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1. Contracting Governments are herewith notified that, in accordance with decisions taken by the Commission at its 1967 Annual Meeting and until further decisions by the Commission

- (a) the ICNAF mesh measuring gauge, as specified in the international trawl regulations, is the only mesh measuring gauge authorized for use in the trawl fisheries in the Convention Area

(1967 Meeting Proceedings No.17, 22 and 23)

and

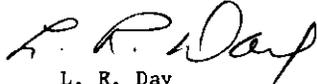
- (b) the following mesh size differentials for different trawl mesh materials in relation to 130 mm mesh size for manila in Subarea 1 and 114 mm mesh size for manila in Subareas 2-5 are approved pursuant to the Commission's 1964 proposals for the international regulation of trawl fisheries which came into force in Subarea 5 on 21 October 1965 and pursuant to any other proposals which may come into force in other subareas:

Part of Convention Area	Type of Net	ICNAF gauge
Subarea 1	Seine Net	110 mm (4 3/8 in)
	Such part of any trawl net as is made of cotton, hemp, polyamide fibres or polyester fibres	120 mm (4 3/4 in)
	Such part of any trawl net as is made of manila or any other material not mentioned above	130 mm (5 1/8 in)
Subareas 2-5	Seine Net	100 mm (4 in)
	Such part of any trawl net as is made of cotton, hemp, polyamide fibres or polyester fibres	105 mm (4 in)
	Such part of any trawl net as is made of manila or any other material not mentioned above	114 mm (4 1/2 in)

(1967 Meeting Proceedings No.15, 17, 22 and 23)

2. A Note detailing the development of these authorizations is attached as Appendix A.

Office of Commission
28 July 1967


 L. R. Day
 Executive Secretary

Background Note

to

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1. At its 1967 Annual Meeting, the Commission reviewed the 1966 approval of the ICES and NEAFC mesh measuring gauges as alternatives to the ICNAF mesh measuring gauge and of mesh size equivalents for the three approved mesh measuring gauges and of the mesh differentials for the different trawl net materials.

(1966 ICNAF Ann.Proc.16, p.20 and ICNAF
Notification Series No.2 dated 17 March 1967)

2. The Commission also reviewed the report of an ICNAF Working Group on Mesh Problems (Comm.Doc.67/6) which was set up by the Commission at its 1966 Annual Meeting to consider the possibility of introducing a single standard mesh measuring instrument throughout the North Atlantic. The Working Group considered two gauges: a USSR modified ICNAF wedge-shaped gauge with thickness and taper as prescribed by ICNAF regulation but with pressure applied by using a weight in order to eliminate the spring-loaded mechanism unacceptable in court proceedings. The Working Group recommended this for consideration as a standard ICNAF gauge but proposed further tests with the gauge. The Working Group also considered a UK modified NEAFC gauge with alternate tapered and parallel-sided sections which would conform, in most respects, to both the NEAFC regulations and the ICNAF specifications.

3. After considerable discussion based on the above and on a memorandum by the UK on mesh measuring (Comm.Doc.67/26) which considered the two mesh gauges in the light of differences in the ICNAF and NEAFC mesh regulations and in the light of NEAFC adoption of the UK modified NEAFC gauge in its recommendation for a scheme of international control (Comm.Doc.67/18, Annex D), the Commission agreed to review the matter of the adoption of a single standard mesh measuring gauge again at the 1967 Annual Meeting.

(1967 Meeting Proceedings No.10, 15 and 17)

4. Due to the expiration of the 1966 approval of the alternative ICES and NEAFC gauges and to the fact that the Commission at the 1967 Annual Meeting did not recommend alternative gauges, the ICNAF mesh measuring gauge as specified in the international trawl regulations is the only mesh measuring gauge authorized for use in the trawl fisheries in the Convention Area until further decision is taken by the Commission.

5. Adoption by the Commission in 1966 of a trawl regulation providing for 130 mm mesh size instead of 114 mm in Subarea 1 drew attention to the need to establish mesh size differentials for nets of different materials. The Commission adopted recommendations from the Working Group on Mesh Problems and from the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics providing for mesh differentials for Subarea 1 which would be the same as for those in Region I of NEAFC, namely 100 mm for seine nets, 120 mm for such part of any trawl net as is made of cotton, hemp, polyamide fibres or polyester fibres and 130 mm for such part of any trawl net as is made of any other material.

(1967 Meeting Proceedings No 15)

6. Since alternate mesh measuring gauges to the ICNAF mesh measuring gauge were not authorized for use in the Convention Area at the 1967 Annual Meeting and until further decision by the Commission, mesh size equivalents for alternate gauges are not required.



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CORRIGENDA

to

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(ICNAF Notification Series No.3, 28 July 1967;
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In Section 1(b), second part of the schedule dealing with
Subareas 2-5, under 105 mm, for "(4 in)" read "(4 1/8 in)"

In Appendix A, para.5, end of line 6, for "100 mm" read "110 mm"

24 April 1968

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