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Article 7 - Greenland halibut in Subarea 2 and Divisions 3KLMNO (ADOPTED)

Paragraph 6 (d) to be replaced by the following text:

Each Contracting Party shall ensure that its vessels authorised to fish for Greenland halibut shall communicate by electronic means, to its competent authorities, which shall transmit to the Executive Secretary, the following report:

Quantities of Greenland halibut, including nil catch returns, on a five day basis. When accumulated reported catch reaches 75% of the Contracting Party's quota this report shall be sent on a three day basis. The report shall for the first time be transmitted at the latest ten days after the entry into the Regulatory Area of after the beginning of the fishing trip.

The Executive Secretary shall forward this information to Contracting Parties with an inspection presence in the Regulatory Area.

Article 7 a - Greenland halibut in Subarea 2 and Divisions 3KLMNO - Additional control measures

- 1. Vessels authorized in accordance with Article 7(6), may only enter into the Regulatory Area to fish for Greenland halibut if they have less than 50 tons of any catch on board.
- 2. a) However, where an authorized vessel has 50 tons or more of catches from outside the Regulatory Area held on board, it shall communicate to the Secretariat by e-mail or fax at the latest 72 hours prior to the entry (ENT) into the Regulatory area, the amount of catch on board, the position (latitude/ longitude) where the master estimates that the vessel will intend to commence fishing and the estimated time of arrival at the position.
 - b) The Secretariat shall transmit the information to any inspection vessels in the area. If an inspection vessel intends to carry out an inspection it shall communicate to the fishing vessel the coordinates of a checkpoint for an inspection to take place. The checkpoint shall be no more than 60 nautical miles from the position where the master estimates that the vessel will commence fishing. The inspection vessel intending to carry out the inspection shall also inform other inspection vessels that may be operating in the Regulatory Area.
 - c) If the Secretariat does not receive any notification from an inspection vessel within 24 hours of an intention to carry out an inspection, it shall immediately inform the fishing vessel that it may proceed to fish. The Secretariat shall inform inspection vessels and the flag-State FMC accordingly.
 - d) If the fishing vessel receives no communication from the Secretariat or an inspection vessel by the time it enters the Regulatory Area it may proceed to fish. Furthermore, the fishing vessel may commence fishing activities if the inspection vessel has not carried out the inspection within (3) hours following the arrival of the fishing vessel at the checkpoint.

Article 33 - Serious infringements

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(i) catch communication violations (Article 7bis and Article 23)