

Amendments to CMM 2.05

(for the Establishment of Commission Record of Vessels Authorised to Fish in the Convention Area)

The CTC recommends that CMM 2.05 on the Establishment of the Commission Record of Vessels Authorised to Fish in the Convention Area is due for revision at the Annual 2016 Meeting (paragraph 13).

In this context, the Secretariat would like to draw attention to implementation issues regarding some aspects of CMM 2.05 (Record of Vessels). As reflected in the 2014/15 Compliance Report (CTC-03-03), the start date of the authorisation by flag States very often significantly precedes the inclusion of the vessel in the SPRFMO Record of Vessels.

Inclusion into the Record is applied in accordance with CMM 2.05, paragraph 6:

“Members and CNCPs shall inform the Executive Secretary of the vessels flying their flag authorised to fish in the Convention Area at least 15 days previous to the first entry of such vessels in the Convention Area. In doing so, Members or CNCP shall provide the Executive Secretary the vessels details, as indicated in Annex 1 of this Measure.”

Thus, the vessel authorisation start date specified in Annex 1 of CMM 2.05 is currently used for the date on which the vessel is included in the Record.

The CTC recommends including an additional field which would contain the original date of the authorisation given by the flag State (“Flag Authorisation Start”). To make the distinction clearer, the current “Authorisation Start Date” field could then be re-labelled to “Date of Inclusion into the SPRFMO Record”.

In addition, the CTC recommends that the current paragraph 13 of CMM 2.05 should be amended to replace “revised in 2016” with “reviewed as required”