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**UPDATE ON THE PROCESS TO REVIEW OF CMM 2017-02**

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**WCPFC-TCC21-2025-19**

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**Submitted by PSM-WG Chair**

## **Purpose**

1. This paper provides an update on the review of [CMM 2017-02](#) Port State Minimum Standards.

## **Introduction**

2. Paragraphs 28 – 29 of CMM 2017-02 provide for the review of this measure and give guidance on some elements for a review. Additional guidance in paragraphs 22 – 27 recognises the special requirements of developing states, in particular Small Island Developing States (SIDS), in relation to the implementation of this CCM.
3. Examples of areas of assistance to CCM SIDS are provided, and CCMs are to cooperate to establish appropriate mechanisms to provide technical and/or financial assistance to deliver those needs for Small Island Developing States (SIDS). Those mechanisms are linked to those set out in paragraph 4 of [CMM 2013-06](#) and are designed to mitigate the burden of implementation where this has been demonstrated by the relevant SIDS or territory. The Commission prioritised work to develop a mechanism for assistance to SIDS for presentation to the Commission at WCPFC16 in 2019.
4. In 2024, the Commission agreed to establish a working group undertake review of CMM 2017-02 in 2025, led by Fiji. The review was to include the linkage between CMM 2017-02 and the MCS Data Rules, including with respect to the potential for Cooperating Non-Members (CNM) to access WCPFC data to support their implementation of port State measures. (TCC20 Outcomes, paragraph 63) The Commission also agreed a PSM-WG should be held in association with TCC21.

## **2025 Updates**

5. Outcomes from a PSM-WG1 held in March 2025, confirmed principles and key areas of focus as the basis for developing proposals to amend CMM 2017-02:
  - a. Harmonization and standardization of data requirements with those of the PSMA.
  - b. Review of requirements in existing CMMs that relate to port State measures to maximize the linkages and ensure the CMMs are integrated.

- c. Consideration of the scope of existing provisions of the measure relating to capacity building for SIDS and whether these were sufficient.
  - d. Identification of gaps in the current CMM and where additional details would be useful, such as on port arrivals and denial of port access, and what inspections could cover.
  - e. Review of data sharing arrangements with a view to strengthening data exchange requirements within the WCPFC Data Rules and considering how those data sharing arrangements will be applied.
  - f. Identification of implementation challenges and the applicability of the measure.
6. Discussions also recognised that the application of the measure was not limited to foreign vessels which could place a disproportionate share of the burden of implementation on SIDS who may not have the capacity to meet expectations on the level of inspections.
  7. At the PSM-WG1 meeting, CCMs involved in HSBI were asked to provide information on how they address in-port inspections. This would support consideration of possible minimum standards associated with port inspections that could support wider inspections and monitoring programmes, thereby integrating port CMM requirements with other MCS activities. To date, no information has been received.
  8. The need for some potential analysis to support CCMs discussion on elements of the review above were referenced in the [Chair's PSM-WG1 Summary Report](#); specifically on gaps in CMM 2017-02 in relation to the proposed scope of the review, and the scope of CCM 2017-02 relative to the PSMA and to adopted measures by other RFMOs.
  9. A discussion paper on the review of CMM 2017-02 provides this analysis and poses questions for CCMs. These discussions would give more specific guidance to shape potential amendments to the measure. (Refer to [WCPFC-TCC21-2025-19A](#))
  10. A Working Group meeting will be held in the margins of TCC21 to discuss the following points:
    - i. The initial list of points for further discussion to provide more specific guidance of the priority areas identified for the review in Table 2 of the discussion paper WCPFC-TCC21-2025-19A.
    - ii. Seek feedback from Inspecting CCMs on how they address in-port inspections as the basis for considering possible minimum standards that could support wider inspections and monitoring programmes.
    - iii. Identify and agree on next steps.