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Amendment to the NAFO CEM Chapter VI Joint Inspection and Surveillance Scheme

Background

Following the discussions at the 2016 annual meeting in Varadero (Cuba), measures should be considered by NAFO to address the repeat non-compliance of serious infringements in the NAFO Regulatory Area. Such measures should also seek to enhance the efficiency and follow-up of sea inspections by the flag and port state Contracting Parties.

It is proposed to modify Chapter VI of the NAFO CEM in order to clarify and/or reinforce NAFO rules related to the following items:

- maintenance of the chain of custody for infringements detected at sea; ad hoc revision of the at-sea joint inspection scheme
- clarity on evaluation of volume and catch composition of a haul; revision of the surveillance report format
- modernisation of the sea inspection report format
- enforcement of infringement by the port State, where possible
- access rights to inspection reports within the NAFO MCS website

The proposal attached highlights the new provisions suggested to address the issues above. The text also proposes a new editorial flow to enhance clarity and efficiency of the provisions concerned.

This proposal was first considered at the STACTIC intersession meeting held in Boston on May 2017. The intersessional version has subsequently been amended to address Contracting Parties comments. Remaining comments have been responded by the EU in this enclosed version.

Proposal

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CHAPTER VI AT-SEA INSPECTION AND SURVEILLANCE SCHEME

Article 31 - General Provisions

- 1. Inspection and surveillance shall be carried out by inspectors assigned by a Contracting Party to this At-sea Inspection and Surveillance Scheme (hereinafter, "Scheme").
- 2. A Contracting Party may by mutual agreement deploy inspectors it has assigned to the Scheme to an inspection platform of another Contracting Party
- 3. A Contracting Party with more than 15 fishing vessels operating at any one time in the Regulatory Area shall during that time:
 - (a) have an inspector or other competent authority present in the Regulatory Area; or
 - (b) have a competent authority present in the territory of a Contracting Party adjacent to the Convention Area; and
 - (c) respond without delay to every notice of infringement in the Regulatory Area by a fishing vessel entitled to fly its flag.
- 4. Each Contracting Party participating in the Scheme shall provide to each inspection platform, upon its entry into the Regulatory Area, a list of sightings and boarding it has conducted in the previous ten-day period including the date, coordinates and any other relevant information.
- 5. Each Contracting Party participating in the Scheme shall ensure that every inspection platform entitled to fly its flag operating in the Regulatory Area maintains secure contact, daily where possible, with every other inspection platform operating in the Regulatory Area, to exchange information necessary to co-ordinate their activities.
- 6. Inspectors visiting a research vessel shall note the status of the vessel, and shall limit inspection procedures to those necessary to ascertain that the vessel is conducting activities consistent with its Research Plan. Where the inspectors have reasonable grounds to suspect the vessel is conducting activities that are not consistent with its Research Plan, the CEM fully apply.
- 7. When participating in the Scheme, a Contracting Party shall ensure its inspectors treat vessels operating in the Regulatory Area on an equitable footing by avoiding a disproportionate number of inspections on vessels entitled to fly the flag of any one Contracting Party. Accordingly, in respect of any quarter-annual period, the number of inspections its inspectors conduct on vessels entitled to fly the flag of another Contracting Party shall, insofar as possible, reflect the proportion of the total fishing activity in the Regulatory Area by vessels entitled to fly the flag of that Contracting Party. This proportion includes, inter alia, the level of catches and vessel days. In determining the frequency of inspections, inspectors may, take into account the fishing patterns and compliance record of any fishing vessel.
- 8. When participating in the Scheme, a Contracting Party shall ensure that, except when inspecting a fishing vessel entitled to fly its own flag and in accordance with its domestic law, inspectors and inspector trainees it has assigned to this Scheme:
 - (a) remain under its operational control;
 - (b) apply the provisions of this Scheme;
 - (c) do not carry arms when boarding the vessel

- (d) refrain from enforcing laws and regulations related to its own exclusive economic zone;
- (e) observe generally accepted international regulations, procedures and practices relating to the safety of the vessel being inspected and its crew;
- (f) do not interfere with fishing activities or stowage of product and, to the extent practicable, avoid action which would adversely affect the quality of the catch on board; and
- (g) open containers in a manner that facilitates their prompt resealing, repacking and eventual re-storage.
- 9. All inspection, surveillance and investigation reports referred to in this Chapter, and associated images or evidence shall be treated as confidential, [in accordance with Annex II.B].

Article 32 - Notification Requirements

- 1. Each Contracting Party shall, no later than 1 December each year, post to the NAFO MCS Website, in PDF format:
 - (a) the contact information of the competent authority which shall act as the contact point for the purpose of immediate notification of infringements in the Regulatory Area, and any subsequent changes to this information, no less than 15 days before the change comes into effect;
 - (b) the names of inspectors and inspector trainees and the name, radio call sign and communication contact information of each inspection platform it has assigned to the Scheme. It shall notify changes to the particulars so notified, whenever possible, no less than 60 days in advance;
- 2. When participating in the Scheme, a Contracting Party shall ensure that the Executive Secretary is notified in advance, of the date, start time and end of each patrol by the inspection platform it has so assigned.

Duties of the Executive Secretary

- 3. The Executive Secretary:
 - (a) ensures that the information referred to in paragraph 1 is automatically made available to all Contracting Parties
 - (b) issues the NAFO documents of identity in accordance with Annex IV.D; and
 - (c) may make suggestions to Contracting Parties participating in the Scheme for the coordination of their deployment of resources.

Article 33 - Surveillance Procedures

- 1. Where an inspector observes in the Regulatory Area a fishing vessel entitled to fly the flag of a Contracting Party for which there are reasons to suspect an apparent infringement of the CEM, and where an immediate inspection is not practicable, the inspector shall:
 - (a) fill out the Surveillance Report Form set out in Annex IV.A. If the inspector has made a volumetric or catch composition evaluation of the content of a haul, the Surveillance Report shall include all relevant information regarding the composition of the tow, and refer the method used for the volumetric evaluation;

- (c) without delay electronically transmit the Surveillance Report and images to their competent authority ,
- 2. The inspecting Contracting Party shall without delay
 - (a) post the Surveillance report in PDF format to the NAFO MCS Website for transmission to the flag State Contracting Party of the vessel;
 - (b) transmit a copy of images recorded to the flag State Contracting Party of the vessel;
 - (c) ensure security and continuity of the evidence for subsequent inspections.
- 3. Each flag State Contracting Party shall:
 - (a) on receipt of a Surveillance Report, including any image recorded, concerning a vessel entitled to fly its flag, conduct such investigation as may be necessary to determine appropriate follow-up action; and
 - (b) post the investigation report in PDF format to the NAFO MCS Website.

- 4. The Executive Secretary ensures that:
 - (a) the Surveillance Report, including any image recorded, referred to in paragraph 1 are automatically transmitted to the flag State Contracting Party of the vessel concerned; and
 - (b) the investigation report referred to in paragraph 3 is automatically transmitted to the Contracting Party that has generated the Surveillance Report.

Article 34 - Boarding and Inspection Procedures for Contracting Parties

Each Contracting Party that conducts an inspection under the Scheme shall ensure that its inspectors:

- (a) prior to boarding, notify the fishing vessel by radio, using the International Code of Signals, of the name of the inspection platform;
- (b) display, on the inspection vessel and boarding vessel, the pennant depicted in Annex IV.E;
- (c) ensure that during boarding, the inspection vessel remains at a safe distance from fishing vessels;
- (d) do not require the fishing vessel to stop or manoeuvre when towing, shooting or hauling;
- (e) limit each inspection team to a maximum of four inspectors including any inspection trainee who may accompany the inspection team for training purposes only. Where an inspection trainee accompanies the inspectors, inspectors shall, upon boarding, identify the trainee to the master. The inspection trainee shall simply observe the inspection operation conducted by the authorized inspectors and shall in no way interfere with the activities of the fishing vessel;
- (f) upon boarding, present to the master their NAFO documents of identity issued by the Executive Secretary in accordance with Article 32.3 (b);

- (g) limit inspections to four hours, or the time required for the net to be hauled in and both the net and the catch to be inspected, whichever is longer, except:
 - (i) in the case of an infringement; or
 - (ii) where the inspector estimates the quantity of catch on board to be different from the quantity of catch recorded in the fishing logbook, in which case the inspector will limit the inspection to one additional hour with a view to verifying calculations and procedures, and re-examining the relevant documentation used to calculate the catch taken in the Regulatory Area and the catch on board the vessel and
- (h) gather any relevant information used for identifying compliance with the CEM provided by the observer.

Article 35 - Obligations of Master during Inspection

- 1. Every master of a fishing vessel shall take such measures as may be required to facilitate inspection by:
 - (a) ensuring, where an inspection vessel has signalled that an inspection is about to commence, that any net about to be hauled is not taken on board for at least 30 minutes following the signal from the inspection vessel;
 - (b) upon request by an inspection platform and to the extent compatible with good seamanship, facilitating boarding by the inspectors;
 - (c) providing a boarding ladder in accordance with Annex IV.G;
 - (d) ensuring any mechanical pilot hoist is fit for use in a safe manner including safe access between the hoist to the deck;
 - (e) providing the inspectors access to all relevant areas, decks and rooms, processed and unprocessed catch, nets or other gear, equipment, and any relevant documents which they consider necessary to verify compliance with the CEM;
 - (f) recording and providing to inspectors upon request, coordinates pertaining to the start and end locations of any trial tow conducted in reference to Article 6.6.b.iii;
 - (g) upon request of the inspectors, producing registration documents, drawings or descriptions of fish rooms, production logbooks and stowage plans and rendering such assistance as the inspector reasonably requires to ascertain that actual stowage of catch conforms with the stowage plan;
 - (h) refraining from interfering with any contact between the inspectors and the observer;
 - (i) taking such action as may be necessary to preserve the integrity of any seal affixed by the inspectors and of any evidence remaining on board, until otherwise directed by the flag State Contracting Party;
 - (j) to secure the continuity of evidence, where seals have been affixed and/or evidence has been secured, sign the appropriate section of the inspection report acknowledging the placement of seals;
 - (k) ceasing fishing when requested to do so by the inspectors in accordance with Article 38.2(b);
 - (l) providing, upon request, the use of the vessel's communication equipment and operator for messages to be sent out and received by the inspectors;

- (m)at the request of the inspectors, removing any part of the fishing gear which appears to be unauthorized under the CEM; and
- (n) where the inspectors have made any entries in the logbooks, providing the inspectors with a copy of each page where such entry appears, and at the request of the inspectors, signing each page to confirm that it is a true copy, and
- (o) when requested to cease fishing, not resuming fishing until
 - (i) the inspectors have completed the inspection and secured any evidence, and
 - (ii) the master has signed the appropriate section of the inspection report as referred to in paragraph 1 (j).

Article 36 - Inspection Report and Follow-up

- 1. Each Contracting Party shall ensure that its inspectors complete an inspection report in the form set out in Annex IV.B in relation to each inspection and apply the provisions of this Article in relation thereto.
- 2. For the purpose of the inspection report:
 - (a) a fishing trip is considered current where the inspected vessel has on board catch harvested in the Regulatory Area during the trip;
 - (b) when comparing entries in the production logbook with entries in the fishing logbook the inspectors shall convert production weight into live weight guided by conversion factors used by the master;
 - (c) the inspectors shall:
 - (i) summarize from logbook records the vessel's catch in the Regulatory Area by species and by Division for the current fishing trip;
 - (ii) record summaries in section 11 of the inspection report, as well as differences between the recorded catch and their estimates of the catch onboard in section 13.1;
 - (iii) upon completion of the inspection, sign the inspection report and present the inspection report to the master for signature and comment, and to any witness who may wish to submit a statement;
 - (iv) immediately notify their competent authority and transmit to it the information and images within 24 hours, or at the earliest opportunity; and
 - (v) provide a copy of the report to the master, duly noting in the appropriate section of the inspection report any refusal by the master to acknowledge receipt.
- 3. The inspecting Contracting Party shall:
 - (a) post the at-sea inspection report in PDF format to the NAFO MCS Website, if possible within 30 days of the inspection;
 - (b) where the inspectors issue a notice of an infringement, the procedure referred to in Article 37.2 applies.

- 4. The Executive Secretary ensures that the at-sea inspection reports referred to in paragraph 3 (a) are:
 - (a) automatically made available to the flag State Contracting Party of the inspected vessel and to the Contracting Parties participating in the scheme; and
 - (b) transmitted to the port State Contracting Party, on demand of that Contracting Party, should the flag State Contracting Party be different.

Use of Surveillance and Inspection Reports

- 5. Each Contracting Party shall ensure that inspection and surveillance reports prepared by NAFO inspectors have equivalent evidentiary status for establishing facts as inspection and surveillance reports of its own inspectors. However, nothing in this Article requires a Contracting Party to accord greater evidentiary weight to an inspection report of an inspector of another Contracting Party than would be accorded to it in similar proceedings by the inspector's own Contracting Party.
- 6. Contracting Parties shall cooperate to facilitate judicial or other proceedings initiated as followup to a report submitted by a NAFO inspector in accordance with the Scheme.

Article 37 - Procedures Relating to Infringements

Duties of the inspecting Contracting Party

- 1. Each inspecting Contracting Party shall ensure that its inspectors upon detecting an infringement of the CEM:
 - (a) record the infringement in the inspection report;
 - (b) enter and sign a notation in the fishing logbook or other relevant document of the inspected vessel indicating the date, coordinates, and nature of the infringement, make a copy of any relevant entry and request that the master sign each page to verify that it is a true copy of the original;
 - (c) record images of any gear, catch or other evidence the inspector deems necessary related to the infringement;
 - (d) affix securely the inspection seal depicted in Annex IV.F, as appropriate, and duly note the action taken and the serial number of each seal in the inspection report;
 - (e) request the master
 - (i) in order to secure the continuity of proof and evidence, to sign the appropriate section of the inspection report acknowledging the placement of seals, and
 - (ii) to give a written statement in the appropriate section of the inspection report;
 - (f) request that the master remove any part of the fishing gear which appears to be unauthorized under the CEM; and
 - (g) where practicable, notify the observer of the infringement.
- 2. The inspecting Contracting Party shall:
 - (a) within 24 hours,

- (i) transmit to the competent authority of the flag State Contracting Party written notification of the infringement reported by its inspectors. The written notification shall
 - (1) include the information entered in points 14.1, 14.2 and 14.4 of the inspection report, cite the relevant measures and describe in detail the basis for issuing the notice of infringement, and the evidence in support of the notice; and
 - (2) where possible, be accompanied by images of any gear, catch or other evidence related to the infringement referred to in paragraph 1);
- (ii) transmit a copy of the written notification to the Executive Secretary.
- (b) within 10 days of the inspection vessel's return to port, post the at-sea inspection report to the NAFO MCS Website in PDF format.

Duties of the flag State Contracting Party

3. The follow-up to infringements by the flag State Contracting Party shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Article 39.

Duties of the Executive Secretary

4. The Executive Secretary transmits without delay to the other Contracting Parties participating in the Scheme the written notification related to an infringement.

Article 38 - Additional Procedures for Serious Infringements

List of Serious Infringements

- 1. Each of the following violations constitutes a serious infringement:
 - (a) fishing an "Others" quota without prior notification to the Executive Secretary contrary to Article 5;
 - (b) fishing an "Others" quota more than five working days following closure by the Executive Secretary contrary to Article 5;
 - (c) directed fishing for a stock which is subject to a moratorium, or for which fishing is otherwise prohibited, contrary to Article 6;
 - (d) directed fishing for stocks or species after the date of closure by the flag State Contracting Party notified to the Executive Secretary contrary to Article 5;
 - (e) fishing in a closed area, contrary to Article 9.6 and Article 11;
 - (f) fishing with a bottom fishing gear in an area closed to bottom fishing activities, contrary to Chapter II;
 - (g) using an unauthorized mesh size contrary to Article 13;
 - (h) fishing without a valid authorization issued by the flag State Contracting Party contrary to Article 25;
 - (i) mis-recording of catches contrary to Article 28;
 - (j) failing to carry or interfering with the operation of the satellite monitoring system contrary to Article 29;

- (l) obstructing, intimidating, interfering with or otherwise preventing inspectors or observers from performing their duties;
- (m)committing an infringement where there is no observer on board;
- (n) concealing, tampering with or disposing of evidence related to an investigation, including the breaking or tampering of seals or gaining access to sealed areas;
- (o) presentation of falsified documents or providing false information to an inspector that would prevent a serious infringement from being detected;
- (p) landing, transhipping or making use of other port services
 - (i) in a port not designated in accordance with the provisions of Article 43.1; or
 - (ii) without authorization of the port State as referred to in Article 43.6.
- (q) failure to comply with the provisions of Article 45.1; and

Duties and Authority of the Inspectors

- 2. Where citing a vessel for having committed a serious infringement, the inspector shall:
 - (a) take all measures necessary to ensure security and continuity of the evidence, including, as appropriate, sealing the vessel's hold and/or fishing gear for further inspection;
 - (b) request that the master cease all fishing activity that appears to constitute a serious infringement
 - (c) immediately notify the inspector's competent authority, and transmit to it the information and, where possible images, within 24 hours, for further notification to the flag State Contracting Party in accordance with Article 37.

Duties of the Flag State Contracting Party

- 3. In the case of a serious infringement, the flag State Contracting Party shall:
 - (a) acknowledge receipt of the related information and images without delay;
 - (b) ensure the inspected vessel does not resume fishing until further notification
 - (c) using all information and material available, review the case and, within 72 hours:
 - (i) require the vessel to proceed immediately to a port for a full inspection under its authority, if any of the following serious infringements are apparent:
 - a. directed fishing for a stock which is subject to a moratorium;
 - b. directed fishing for a stock for which fishing is prohibited under Article 6;
 - c. mis-recording of catch, contrary to Article 28; or
 - d. repetition of the same serious infringement during a 6 months period

Where the serious infringement is mis-recording of catch, the full inspection shall ensure the physical inspection and enumeration of total catch on board, by species and Division. In this paragraph, "mis-recording of catches" means a difference of at least 10 tonnes or 20%, whichever is greater, between the inspectors' estimates of processed catch on board, by species or in total, and the figures recorded in the production logbook, calculated as a percentage of the production logbook figures.

Subject to the consent of the flag State Contracting Party and, if the port state Contracting Party if different, inspectors of another Contracting Party may participate in the full inspection and enumeration of the catch.

- (ii) if i. does not apply, the flag State Contracting Party shall either
 - e. allow the vessel to resume fishing. In such a case, the flag State Contracting Party shall provide written justification to the Executive Secretary on why the vessel has not been ordered to port no later than 3 working days following the notice of infringement; or
 - f. require the vessel to proceed immediately to a port for a full physical inspection, under its authority.
- 4. Where the flag State Contracting Party orders the inspected vessel to port, the inspectors on board may board or remain onboard the vessel as it proceeds to port, provided that the flag State Contracting Party does not require the inspector to leave the vessel.

Duties of the Executive Secretary

5. The Executive Secretary transmits without delay to the inspecting Contracting Party the written justification referred to in paragraph 3 (c) i and makes that justification available to any Contracting Party, on request.

Article 39 - Follow-up to Infringements

Duties of the Flag State Contracting Party

- 1. In the case of an infringement by a vessel flying its flag, the flag State Contracting Party shall:
 - (a) Investigate fully, including as appropriate, by physically inspecting the fishing vessel at the earliest opportunity.
 - (b) cooperate with the inspecting Contracting Party to preserve the evidence and the chain of custody in a form that will facilitate proceedings in accordance with its laws;
 - (c) take immediate judicial or administrative action in conformity with its national legislation against the persons responsible for the vessel ; and
 - (d) ensure that sanctions applicable in respect of infringements are adequate in severity to be effective in securing compliance, deterring further infringements or their repetition and depriving the offenders of the benefits accruing from the infringement.
- 2. The judicial or administrative action and sanctions referred to in paragraph 1 (c) and (d) may include the following, depending on the gravity of the offence and in accordance with domestic law:
 - (a) fines;
 - (b) seizure of the vessel, illegal fishing gear and catches;

- (c) suspension or withdrawal of authorization to conduct fishing activities; and
- (d) reduction or cancellation of any fishing allocations.
- 3. Each Contracting Party shall ensure that it treats all notices of infringement as if the infringement was reported by its own inspectors.
- 4. The flag State Contracting Party, and the port State Contracting Party referred to in paragraph 4, shall immediately notify the Executive Secretary of
 - (a) the judicial or administrative action and sanctions referred to in paragraph 1 (c) and (d);
 - (b) as soon as practicable but no later than four months following the occurrence of a serious infringement, a report setting out the progress of the investigation, including details of any action it has taken or has initiated in relation to the infringement; and
 - (c) upon completion of its investigation, a report on the final outcome.

5. The Executive Secretary posts the final outcome report referred to in paragraph 5 (c) on the NAFO MCS Website and ensures that it is made available to any Contracting Party, on request.

Article 40 - Contracting Party Annual Reports on Inspection, Surveillance and Infringements

Duties of Contracting Parties

- 1. Each Contracting Party shall annually by 1 March report to the Executive Secretary in accordance with the Scheme:
 - (a) the number of inspections of fishing vessels entitled to fly the flag of each Contracting Party it has conducted in the previous calendar year;
 - (d) the name of every fishing vessel in relation to which its inspectors have issued a notice of infringement including the date and position of the inspection and the nature of the infringement;
 - (e) the number of hours flown by its surveillance aircrafts on patrol, the number of sightings made by such aircrafts surveillance reports it has transmitted and, for each such report, the date, time and position of the sightings;
 - (f) the action it has taken during the previous year, including the specific terms of any judicial or administrative action or sanctions imposed (e.g. amount of fines, value of forfeited fish and/or gear, written warning given), concerning:
 - (i) every infringement cited by an inspector related to vessels entitled to fly its flag; and
 - (ii) each Surveillance Report it has received.
- 2. The reports referred to in subparagraph 1(d) shall indicate the current status of the case (e.g. case pending, under appeal, still under investigation, closed). The Contracting Party shall continue to list such infringement on each subsequent report until it reports the final disposition of the infringement.
- 3. A Contracting Party shall provide a sufficiently detailed explanation regarding every infringement for which it has taken no action or where no penalties were imposed.

4. The Executive Secretary makes available to all Contracting Parties at the annual meeting reports that summarize the information contained in paragraphs 1.

Article 41 - Dispute Resolution Regarding the Interpretation or Application of this Scheme

- 1. Where two or more Contracting Parties disagree on the interpretation or application of this Chapter, they shall consult with each other with a view to resolving their disagreement.
- 2. Where following consultations the disagreement remains unresolved, the Chair of the Standing Committee on International Control (STACTIC) shall at the request of one of them convene a special meeting of STACTIC to consider the dispute and seek to recommend a resolution to the Contracting Parties concerned.
- 3. No later than 60 days following its special meeting, STACTIC shall transmit a report to all members of the Fisheries Commission setting out its findings and recommendations.
- 4. No later than 60 days after receiving the report referred to in paragraph 3, any member of the Fisheries Commission may, by request addressed to the Chair of the Fisheries Commission through the Executive Secretary, ask the Fisheries Commission to convene a special meeting to consider the report and to take appropriate action.
- 5. Following receipt of the request referred to in paragraph 4, the Fisheries Commission considers whether to convene a special meeting to consider the report.

ANNEX IV – INSPECTION Annex IV.A Surveillance Report Form

1. OFFICIAL

Name	
Document Identity	
Contracting Party	

2. CONT	EXT OF SIGHTING	
Aerial	Identification/Call Sign of the Surveillance aircraft	
sightings		
	Patrol commenced in NRA at position	(Lat/Long)
		(date/time UTC)
	Patrol terminated in NRA at position	(Lat/Long)
		(date/time UTC)
	Equipment used in Determining Position	
	Weather Conditions	Wind Direction/Speed
		Sea State
		Visibility

Non-aerial	Port/place of First Identification	(Lat/Long)
sightings	Position when First Identification	
	Date/Time-UTC of First Identification	

3. VESSEL SIGHTED

Contracting Party	
Vessel Name, International Radio Call Sign (IRCS),	
Side Number, IMO Number	
Other Identification Features (Type of vessel, Color of	
hull, Superstructure, etc)	
Vessel Activity	
Fishing Gear used	
Course and Speed	

4. DETAILS OF IMAGES RECORDED (must be provided consistent with the CEM)

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Image Number	Date and Time	Position	Fishing Vessel Activity	Comments
1.				
2.				
3.				

5. DETAILS OF OBSERVATIONS

Reason for suspecting an offense to the NAFO CEM	
Method used to evaluate the volume of catch observed	
Method used to evaluate the catch composition	
observed	
Other	

Date

Name of Official:

Signature of the official

Annex IV.B Report of Inspection

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REPORT OF INSPECTION

THE NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES ORGANIZATION

(Inspector: Please use CAPITAL BLOCK LETTERS in BLACK PEN)

1. ASSIGNED INSPECTION VESSEL

1.1	NAME	
1.2	REGISTRATION	
1.3	International	
Radio C	Call Sign (IRCS)	
1.4	Port of registry	

2. AUTHORIZED INSPECTOR(s)

NAME	CONTRACTING PARTY		

3. TRAINEE INSPECTOR

NAME	CONTRACTING PARTY

4. INFORMATION ON VESSEL INSPECTED

Contracting Party and Port of Registry				
Vessel name				
External number				
IMO Number				
International Radio Call Sign (IRCS)				
Owner's name and address				
Time/Position as determined by the	UTC	Lat	Long	
inspection vessel				
Time/Position as determined by the	UTC	Lat	Long	
master of the inspected vessel				
Masters Name and Address				

5. DATE AND TIMES THE INSPECTION COMMENCED AND FINISHED

DATE			
TIME OF ARRIVAL ON BOARD (UTC)			
TIME OF DEPARTURE (UTC)			
POSITION AT DEPARTURE	Lat	Long	

5. VERIFICATION

Vessel Documentation	Checked Y/N
Certified Drawings or description of fish room and freezers kept on board:	Checked Y/N
Accurate Up to date Stowage Plan kept on board:	Checked Y/N
Vessel quota by stock area	
Observation by the inspectors, if any:	

6. DATE OF LAST SEA INSPECTION:

7. REPORTING OF VESSEL MOVEMENTS/VMS

7.1 FISHING TRIP	First day fished in the RA	Last Position Communicated
DATE		
TIME (UTC)		
LATITUDE		
LONGITUDE		
DAYS in NAFO RA		

7.2 REPORTS/VMS					
VMS transponder installed	Checked Y/N				
VMS system operative	Checked Y/N				
Are reports communicate (If Yes, note:)	Checked Y/N				

8. RECORDING OF FISHING EFFORT AND CATCHES

Fishing Logbook	Checked Y/N							
Indicate if Fishing logbook is:	Electronic / Paper							
Are recordings made in accordance with Article 28 & Annex II.A:	Checked Y/N							
If not, indicate the inaccurate or missing recording (s):								

9. OBSERVER SCHEME

Is there an Observer present on the vessel:	Y/N
Observers name:	
Observer Contracting Party:	

10. MESH MEASUREMENT - IN MILLIMETERS

10.1 Type of Net:

Codend (inclusive of lengthener(s), if any) - Samples of 20 meshes 100 mm+ _____+:

															I	Average	Legal
	Width (Mesh Size)												,	Width	Legal Size		
1 st																	
Net																	
2 nd																	
Net																	

Chafer - Samples of ____ meshes

1 st Net								
2 nd Net								

Rest of Net - Samples of 20 meshes

1 st										
Net										
2nd										
Net										

11. SUMMARY OF CATCHES FROM LOGBOOKS FOR THE CURRENT FISHING TRIP

Date of entry into	Division	Fish species with	Catch	Conversion	How	Discards
RA/Division		3-alpha code	(metric tonnes)	factor	processed	

12. RESULT OF INSPECTION OF FISH 12.1 Catches Observed IN THE LAST TOW

(if appropriate)

Duration of the tow		
Depth of tow		
Total tonnes	All species taken	Percentage of each

12.2 Catches ON BOARD

Fish species with	Inspectors Estimate (tonnes)
3-Alpha Code	
Inspectors commen	nts on how estimates were calculated:
-	

13. RESULT OF INSPECTION OF FISH ON BOARD

13.1 Difference from Logbooks

Comment In the case of a difference between the inspector's estimates of the catches on board and the related summaries of catches from the logbooks, note this difference with the percentage

13.2 Infringements

CEM REFERENCE	NATURE OF INFRINGEMENTS	SEALS AFFIXED
		(serial number)
I acknowledge being	informed about the alleged infringements and, if applicable, the place	cement of seals to secure
evidence		
DATE:		
SIGNATURE of MAST	ER	

14. COMMENTS AND OBSERVATIONS (additional pages can be added as necessary)

Documents inspected following an infringement
Comments, statements and/or observations by Inspector(s)
Statement of Master's witness(es)
Statements of Second Inspector or Witness

15. Signature of Inspector in charge

16. Name and Signature of Second Inspector or Witness

17. Name and Signature of master's witness(es)

18. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND RECEIPT OF REPORT BY THE MASTER (additional pages can be added as necessary)

Comments by the master of vessel

I, the undersigned, master of the vessel....., hereby confirm that a copy of this report has been delivered to me on this date. My signature does not constitute acceptance of any part of the contents of the report.

DATE

SIGNATURE