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Transhipment outside the SPRFMO Area

Secretariat

BACKGROUND

Korea has recently submitted a proposal to amend CMM 12-2017 (Transhipment) – refer Comm6-Propo8. This note is also intended to support the Compliance and Technical committee's discussions on Agenda item 6a (Matters Concerning the Implementation of Current CMMs - Transhipment outside the SPRFMO Area).

EXPLANATORY NOTE

On 24 July 2017, the Secretariat received a Transhipment notification from a Russian Federation flagged vessel (currently on the SPRFMO Record of Vessels) indicating that it intended to carry out a transhipment with a Cook Islands-flagged vessel (not on the SPRFMO Record of Vessels). The location of the transhipment was Dakhla, Morocco (West Africa).

The Secretariat ensured that both the Russian Federation and Cook Islands authorities were aware of the impending operation. Subsequently, Transhipment details were submitted by both vessels to their respective authorities and the Secretariat indicating that the operations were successful and that almost 2,000 tonnes of *Trachurus murphyi*, *Scomber japaonicus* and *Brama australis* had been transhipped.

During the various correspondence that was shared between the vessel owners, captains and the appropriate authorities the Secretariat was asked whether the intended operations were in contravention of any SPRFMO CMMs. At that stage, the Secretariat was aware that at least one Member was also concerned with this aspect of CMM12-2017 (transhipment) and hence did not feel able to advise a correct course of action and is now awaiting clarification from the Commission.