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Exchange of National Inspection Officers
of Portugal and Spain

An exchange of inspection officers took place in Subareas 1, 2, 3 and 4 during the month of May.

The exchange team spent 22 days at the Convention Area on board of the Portuguese Hospital Ship "GIL EANNES."

The team boarded and inspected 13 Portuguese trawlers, 6 Spanish pair trawlers, on a total of 31 vessels.

Four mesh size and three top side chafers infractions were found in these vessels which are going to be reported to the respective national authorities.

As far as top side chafers are concerned, it was noted that none of the Spanish pair trawlers use any kind of them, and more than 70% of the side trawlers inspected do not use them either.

The bilateral agreement, Portugal-Spain, continues in force and the exchange is the third one.

As reported at the 1967 ICNAF Meeting /Comm. Doc. 67/27/ these inspections confirmed, once more, that inspections have definite results and increases the knowledge of each others methods and achieves simplification of procedure.