

**45th ANNUAL MEETING OF NAFO - SEPTEMBER 2023****NAF Field Character Limit Increase**

Part C of Annex II.D (Format for electronic exchange of fisheries monitoring information (The North Atlantic Format)) of the NAFO CEM sets down the technical specifications (data format, data type, etc.) of the data to be transmitted in the NAF messages.

While adapting its internal system, the EU performed some tests on data exchanges of vessel notifications and authorizations with NAFO. These tests showed that some current limitations do not allow communication of the required information correctly and completely. For example, the vessel owner or operator addresses cannot fit within the limits of 60 characters. It means that in some cases, data available at NAFO is incomplete.

At the March 2023 meeting (COM Doc. 23-03), JAGDM proposed to make the following changes be made to part C of Annex II.D of the NAFO CEM by increasing the limitation of the maximum allowed characters for some data elements. JAGDM agreed that the proposals should proceed to PECMAC and STACTIC respectively to make the necessary changes to the Scheme and CEM.

Category	Data Element	Field Type	Type	Contents	Definitions
Registration	Vessel Name	NA	Char* 30 45		Name of the vessel
Details	Port Name	PO	Char* 20 45		Port of registration of the vessel/homeport
	Vessel Owner	VO	Char* 60 250		Name and address of the vessel owner
	Vessel Charterer	VC	Char* 60 250		Name and address of the vessel charterer
Vessel Character Details	Vessel Tonnage Unit	VT	Char*2 Num*4 5	"OC"/"LC" Tonnage	According to: "OC" OSLO 1947 Convention /"LC" LONDON ICTM-69
Activity Details	Port Name	PO	Char* 20 45		Name of the actual port of landing

