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Brief justification of the alterations
introduced as a result of the revision
of the project of Conservation and Enforcement
Measures (FC Doc 81/IX/8) by the Working
Group under its terms of reference

1. Alterations to Part I C 2(a)(i) - Schedule II is not a form but a simple list of logbook entries with some instructions and codes to be used while recording information in the logbook. The text of this Rule has been altered to reflect this fact.
2. Alterations to Part II A - The definitions to be used for the purpose of these Measures were carefully studied by the Working Group and those approved appear in the text.
3. Alterations to Part II B 1 - The mesh size of any lengthener(s), the purpose of which is to increase the catch capacity of the codend, has to abide by the Regulations of the mesh size of the codend. The new text satisfies this requirement. Also, it was made clear that the unit used is always the millimeter.
4. Alterations to Part II B 2 and Schedule IV - The requirement of measuring some nets wet after use was not in the text of the Rules but in Schedule IV. Furthermore, although the Schedule only defined the mesh size of netting when measured wet after use, it implied that some nets could be measured dry before use by referring to the equivalent of the fixed mesh size when nets were measured not wet after use but dry before use.

Unfortunately, this equivalent was nowhere defined and experience shows that it is practically impossible to define it. The text of Rule B 2 now clearly stipulates that the mesh size has to be measured wet after use.

5. Alterations to Part II C 1 - The authorized chafers have to be used in such a manner that they neither obstruct the meshes of the codend nor of the lengthener(s), if any, since both the codend and the lengthener(s) have the same function. The new text reflects this fact.
6. Alterations to Part III B 3 - Previously, the text referred to a monthly listing. Experience has shown that there is no material for monthly listings and that the more practical rule is to provide all Contracting Parties with the information received as soon as possible after receiving it.
7. Alterations to Part IV 1(i) - The word "apparent" was introduced before "infringement" as this had escaped all previous revisions.

The word "radio" was removed as a qualifier to "communications" because communications with the authorities designated to receive immediate notice of apparent infringement have been transmitted by every means possible.

8. Alterations to Part IV 4(vii) - The definition that was inserted as a note to the Regulation is part of the Regulation and so it has been included in the text of Rule 4(vii).
9. Alterations to Annex II, Part IV - The Group decided to recommend that the drawing of the inspector's document of identity show the same arrangement as was adopted in the documents of identity that have been printed by the Secretariat and delivered to the Commission's members. This arrangement gives more space for the signature of the appointing authority and for the description of his title and position.
10. Alterations to Annex VI, Part IV - Apart from the elimination in #10 of the Report of the words "or dry" which resulted from the alterations referred to in #4 above, and the elimination of the word "fishing" before the word "logbook(s)" in #14 of the Report which stems from the fact that the data regarding catch might be gathered from other logbook(s), and insertion of the word "fresh" between the words "round" and "weight" both in #15 and #16 of the Report, the main recommendation of the Working Group concerns the size and format of the Report form.

It is proposed that:

- (a) forms be collated in a booklet with each page having an original and two self-carbon copies (preferably coloured and preferably 1 yellow and 1 green)
- (b) page packets be perforated at the top and bottom of the page for easy removal
- (c) items 1 through 8 and item 20 be highlighted with red ink
- (d) booklets be bound with 20 complete sets of the 3-page report
- (e) the size of every page, after removal from the packet, should be 355.5 mm (14") in length by 216 mm (8 1/2") in width

In order to guarantee uniformity, the Executive Secretary shall have these booklets produced and supplied to the interested Contracting Parties at cost.

11. Alterations to Schedule I, Part V - The Working Group decided to recommend that Schedule I be presented as an empty quota table with instructions on how to fill it in. Those instructions are now Appendix I of the Schedule and Appendix II is an example of a completed quota table.
12. Alterations to Schedule II, Part V - In order to use the same technical definition of the weight of fish caught, instead of employing the expression "live weight", this was changed to "round fresh weight" in agreement with the concept of nominal catch as defined by FAO and CWP on Statistics.

According to the terminology used by FAO, the expression "live weight" should always be understood as an equivalent of the landing weight. On board, the master should be able to estimate readily the round fresh weight of the catch as it is caught.
13. Alterations to Attachment II, Page 1 of Schedule II, Part V - The alterations introduced to the 3-alpha code were those decided in the meantime by the Scientific Council.
14. Alterations to Schedule III, Part V - The Group has inserted the word "fresh" between the words "round" and "weight" to use the same terminology as it had used in Schedule II. The second bracketed instructions under the title of this Schedule were slightly altered in an effort to make them clearer.
15. Alterations to Schedule V, Part V - It was made clear in the Schedule that the drawings annexed were only examples and the Schedule stipulates the exact requirements to be met.
16. Alterations to #2 of Schedule VI, Part V - Instead of using the word "dimension" the Working Group found it preferable to refer to "size" which is the defined dimension of the mesh. Instead of using the reference to "the meshes of the net to which the pieces of netting are attached", the Working Group referred to "the codend" because that is the part of the net to which the chafer is attached.
17. Alterations to #3 of Schedule VI, Part V - The expression "in general" in the first line was eliminated because the codend has been defined as untapered, at least in the plan view of the net, and consequently in order for each mesh of the chafer to coincide with 4 meshes of the codend, the topside chafer has to be a rectangular piece of netting as shown in any of the examples provided.