

6TH MEETING OF THE COMPLIANCE AND TECHNICAL COMMITTEE (CTC)

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Implementation of the CMM on Minimum Standards of Inspection in Port

Secretariat

1. Background

Paragraph 35 of CMM 07-2017 (Port Inspections) states that:

“The SPRFMO Commission shall review this CMM no later than 2019 and consider revisions to improve its effectiveness and take into account developments in other RFMOs and the FAO Port State Measures Agreement. The Secretariat will report annually on the implementation of this CMM.”

2. CMM 07-2017 IMPLEMENTATION

2.1. Points of Contact & Designated Ports

Under paragraphs 5 and 7 Members and CNCs are to designate their Points of Contact and Ports to which foreign fishing vessels may request entry. The Points of Contact and Port lists were to have been provided to the Secretariat within 30 days of the entry into force of the measure.

Table 1 shows which Members/CNCs have previously provided the required lists and whether they expect to foreign fishing vessels carrying SPRFMO managed species to utilise their ports. Table 1 also indicates the status of SPRFMO Members and CNCs with respect to the Port State Measures Agreement.

Table 1: Members and CNCs who have provided Points of Contact and Designated Ports

Member/CNCP	Foreign fishing vessels expected to use ports?	Points of Contact?	Designated ports?	Minimum notification period?	Port State Measures Status
Australia	Yes	Yes	Yes	8 days	Ratified
Chile	Yes	Yes	Yes	48 hrs	Ratified
China	No	-	-	-	-
Cook Islands	Unknown	-	-	-	-
Cuba	No	-	-	-	Acceded
Ecuador	No	Yes	Yes	48 hrs	-
European Union	No	Yes	Yes	72 hrs	Approved
Faroe Islands	No	Yes	Yes	24 hrs	Acceded ¹
Korea	Yes	Yes	Yes	48 hrs	Acceded
New Zealand	Yes	Yes	Yes	72 hrs	Ratified
Peru	Yes	Yes	Yes	48 hrs	Ratified
Russian Federation	No	-	-	-	<i>Signed</i>
Chinese Taipei	Yes	Yes	Yes	5 working days	-
Vanuatu	No	-	-	-	Acceded
USA	No	Yes	Yes	48 hrs	Ratified
Colombia	No	Yes	Yes	48 hrs	-
Curaçao	No	-	-	-	-
Liberia	No	-	-	-	-
Panama	No	Yes	Yes	-	Acceded

¹ Through Denmark



Points of Contact and Designated Port lists are available publicly on the SPRFMO website: <https://www.sprfmo.int/cmms/points-of-contact/>.

2.2. Port Inspections

Table 2 shows the Members and CNCPs who conducted inspections and the results of those inspections during the most recently assessed period (November 2017 – October 2018). Note this table is limited to those Members/CNCPS who are expected to receive foreign vessels.

Table 2: Members and CNCPs who conducted Port inspections during Nov 2017 – Oct 2018

Member/ CNCP	Foreign vessels requesting port services?	Vessels denied port services	Requests to inspect specific vessels?	Vessels Inspected	Infringements Detected?
Australia	Nil	-	-	-	-
Chile	11	0	0	11	0
Korea	4	0	0	4	0
New Zealand	Nil	-	-	-	-
Peru	7	0	0	7	0
Chinese Taipei	2	0	0	2	0
Total	24	0	0	24	0

In addition, the SPRFMO website Member area contains summary information on Port Inspections conducted by Members & CNCPs.

2.3. Inspection rate, Requests and Infringements

As can be seen in Table 2 despite the minimum requirement of 5%, all the Members who conducted port inspections achieved an inspection rate of 100%.

According to the inspection summary reports, this year no vessels were denied entry, there were no requests to inspect specific vessels and no SPRFMO related infringements were detected.

2.4. Requirements of Developing Members and CNCPs and General Provisions

At this time the Secretariat has not been informed of any developing Members/CNCPs who have recently received assistance in relation to a port inspection scheme (paragraph 28).

The Secretariat is also not aware of any bilateral agreements/arrangements that allow for an inspector exchange program (paragraph 33).

2.5. Developments in the Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing

This first meeting of the Parties to the Port State Measures Agreement was held in Oslo, Norway, from 29 to 31 May 2017 and the next meeting is scheduled for 2019 in Chile. The first meeting recognized the need for concerted action by port States, flag States and other States in the implementation of the Agreement, together with the important role of FAO, regional fisheries management organizations (RFMOs) and other international organizations and bodies and specifically mentioned RFMOs in the following contexts:

13. It was indicated by several Parties that consideration should be given to the role of complementary instruments and tools in supporting the Agreement, in particular the Global Record of Fishing Vessels,



Refrigerated Transport Vessels and Supply Vessels (Global Record), the Voluntary Guidelines for Catch Documentation Schemes, and tools developed by regional fisheries management organizations (RFMOs).

19. Regarding port and flag State responsibilities under the PSMA, some Parties identified RFMOs as important entities to assist with implementation of the Agreement. However, it was noted that not all States are contracting Parties of RFMOs and that implementation is ultimately the prerogative of the Parties.

26. Parties also agreed that the FAO should produce draft templates for reporting of information and that these templates should be provided to the Parties for their comments and feedback. The need to keep requirements and templates simple was stressed by a number of Parties and non-Parties. It was noted that some Parties already submit information to their respective RFMOs and using these procedures and mechanisms as examples could be useful, particularly for developing States with small fisheries administrations and limited resources.