

**TO ALL COMMISSION MEMBERS, COOPERATING NON-MEMBERS,
PARTICIPATING TERRITORIES AND OBSERVERS**

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Resignation of Mr Laurence Edwards as TCC Chair

Dear All,

I wish to advise Members, Cooperating Non-Members and Participating Territories (CCMs) that I and the Secretariat have received a notice of resignation with immediate effect from Mr Laurence Edwards of the Republic of the Marshall Islands as the Chair of the Technical and Compliance Committee (TCC). As some may have known, Mr Edwards' wife passed recently and he felt unable to continue in his role as TCC Chair while he tends to his young children as they come to terms with their tragic loss. I have already conveyed my and the Commission's condolences and sympathies to Mr Edwards and family and on this occasion of his resignation, I wish to express the Commission's collective gratitude and appreciation for the services and leadership Mr Edwards has rendered in leading the work of the TCC over the last two years.

On the way forward and mindful of the limited lead up time to the online TCC16 meeting next month, I have decided to permit the TCC Vice-Chair Dr Robert Day of Canada to assume the role of Acting TCC Chair until the WCPFC17 in December 2020 formalises the appointment of the new TCC Chair. The TCC16 meeting next month will, in any case make a recommendation to WCPFC17 as to the appointment of a TCC chair and TCC Vice-Chair for the 2021 – 2023 period.

I will ask CCMs to work closely with Dr Robert Day and the Secretariat on arrangements for the online TCC16 meeting and related issues.

I wish you all well and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Jung-re Riley Kim
WCPFC CHAIR