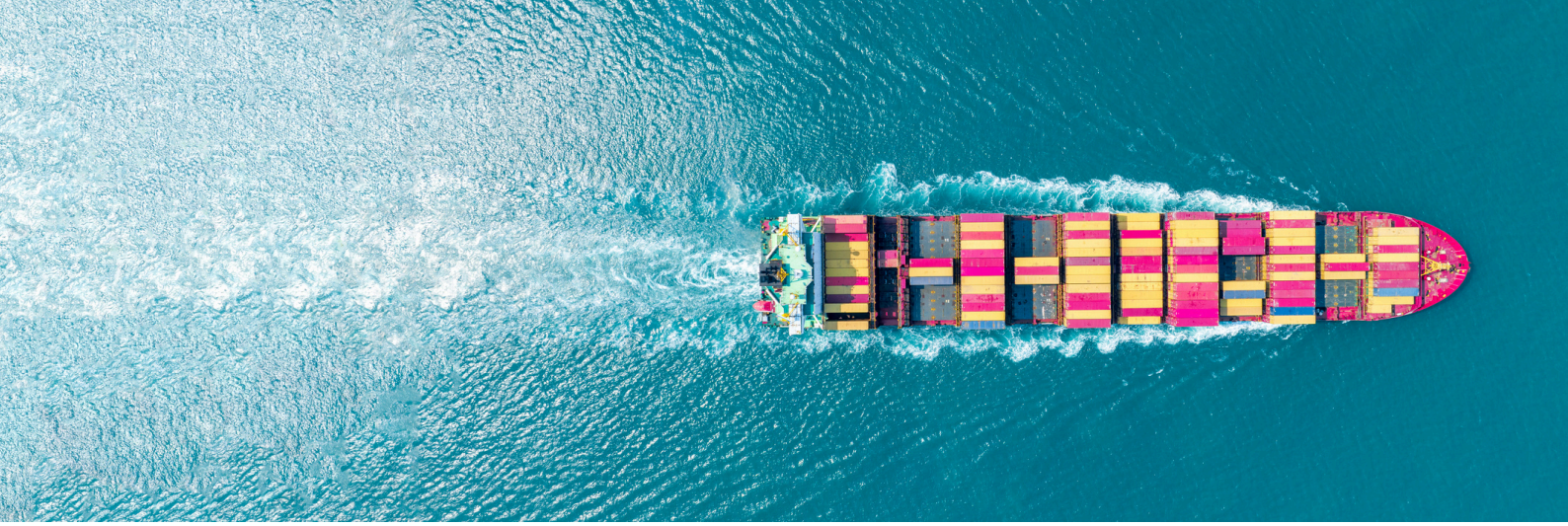
The Official Gazette No. 43,257, published on November 17, 2025, through the Ministry of People's Power for Transportation, establishes the implementation of the new "Digitalized Sailing Permit Control System" (Sistema de Control de Zarpes Digitalizado). The Resolution seeks to establish and manage the guidelines and conditions, such as system payments, regarding the sailing permits (zarpes) for national or international flag sporting and recreational vessels that maintain a constant presence in the regular traffic of one or several distinct Water Districts (Circunscripciones Acuáticas).

Sailing permit applications for sporting and recreational vessels docked in sports marinas are processed through the mobile app "Zarpes" or the web addres https://zarpes.com.ve/ .



It allows the National Institute of Aquatic Spaces (Instituto Nacional de los Espacios Acuáticos) to perform the following functions:

- New sailing permit application
- Status of requested sailing permits
- History of requested sailing permits
- Active sailing permits
- Vessels that requested the sailing permit, including their characteristics
- Previous incidents involving the vessel requesting the sailing permit.
- Payment for the vessel's sailing permit
- Notifications of sailing permit restrictions to vessels.



How to Access the System?

To create the application in the system, the owner and/or authorized person must enter the data indicated in Article 4:

- Vessel registration number
- Captain's identification document number
- Crew members' identification document number and title/certification
- Description of safety devices
- Type and description of navigation
- Request for exemption from payment for the issuance of sailing permits
- Port of departure and port of arrival
- Date and time of the sailing permit (departure)
- Estimated date and time of arrival.



Upon loading the data into the system, an application number will be issued to the applicant's email, which can be used to inquire about the status in the system.

If the application is approved, a fee of 5.00 Euros for the issuance of the sailing permit is set for national or international flag sporting and recreational vessels that navigate within the same Water District (Circunscripción Acuática) and do not leave it.

The fee for vessels navigating between different Water Districts is established in Resolution No. 052 dated December 29, 2024, published in Official Gazette No. 43,068 on February 13, 2025.

Exceptional Cases

Notwithstanding, there are different cases in which national or international flag sporting and recreational vessels circulating within the same Water District (Circunscripción Acuática) are exempt from payment, such as:

- Change of marina
- Sea trial for the evaluation of safety standards
- Navigations carried out for major repairs
- Fuel loading.



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