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NAFO CONSERVATION AND ENFORCEMENT MEASURES

Amend PART IV. 6.(i) - to provide for advance notification of apparent infringements, replace the last paragraph insert with the following wording:

In the case of an apparent infringement or a difference between recorded catches and the inspector's estimates of the catches on board, a copy of the inspection report with supporting documentation, including second photographs taken, shall be transmitted within 10 days to the responsible authorities of the Contracting Party for the inspected vessel, after the inspection vessel returns to port. In the case of other inspection reports, the original shall be transmitted within 30 days whenever possible, to a designated authority of the Contracting Party for the inspected vessel. A copy of every inspection report shall also be forwarded to the Executive Secretary.

Notwithstanding the notification of the inspection report, the duly assigned NAFO inspectors conducting the inspection shall prepare and transmit within 24 hours to the Contracting Party of the vessel a statement which shall constitute advance notification of the apparent infringement. A copy of this statement shall be transmitted to the NAFO Executive Secretary.

This statement shall quote the information entered under points 16 and 18 of the inspection report, cite the relevant NAFO Measures and describe in detail the basis for issuing the citation for an apparent infringement and the evidence to support the said citation.

Amend PART IV 6(i) - to provide information on suspected illegal practices add new paragraphs:

In the case where, in the course of an inspection, NAFO Inspectors make comments and observations in the inspection report, in particular under point 20 thereof, the said inspectors shall promptly prepare a written statement citing the relevant NAFO Measures, and describing the practices observed and substantiating the grounds for their suspicions. This statement shall be sent within 24 hours

a) to the Contracting Party of the inspected vessel,

b) to the NAFO Executive Secretary.

The NAFO Executive Secretary and the designated authorities shall treat this information with the confidentiality required for the protection of individual data.