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Abstract

CMM 2017/08, paragraph 24, is in its current form quite ambiguous. Paragraph 22 indicates that all vessels landing toothfish shall be inspected. Paragraph 24 states that inspection reports shall be transmitted to the competent authority of the inspection vessel and to the Secretariat and shall contain "at least the information contained in Annex IV". FR(OT) is of the opinion that if paragraph 22 must remain unchanged so that all toothfish landings are inspected, paragraph 24 should be revised so that only inspection reports of vessels which have operated in the SIOFA area are to be transmitted. This would reduce the administrative burden for control services, for competent authorities of inspection and for the SIOFA secretariat. Paragraph 24 should be further clarified so that Annex IV of CMM 2017/08, and not "the information set out" in this Annex, should be sent. Under the current CMM format, entire inspection reports (often written under a paper format) could be sent to the authority of the inspected vessel and the Secretariat as long as they include this information. However, their length can render it difficult to determine whether "the information set out in Annex IV" is indeed included. The relevant provision of the CMM could therefore prove ineffective. Entire reports could still be sent, but they should include and make clearly visible Annex IV to allow for an effective compliance monitoring.

Recommendations *(working papers only)*

The MoP to review and adopt the proposed clarifications for CMM 2017/08.

CMM 2017/08 - Paragraph 24, current version:

The competent authority of each Contracting Party, CNCP and PFE shall include at least the information set out in Annex IV in the written report of the results of each inspection, which shall be forwarded to the competent authority of the inspected vessel and to the Secretariat.

CMM 2017/08 - Paragraph 24 revised proposal by FR (OT):

Following the inspection, **for vessels that have operated in the SIOFA area**, the competent authority of each Contracting Party, CNCP and PFE shall transmit **at least the Annex IV** to the competent authority of the inspected vessel and to the Secretariat.