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# Production Logbook and Stowage Plans Updated at the Request of Inspectors (NAFO CEM Article 28)

## Background

At the 2018 CAN/EU NAFO Inspector's workshop, inspectors discussed the reporting timelines currently in the NCEM for production logbook and stowage plans as per Article 28 - Monitoring of Catch.

The inspectors shared their experiences in acquiring information from vessel masters, particularly the availability of information on catch/production/stowage for the day of inspection. Canadian inspectors noted that some masters have refused to provide their completed catch information for the day of the inspection, citing the current measure only require catch information to be provided for the preceding day from 00:01to 24:00 UTC. It was noted that EU regulations as well as Article 6.4 of the NCEM already support these requirements at present. EU inspectors stated they usually receive the information for the catch on the day of inspection verbally from masters. All Inspectors agreed that receiving the information verbally is not the preferred way forward as the information gathered may not be permitted to be used by all CP's in support of aninfringement.

As a result, Canada is introducing the following proposal to STACTIC for consideration.

## **Proposed Amendments**

## Article 28 - Monitoring of Catch

## Recording of Catch and Stowage

1. For the purposes of monitoring catch, each fishing vessel shall utilize a fishing logbook, a production logbook and a stowage plan as defined below, to record fishing activities in the Regulatory Area:

## Fishing Logbook

- 2. Each fishing vessel shall maintain a fishing logbook consistent with Annex II.A that:
  - (a) accurately records catch of each tow/set related to the smallest geographical area for which a quota has been allocated;
  - (b) indicates the disposition of the catch of each tow/set, including the amount (in kg, live weight) of each stock that is retained on board, discarded, offloaded, or transshipped during the current fishing trip; and

(c) is retained on board for at least 12 months.

## **Production Logbook**

- 3. Each fishing vessel shall:
  - (a) maintain a production logbookthat:
    - (i) accurately records the daily cumulative production for each species and product type in kg for the preceding day from 00:01 UTC until 24:00 UTC;
    - (ii) relates the production of each species and product type to the smallest geographical area for which a quota has been allocated;
    - (iii) lists the conversion factors used to convert production weight of each product type into live weight when recorded in the fishing logbook;
    - (iv) labels each entry in accordance with Article 27; and
    - (v) is retained on board for at least 12 months;
  - (b) and, when production has occurred on the day of an inspection, make the information related to any catch processed for that day available to an inspector upon request.

## Stowage of Catch

- 4. Each vessel shall, with due regard for safety and navigational responsibilities of the master, stow all catch taken in the NAFO Regulatory Area separately from all catch taken outside the NAFO Regulatory Area, and ensure that such separation is clearly demarcated using plastic, plywood or netting.
- 5. Each fishing vessel shall:
  - (a) maintain a stowage planthat:
    - (i) clearly shows:
      - 1. the location and quantity, expressed as product weight in kg, of each species within each fish hold;
      - 2. the location in each hold of shrimp taken in Division 3L and in Division 3M that includes the quantity of shrimp in kg, by Division;
      - 3. the top view of product within each fish hold;
    - (ii) is updated daily for the preceding day from 00:01 to 24:00 UTC; and
    - (iii) is retained on board for each day fished until the vessel has been unloaded completely;
  - (b) <u>and, when stowage has occurred on the day of an inspection, make the</u> information related to any catch stowed <u>for that day</u> available to an inspector upon request.