

**STACTIC MEETING – SEPTEMBER 2010****Discussion Paper  
(submitted by Iceland)****Procedure to coordinate the weighing of landed catch**

Port State Control work procedures must necessarily be coordinated in a written form it being very important that the weighing of landed catch is practised the same way everywhere. This paper explains how weighing of landed catch of foreign vessels is implemented in Iceland.

During landing random samples of packages ( boxes or bags ) are weighed by accredited scale operators, most of whom are port officials being legally responsible for the correct weighing and using validated scales. The weight of the packing materials obtained from the ship's captain is subtracted from the gross weight, which gives the net weight of the fish or shrimp in the box or bag. This weight is then multiplied by the number of the boxes or bags landed.

**The weight of glazing and package taken into account while filling up PSC forms.**

The weight of the packing material is subtracted as specified above but the weight of glazing (ice), is not estimated in preparing the report. The captain is made aware of that now on a form he must fill in regarding the weight of the packing material before landing. He is also informed about his right to enter comments or advice in the line marked, "Observation by the Master".

Below is unofficial english translation from Article no.6 of Icelandic regulation no. 213/2010 about minimum samples to be taken and the procedure how to perform the sample weighing.

*“ The minimum samples to be taken for weighing of each species processed on board a fishing vessel shall be in accordance with this Article. Samples shall be taken for each species in such a way that gives the best possible picture of the production. If a product is packed in different type of packages, each type must be weighed separately. The weighing of shrimp, other than shrimp identified in Art. 33 of Regulation No 224, 14th March 2006 about weighing and registering marine catch, shall be in accordance with this article.”*

<b>Total quantity</b>	<b>Minimum samples</b>
One metric ton or less	The whole production or 1 pallet as appropriate
1 to 25 metric tons	1 ton or 1 pallet as appropriate
25 til 50 metric tons	2 tons or 2 pallets as appropriate
50 til 100 metric tons	3 tons or 3 pallets as appropriate
100 metric tons and more	4 tons or 4 pallets as appropriate

