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**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDARD OPERATING
PROCEDURES FOR THE COMMISSION VMS**

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Submitted by the Small Group on the Commission VMS SOPs

The following amendments were agreeable to Japan and FFA Secretariat

4.5 Vessel Activation Procedure

.....The FFA Secretariat will update the vessel table in the VMS database and activate the vessel on the system.

The FFA Secretariat will then advise if activation is successful or not.

If activation was not successful then advise CCM Official of why the activation was unsuccessful, this may include:

- DNID sent to vessel, but vessel did not send acknowledgement to Commission VMS;
- Program sent to vessel but vessel did not send acknowledgement to Commission VMS; or
- Start Command sent to vessel but vessel did not send acknowledgement to Commission VMS.

Request the CCM official to check the vessel's MTU/ALC, ~~and~~ rectify any anomalies with the MTU/ALC and inform the WCPFC Secretariat of when the vessel is ready for activation.

On receipt of the advice by the CCM that the MTU/ALC is ready for a second attempt of activation, attempt to activate the vessel on the system again.

(Note: this will enable the vessel to be ready for the activation, ensuring the vessel will receive optimum reception and transmission)

The following amendments were agreeable to Chinese Taipei and FFA Secretariat

Para 4.8 Manual Reports

.....The manual report will consist of the following:

- Vessel Name
- IRCS
- UTC Date (dd-mm-yy)
- UTC Time 24 hour format (hh:mm:ss)
- Latitude (in degrees Minutes, Seconds N or S)
- Longitude (in degrees Minutes, Seconds E or W)
- Course[#]
- Speed (in Knots) [#]
- Activity at the time of report. (e.g. Fishing, in port etc.) [#]

Footnote:

These requirements will come into effect from 1 July 2010.
