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**INFORMATION NOTE ON THE STATUS OF THE dCMR PREPARED BY THE
SECRETARIAT IN 2022 FOR REVIEW AT TCC19 IN 2023**

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Paper by Secretariat

Purpose

1. To provide an update on the status of the draft Compliance Monitoring Report (dCMR) prepared by the Secretariat in 2022, which is to be reviewed at TCC19 in 2023. This information may be helpful to CCMs when considering preparation and planning to facilitate TCC's review of two years' CMRs in 2023.

Background

2. The Commission's decision at the WCPFC18 meeting that the Commission's CMS would continue in force (as CMM 2021-03) for two years with certain amendments, which include that TCC's review of the draft CMR prepared in 2022 will be deferred until TCC19 in 2023 has been noted.

Prior to TCC18

3. In late July 2022 and prior to TCC18, an update of the paper summarizing the flag CCM responses to alleged infringements notified in the CCFS was issued by the Secretariat in response to the requirement of paragraph 26(ii) and 28 of CMM 2021-03.
4. The dCMR was prepared and issued by the Secretariat by the due date on 28 July 2022 (Circular 2022-56). It covers 59 obligations (63 rows per CCM) for thirty-eight CCMs and one collective group of Members for individual CCM review. The full dCMR was delivered two days after the due date of 15 days prior to start of TCC18 (6 September) due to other competing commitments (Circular 2022-66).
5. The initial draft CMRs from the Secretariat highlighted approximately 312 potential issues. The full dCMR, which incorporated replies from twenty-four (24) CCMs highlights 196 potential issues for review by TCC. This is an increase from last year's final dCMR which included 39 potential issues.
6. In most cases the increased number of potential issues compared to last year, is because of the changes adopted by the Commission to the list of obligations for review through the CMS (refer to Attachment S to WCPFC18 Summary Report) which included obligations not

reviewed previously or not reviewed for some years. Several of the obligations that had not been reviewed previously, required evaluations of statements of implementation and reviews of reporting that related to multiple paragraphs within a CMM, and reporting gaps were common.

7. The dCMRs also required the review of a significant amount of information from multiple legitimate sources. Despite the assistance of the earlier 13 June deadline for Annual Report Part 2 and information from SPCs data management team, this year's CMR required many additional hours work by the Secretariat.

TCC18 outcomes

8. At TCC18 CCMs discussed how TCC might plan to progress the dCMR process in 2023. Relevant agreed TCC18 outcomes are as follows:
 - Recognizing the increased workload which may be associated with reviewing two years of dCMR data during TCC19, TCC18 recommends that the Commission consider adopting the same or a very similar list of obligations for review in both the 2022 & 2023 dCMR. (*TCC18 draft Summary Report, paragraph 113*)
 - TCC18 notes that the Commission will need to consider whether the adopted Audit Points will apply to the 2022 dCMR (covering 2021 reporting period). (*TCC18 draft Summary Report, paragraph 114*)
 - TCC18 recommends that WCPFC19 agree to continue in 2023 to require CCMs to submit their Annual Report Part 2 at least 100 days prior to TCC19 (which is a date in mid-June instead of 1 July). (*TCC18 draft Summary Report, paragraph 115*)
 - TCC18 noted that the Commission may need to consider whether an additional day should be added to TCC19 to facilitate review of two years' CMRs in 2023. (*draft TCC18 Summary Report para 242*)

Additional information post-TCC18

9. On 3 October 2022, to facilitate the submissions by CCMs of additional information in accordance with paragraph 40, the Secretariat updated the online CMR system so that CCMs could submit additional information in response to the dCMR, using the CMR potential issues 2021 list (Circular 2022-70). The requested deadline for these responses was 18 October 2022.
10. The full dCMR highlighted 196 potential issues. The Secretariat received additional information from eighteen (18) CCMs to approximately 99 potential issues. Seventeen (17) CCMs did not provide replies to their potential issues. At the time of preparing this paper, the Secretariat was still checking and considering the additional information received from CCMs in response to the dCMR.
11. The Secretariat has also prepared a paper which provides a preliminary assessment of the forecast of Secretariat work commitments for TCC in 2023, and this has considered TCC19 reviewing two years CMRs data ([WCPFC19-2022-IP18](#)).

Recommendation

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| 12. The Commission is invited to note this paper. |
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