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**Proposal for amendments to the NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures
(by Norway) (ADOPTED)**

Concerns about the increase in transshipments of fish and fish products, in particular on the high seas, have been expressed in different international forums over the last years.

There are indications that common means of conducting illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing involves the unreported (or misreported) transshipments of fish at sea, where monitoring of the transshipments is very difficult.

Some global initiatives to address the problem have been taken in instruments such as the 1995 UN Fish Stocks Agreement (cf. Articles 18 and 23) and in the FAO International Plan Of Action (IPOA) to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing. Paragraph 49 of the IPOA on IUU sets out the following:

“Flag States should ensure that, to the greatest extent possible, all their fishing, transport and support vessels involved in transshipment at sea have a prior authorization to tranship issued by the flag State, and report to the national fisheries administration or other designated institution:

the date and location of all their transshipments of fish at sea;

the weight by species and catch area of the catch transhipped;

the name, registration, flag and other information related to the identification of the vessels involved in the transshipment; and

the port of landing of the transhipped catch.”

Thus flag States should, at a minimum require all their vessels engaged in transshipment of fish at sea to report information set forth in this paragraph.

For transshipments in the NAFO Regulatory Area, the reporting obligations are set out in Article 22, paragraph 1, subparagraph c) of the NAFO Conservation and Enforcement Measures (CEM). The reports shall be in accordance with Annex X) of the CEM. Questions have been raised concerning obligations on the receiving vessels compared to those of the donor vessels, in particular concerning the timing of notifications. To enable the control services to actually inspect a receiving vessel, just a short time for notification should be allowed. Further there are no requirements concerning information on the catch after transshipment.

In order to make the notification requirements clearer, it is suggested to amend the CEM accordingly by making a distinction between the donor and the receiving vessel and to limit the allowed time for notification from the receiving vessel to one hour. Further, to enable NAFO-parties to control receiving vessels also upon landing, information on the port where the landing will take place should be required, cf. the last point of the quote from the IPOA on IUU Fishing above. This should be an obligation on the receiving vessel. For practical reasons it should be allowed to submit such a report also after the transshipment as the port of destination might be unknown at that time. However, a minimum time of notification prior to arrival in port should be required.

It is proposed to amend the current Article 22, paragraph 1, subparagraph c) of the CEM to read as follows:

each transshipment in the Regulatory Area. Concerning donor vessels this report shall be made at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance and concerning receiving vessels this report shall be made not later than one (1) hour after and shall include the date, time, geographical position of the planned transshipment and total round weight by species (3 alpha codes) to be off-loaded or which have been on-loaded in kilograms (rounded to the nearest 100 kilograms) and the call sign of vessels transhipped to or from respectively. This report shall be identified as TRA;

Further, it is suggested to include at the end of Article 22, paragraph 1, subparagraph c) of the CEM the following sentence:

The receiving vessel shall report the total catch onboard and the total weight to be landed, the name of port and the time of landing at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of any landing. This report shall be identified as POR.

To make port state control effective it is necessary to increase the transparency on information about landings. The article 22, paragraph 2 of the CEM should read as follows:

Competent authorities of each Contracting Party shall automatically transmit the information referred to in paragraph 1 to the Executive Secretary. The Executive Secretary shall transmit the information to other Contracting Parties with an inspection presence in the Regulatory Area as soon as possible and shall ensure that all such transmissions are numbered sequentially for each Contracting Party. The port of landing report shall in addition be made available without delay to the Flag state of the vessel sending the report and to all Contracting Parties. These reports are to be treated in accordance with Annex XX.

If a Contracting Party so requests, the Secretariat shall confirm receipt of all electronic reports using a return message identified as “RET” according to the data exchange format in Annex IX.

In the NEAFC Scheme it was found necessary also to improve the Non - Contracting Party Scheme by making the prohibition of transshipments go both ways. It is therefore suggested to make the following amendment to article 41 of the CEM:

1. Contracting Parties shall ensure that their vessels do not receive or deliver transshipments of fish from or to a Non-Contracting Party vessel which has been sighted and reported as having engaged in fishing activities in the Regulatory Area.

A proposed format for the communication of the Port of landing report (POR) and suggested changes to the Transshipment report (TRA) are attached (./).

New report in Annex X

“PORT of landing ” report

Data Element:	Field Code:	Mandatory / Optional	Remarks:
Start record	SR	M	System detail; indicates start of record
From	FR	M	Name of transmitting Party
Address	AD	M	Message detail; destination “XNW” for NAFO
Sequence number	SQ	M	Message detail; serial number of the report from the vessel in the relevant year
Type of Message	TM	M	Message detail; message type, “POR”
Radio call sign	RC	M	Vessel registration detail; international radio call sign of the vessel
Trip Number	TN	O	Activity detail; fishing trip serial number in current year
Vessel Name	NA	O	Vessel registration detail; name of the vessel
Name of Master	MA	O	Name of master of vessel
External Registration Number	XR	O	Vessel registration detail; the side number of the vessel
Latitude	LA	M ¹	Activity detail; position at time of transmission
Longitude	LO	M ¹	Activity detail; position at time of transmission
Coastal state	CS	M	Activity detail; costal state of Port of Landing
Name of Port	PO	M	Activity detail; name of Port for landing
Predicted Date	PD	M	Activity detail; estimated date UTC when the master intends to be in port (YYYYMMDD)
Predicted Time	PT	M	Activity detail; estimated time UTC when the master intends to be in port (HHMM)
Quantity to be landed species live weight	KG	M	Activity detail; quantity by species to be landed in the Port, in pairs as needed. FAO species code Live weight in kilograms, rounded to the nearest 100 kilograms
Quantity on board species live weight	OB	M	Activity detail; quantity by species on board, in pairs as needed FAO species code Live weight in kilograms, rounded to the nearest 100 kilograms
Date	DA	M	Message detail; UTC date of transmission
Time	TI	M	Message detail; UTC time of transmission
End of record	ER	M	System detail; indicates end of the record

¹ Optional if a vessel is subject to satellite tracking

New format for the “TRANSHIPMENT” report in Annex X

“TRANSHIPMENT” report

Data Element:	Field Code:	Mandatory / Optional	Remarks:
Start record	SR	M	System detail; indicates start of record
From	FR	M	Name of transmitting Party
Address	AD	M	Message detail; destination, “XNW” for NAFO
Sequence Number	SQ	M	Message detail; message serial number in current year
Type of Message	TM	M	Message detail; message type, “TRA” as Transshipment report
Radio call sign	RC	M	Vessel registration detail; international radio call sign of the vessel
Trip Number	TN	O	Activity detail; fishing trip serial number in current year
Vessel Name	NA	O	Vessel registration detail; name of the vessel
Name of Master	MA	O	Name of master of vessel
External Registration Number	XR	O	Vessel registration detail; the side number of the vessel
Quantity on-loaded or off-loaded species live weight	KG	M	Quantity by species on-loaded or off-loaded in the R.A., in pairs as needed. FAO species code
		M	live weight in kilograms, rounded to the nearest 100 kilograms,
Transhipped To	TT	M ¹	Vessel registration detail; International radio call sign of the receiving vessel
Transhipped From	TF	M ¹	Vessel registration detail; International radio call sign of the donor vessel
Latitude	LA	M ²	Activity detail; position at time of <u>estimated latitude where the master intends to do the transshipment</u>
Longitude	LO	M ²	Activity detail; position at time of <u>estimated longitude where the master intends to do the transshipment</u>
<u>Predicted Date</u>	<u>PD</u>	<u>M²</u>	<u>Activity detail; estimated date UTC when the master intends to do the transshipment (YYYYMMDD)</u>
<u>Predicted Time</u>	<u>PT</u>	<u>M²</u>	<u>Activity detail; estimated time UTC when the master intends to do the transshipment (HHMM)</u>
Date	DA	M	Message detail; date of transmission
Time	TI	M	Message detail; time of transmission
End of record	ER	M	System detail; indicates end of the record

¹ Whichever one is appropriate

² Optional for reports sent by the receiving vessel after the transshipment.