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Improvements in Reporting Apparent Infringements and follow up actions (Article 40)

Background

Currently Article 40.1(d) of the Measures state that each Contracting Party shall report “*the actions taken during the previous year concerning every infringement notified to it by a Contracting Party or with regards to each Surveillance reports it has received, including a description of the specific terms of any penalties imposed*”.

In the interest of highlighting compliance trends and issues with the CEM’s, and to allow Contracting Parties, with an enforcement presence in the NAFO Regulatory Area, to conduct a more comprehensive assessment of compliance, particularly for the purposes of Article 31.6, Contracting Parties need a process to report infringement of the CEM committed by its own vessels.

Proposed Amendments

Amend Article 40 - *Contracting Party Reports on Inspection, Surveillance and Infringements* as follows:

40.1 (d) the action it has taken during the previous year, including a description of the specific terms of any penalties imposed, concerning:

- i. every infringement notified to it by a Contracting Party; and
- ii. **every infringement of the CEM by vessels entitled to fly its flag; and**
- iii. each Surveillance Reports it has received.

