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**ANNUAL REPORT ON PORT INSPECTIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MINIMUM
STANDARDS FOR PORT STATE MEASURES**

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Purpose

1. This paper provides for the information of TCC14 a summary of reported activities relating to port state measures under *Conservation and Management Measure on Minimum Standards for Port State Measures (CMM 2017-02)* with the objective to establish processes and procedures to guide CCMs when requesting that port inspections be undertaken on fishing vessels suspected of engaging in IUU fishing or fishing related activities in support of IUU fishing.

Designation of ports and contacts for purpose of CMM 2017-02

2. CMM 2017-02 states that each port CCM is encouraged to designate ports for the purposes of inspection through the provision of a list of its designated ports to the Executive Director. The Executive Director then shall establish and maintain a record of designated ports base on the lists submitted by port CCMs. In addition, each port CCM shall notify the Commission of a contact point for the purposes of this measure. Further, CCMs that establish port State measures shall publicize all relevant measures in an appropriate manner and shall advise the Commission to facilitate wider distribution through posting on the WCPFC website.
3. As at 2 August 2018, two CCMs (Australia and Thailand) have submitted advice of its designated ports and have also submitted information on contact point for the purposes of CMM 2017-02.

Summary of information relating to port state inspection

4. Given the recent adoption of the CMM it is not unexpected that there have been no requests for port inspection under CMM 2017-02 to-date. However, pursuant to Article 25(2) of the Convention, the Secretariat has received advice of a limited number of requests for flag CCM investigations as a result of port inspection activities undertaken by CCMs. A summary of the records of compliance cases during 2015 – date is provided in Annex I.¹

Recommendation

5. TCC14 is invited to note the paper.

¹ The Secretariat has established a dedicated page on the website and will periodically include updates and notifications pertaining to CMM 2017-02 notifications at <https://www.wcpfc.int/wcpfc-port-state-minimum-standards>

Annex 1: Summary of outcome of flag CCM investigations of alleged infringements that were notified to WCPFC as Article 25(2) matters, based on Port Inspection activities (covering the period 1 January 2015 – 31 July 2018)

	Year	# cases	Flag CCM notified	Flag CCM Investigation Response					Total cases with complete flag investigations	
				Under investigation	No infraction	Infraction: no sanction	Infraction: warning	Infraction: sanction		
VMS reporting issue (CMM 2011-02/CMM 2014-02) - DETECTED THROUGH PORT INSPECTION										
Total	2015	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	100%
Total	2018	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	100%
Unauthorised transshipment or transshipment reporting issue - DETECTED THROUGH PORT INSPECTION										
Total	2018	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Fishing while not in RFV or no evidence of authorisation - DETECTED THROUGH PORT INSPECTION										
Total	2017	6	0	0	6	0	0	0	6	100%
Vessel and Gear marking (CMM 2004-03) - DETECTED THROUGH PORT INSPECTION										
Total	2015	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	100%