

**41<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL MEETING OF NAFO - SEPTEMBER 2019****Distribution of Notification of Infringements (NAFO CEM Article 37.5)****Background**

At the 2018 NAFO Intersessional meeting in Halifax, Canada was tasked with developing a proposal to amend Article 37.4 to allow the Executive Secretary to more broadly distribute notification of infringements to Contracting Parties, which resulted in the presentation of STACTIC WP 18-35, "Distribution of Notification of Infringements," at the 2018 Annual meeting. Ultimately, STACTIC WP 18-35 Rev. 2 was adopted. The intent of the new measure was "to ensure that any port State Contracting Party receiving a vessel for landing that has been issued an infringement is notified and has an opportunity to receive the written notification related to an infringement in advance of the vessel's arrival in port." In April of 2019, notification of an infringement was distributed beyond the competent authorities of all Contracting Parties. Although this was consistent with the newly adopted text, it was contrary to the intended purpose. As a result, Canada committed at the 2019 Intersessional meeting to prepare the following amendment to the text to bring the content of Article 37 in line with the original intent.

**Proposed Amendments****Article 37 - Procedures Relating to Infringements*****Duties of the Executive Secretary***

4. The Executive Secretary transmits without delay to the other Contracting Parties participating in the Scheme the written notification of the infringement including a copy of the report of inspection consistent with Annex IV.B.
5. The Executive Secretary transmits electronic notification that an infringement has been issued to a particular vessel without delay to the competent authority of each Contracting Party identified under Article 32.1.a. ~~all Contracting Parties electronic notification that an infringement has been issued to a particular vessel.~~
6. Upon a request from a Contracting Party receiving a vessel for landing to which an infringement has been issued, the Executive Secretary will transmit to that Contracting Party without delay a copy of the report of inspection consistent with Annex IV.B.

