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CHINESE TAIPEI'S COMMENTS ON SSPs

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2. Methods to ensure ALCs comply with WCPFC standards

3. Vessels with ALCs that comply with the full range of the minimum standards set out in Annex I, but that cannot be remotely polled must either have a regular reporting rate of one hour or less, or will carry and operate, in addition to the ALC, a means of two-way communication by voice (e.g., radio, satellite telephone) or data (e.g., telex, facsimile, email) permitting real time contact with the WCPFC Secretariat, as necessary, with the assistance of the flag CCM, in the English language.

(With regard to this paragraph, our preference is that the Secretariat should directly contact with the Flag CCM rather than the captains or masters of fishing vessel concerned since many captains of various members are not able to speak English.)

3. ALC inspection protocol

6. In the case where the inspection reveals any anomaly with the specification, the inspector will inform the flag State CCM, the Secretariat and, if applicable, its chartering State. From that date, the vessel operator will have 30 days to rectify the problem and to submit to a new inspection to verify the installation. During that period, the vessel will be required to report its position at intervals of four (4) hours by an alternative communications means approved by the Secretariat to the Secretariat or the Flag CCMs and the flag CCM should forward this positions to the Secretariat.

(We would like to know how to make a manual report (in what means, fax, radio, or e-mail?) and when to make that report in the case of ALC failure or malfunction.)

(Due to a lot of fishing vessels only have the radio equipments and the Secretariat may not have the ability to respond accordingly; we think it would be easier for the Secretariat to receive the position reports via the Flag CCMs than receiving the position directly. Hence we propose the amendment to this paragraph.)

5. Vessel reporting, including position reporting frequencies

3. [The Commission VMS shall include an automated alert to report when vessels enter or exit the high seas of the Convention Area. Vessels subject to the Commission's VMS must be reporting to the Commission VMS through automatic means before entry into the Convention Area and continue reporting until the Convention Area is exited. In the case of ALC failure or malfunction, these reports shall be provided by the vessel on a manual basis. It is the responsibility of a vessel's flag State CCM to ensure compliance with this requirement.]

(In the case of ALC failure or malfunction, these reports shall be provided by the vessel on a manual basis. We would like to know how to make this manual report (in what means, fax, radio, or e-mail?) and when to make that report in the case of ALC failure or malfunction. In addition, as we mentioned at TCC4 meeting, we need to know the information of the boundaries of EEZs and the Convention area, otherwise this paragraph is problematic and may also cause the problems to the captains and the flag CCMs as well.)

4. In the event of non-reception of two consecutive, programmed high seas VMS positions, and where the Secretariat has exhausted all reasonable steps to re-establish normal automatic reception of VMS positions the Secretariat shall inform the vessel's flag State CCM and the vessel Master. From the time of transmission of this communication to the CCM, the vessel Master shall be required to take immediate steps to re-establish automatic reporting

and in any event within [30 days or at its first port of call if less than 30 days]. During this period the vessel shall be required to report its position manually to the Secretariat or the flag CCM, and the Flag CCM should forward this report to the Secretariat every [8][4] hours. In cases where automatic reporting has not been re-established within [30] days the CCM shall order the vessel to cease fishing, stow all fishing gear and return to port.

In the case that the secretariat will inform the cases of non-reception of two consecutive, programmed high seas VMS, We would like to advise the Secretariat to inform the flag CCM in one notice (or in a batch) instead of sending the information separately.

With regard to the interval of position reports in item 5, paragraph 4, we would like to emphasize the need to consider the loading of the Secretariat.

In order to avoid the over-loading of WCPFC secretariat, we would like to propose that this paragraph will be amended such that a daily report with [3 ~ 6] positions can be sent either to Secretariat or to the flag CCM.

5. In exceptional circumstances, the flag State CCM may extend the period established in paragraph 4 for an additional consecutive [15] days during which time the vessel will continue to report its position manually every [at interval of 4/8 hours] hours to the Secretariat or the flag CCM, and the Flag CCM should forward this report to the Secretariat while on the high seas.

(Same as previous paragraph)

**The way for CCMs to access position data of their own fishing vessels
(added)**

(With regard to the texts of article 24 paragraph 8, we think there should be some wordings in the SSPs or SLA so as to allow the Flag CCMs to have the same positions simultaneously.)

Ref: Article 24, para 8

(The Commission, directly, and simultaneously with the flag State where the flag State so requires, or through such other organization designated by the Commission, shall receive information from the vessel monitoring system in accordance with the procedures adopted by the Commission.)