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Communication of catches

o   **Editorial correspondence for CA, OB, RJ and US field codes**
NAFO CEM – Annexes X; XXa and XXIIc

The communication of catch under the NAFO CEM is based on various electronic field codes to be fulfilled and sent by the Master and the Observer. The implementation of the system would gain from clarity and simplification in the definition and the handling of these field codes.

On the basis of FC Doc 10/19 adopted in 2010, it is suggested to standardize the editorial definition of the CA, OB, RJ and US field codes wherever they appear in Annexes X, XXa, and XXIIc.

 To this scope, proposed amendments are detailed hereunder, for each of the field code concerned.

1. Field code CA

Assuming that the definition of the CA field code provided by FC Doc 10/19 should be used as unique standard definition of that field code in Annexes X, XXa and Annex XXIIc, as an activity detail, it is requested to adopt the following proposed amendments to the 2011 CEM:

a) Annex XXa

- On top of the right column: replace "Remarks" by "Requirement to the field"

- In point 1 (Daily Catch report - CAX) and point 2 (Observer report - OBR):

    a) With reference to the CA field code, replace the "Requirement for the field" by the following text

    Activity detail; Catch retained onboard by species and by Division since last OBR report in kilograms rounded to the nearest 100 kilograms. Allow for several pairs of fields, consisting of species (FAO 3 alpha codes) + live weight in kilograms (until 9 digits), with each field separated by a space,
    e.g. //CA/speciesspaceweightspacespeciesspaceweightspacespeciesspaceweight//

    b) Delete footnote n° 2

    c) For point 2, renumber the subsequent footnotes accordingly.

b) Annex XXIIc

- Under the "Activity details" section, replace the definition of the CA field code by the following text:

    Daily catch by species and by Division, retained on board, in kilograms live weight

- Under the "Chapter VII" section, delete the row related to the CA field code

2. Field code OB

The OB field code always refers to the total quantity of fish on board by species at the moment of sending the hail message concerned.

Assuming that a unique edition of this definition would favour clarity, it is requested to adopt the following proposed amendments to the 2011 CEM:

a) Annex X

- With reference to the OB field code, replace the "Requirement for the field" by the following text:

    a) in point 1 (Catch on Entry report - COE):

    Activity detail; Total quantity by species on board rounded to the nearest 100 kg, upon entry in the RA. Allow for several pairs of fields, consisting of (FAO 3 alpha codes) + live weight in kilograms (until 9 digits), with each field separated by a space, e.g. //OB/speciesspaceweightspacespeciesspaceweightspacespeciesspaceweight//

    b) in point 3 (Catch on crossing Boundary - COB)

    Activity detail; Total quantity by species on board rounded to the nearest 100 kg, upon crossing the 3L border. Allow for several pairs of fields, consisting of (FAO 3 alpha codes) + live weight in kilograms (until 9 digits), with each field separated by a space, e.g. //OB/speciesspaceweightspacespeciesspaceweightspacespeciesspaceweight//

    c) in point 5 (Catch on Exit - COX)

    Activity detail; Total quantity by species on board rounded to the nearest 100 kg, upon exit from the RA. Allow for several pairs of fields, consisting of (FAO 3 alpha codes) + live weight in kilograms (until 9 digits), with each field separated by a space, e.g. //OB/speciesspaceweightspacespeciesspaceweightspacespeciesspaceweight//

    d) in point 6 (POR message)

    Activity detail; Total quantity by species on board rounded to the nearest 100 kg, in advance of landing of the transhipped quantities. Allow for several pairs of fields, consisting of (FAO 3 alpha codes) + live weight in kilograms (until 9 digits), with each field separated by a space, e.g. //OB/speciesspaceweightspacespeciesspaceweightspacespeciesspaceweight//

b) Annex XXIIc

- With reference to the OB field code under the "Activity details" section, replace the definition by the following text:

    Total quantity by species on board the vessel at the moment of sending the hail message concerned in kilograms live weight

3. Field codes RJ and US

Assuming that the reporting by Division of discard (field code RJ) and undersized (field code US) fish in accordance with CEM Article 62.4 is an activity detail that should be part of the definition of each field code to favour clarity, it is requested to adopt the following proposed amendments to the 2011 CEM:

a) Annex XXa

- With reference to the RJ field code, replace the "Requirement for the field" by the following text

  a) in point 1 (Daily Catch report - CAX):

    Activity detail; Catch discarded by species and by Division since last CAX report, in kg rounded to the nearest 100 kg. Allow for several pairs of fields, consisting of species (FAO 3 alpha codes) + live weight in kilograms (until 9 digits), with each field separated by a space, e.g. //RJ/speciesspaceweightspacespeciesspaceweightspacespeciesspaceweight//

  b) in point 2 (Observer report - OBR)

    Activity detail; Catch discarded by species and by Division since last OBR report, in kg rounded to the nearest 100 kg. Allow for several pairs of fields, consisting of species (FAO 3 alpha codes) + live weight in kilograms (until 9 digits), with each field separated by a space, e.g. //RJ/speciesspaceweightspacespeciesspaceweightspacespeciesspaceweight//

- With reference to the US field code, replace the "Requirement for the field" by the following text:

  a) in point 1 (Daily Catch report - CAX):

    Activity detail; Undersize catch by species and by Division since last CAX report, in kg rounded to the nearest 100 kg. Allow for several pairs of fields, consisting of species (FAO 3 alpha codes) + live weight in kilograms (until 9 digits), with each field separated by a space, e.g. //US/speciesspaceweightspacespeciesspaceweightspacespeciesspaceweight//

  b) in point 2 (Observer report - OBR)

    Activity detail; Undersize catch by species and by Division since last OBR report, in kg rounded to the nearest 100 kg. Allow for several pairs of fields, consisting of species (FAO 3 alpha codes) + live weight in kilograms (until 9 digits), with each field separated by a space, e.g. //US/speciesspaceweightspacespeciesspaceweightspacespeciesspaceweight//

b) Annex XXIIc

- With reference to the field codes RJ and US under the "Chapter VII" section, move both lines to the "Activity details" section

- Replace the definition by the following text:

  a) with reference to the RJ field code

    Catch discarded by species and by Division in kilograms live weight

  b) with reference to the US field code

    Undersize catch by species and by Division in kilograms live weight