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**Modification of NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures  
Article 18 (Product labeling) and Article 19 (Recording of catch and stowage)**

(Paper presented by Denmark in respect of Greenland and Faroe Islands)

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

The aim of the proposed modification is to ensure more effective inspection of fishing vessels at sea and in port by extending the provisions regarding product labelling and introducing the requirement for master of the vessels to keep stowage plans of the catch stored on board. It is also necessary to distinguish between catches taken inside and outside the NAFO Convention Area.

The Fisheries Commission agreed that the application of the measure shall be reviewed by STACTIC in 2006.

Article 18 is replaced by the following:

Article 18 – Product labelling

**When processed all fish harvested in the Regulatory Area shall be labelled in such a way that each species and product category is identifiable. It shall also be clearly marked as having been caught in the Regulatory Area. Furthermore, all shrimp harvested in Division 3L and all Greenland Halibut harvested in Sub-area 2 and Divisions 3KLMNO shall be marked accordingly.**

Article 19.4 replaced by the following article 19.4 and article 19.5 and 19.6 are added:

**Article 19- Recording of catch and stowage**

- 4. Fishing vessels shall record their cumulative production by species in a production logbook. It shall be updated every day for the preceding day reckoned from 0000 hrs (UTC) until 2400 hrs (UTC). The production logbook shall be kept on board until the vessel has been unloaded completely.**
- 5. Taking into consideration the legitimate safety and navigational responsibilities of the master of the vessel, the following shall apply: Catches of the same species may be stowed in more than one part of the hold, but in each part of the hold where it is stowed it shall be kept clearly separate (for example by plastic, plywood, netting etc.) from catches of other species. Similarly all catches taken inside the NAFO Convention Area shall be stowed separately from all catches taken outside the area.**

- 6. Fishing vessels shall keep a stowage plan that shows the location of the different species in the holds as well as the quantities of such species on board in product weight stated in kilograms. It shall be updated every day for the preceding day reckoned from 0000 hrs (UTC) until 2400 hrs (UTC). The stowage plan shall be kept on board until the vessel has been unloaded completely.**