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DRAFT OUTCOMES FROM THE TCC3 SMALL WORKING GROUP ON DATA RULES AND PROCEDURES

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Prepared by the Chair of the TCC3 Data Working Group

At TCC3 a data working group was established to consider and possibly refine the Rules and Procedures for the Access to and Dissemination of Data Complied by the Commission, which were adopted at WCPFC3 as a “living document” (see paragraph 40 of the WCPFC3 Summary Report). This working group was chaired by Holly Koehler of the United States of America.

The data working group considered WCPFC/TCC3-2007/17, which included as Attachment A the Rules and Procedures as refined by SC3. The data working group also considered written proposals for amending the data Rules and Procedures tabled by Japan (WCPFC/TCC3-2007/DP.04) and Australia (WCPFC/TCC3-2007/DP.14), as well as a number of proposals offered from the floor by CCMS and the chair of the data working group.

The chair of the data working group produced two revised texts, based on the deliberations of the working group (WCPFC-TCC3-2007/29 and WCPFC-TCC3-2007/33).

As a result of the discussions in the data working group, and informal consultations among CCMS, the data working group [agreed] to the following outcomes:

DRAFT OUTCOMES OF THE DATA WORKING GROUP

1. Invite the TCC3 Plenary to recommend the revised Rules and Procedures as contained in [WCPFC-TCC3-2007/XX] to the Commission for its consideration at WCPFC4.
2. Invite the TCC3 Plenary to recommend to the Commission that the AHTG [Data] be resumed to develop the separate rules and procedures for the access and dissemination of Non-Public Domain data for the purpose of compliance and enforcement activities on the high seas, as well as to consider the other data security and exchange issues noted by the VMS working group (see WCPFC-TCC3-2007/34).

3. Invite the TCC3 to recommend to the Commission that Attachment F of the TCC1 Summary Report and the proposal by the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Republic of Palau tabled during TCC3 (WCPFC-TCC3-2007/DP.10) be considered as a basis for the development of the Commission's rules and procedures for the release and use of VMS data.
4. Invite the TCC3 to request that CCMs provide written comments to the Secretariat on the draft Framework for Access to Non-Public Domain Data, draft Data Request Form and the draft Confidentiality Agreement (Attachments A-C of WCPFC-TCC3-2007/18) by 31 October 2007. Further invite the TCC3 to request that the Secretariat prepare revised drafts, based on the written comments received, for the consideration of the Commission at WCPFC4.