## CC-05-12

## 5th Compliance Committee of the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (CC5)

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Proposal for amendment on SIOFA CMM 2020/08 establishing a Port Inspection Scheme

## *Relates to agenda item: 4.1* Working paper

## Delegation of CHINA

**Abstract**

China propose amendment on para 6 in the preamble part to reflect the current situation of SIOFA, and on para 1 in the main text of the measure to specify the vessels to be inspected in port in line with this measure.

**Recommendations *(working papers only)***

1. The CC5 is requested to discuss the proposal and recommend to MOP for adoption.

1. for Para 6 in the preamble part:

The current text states “*BEARING IN MIND* that, in the exercise of their sovereignty over ports located in their territory, Contracting Parties, cooperating non-Contracting Parties and participating fishing entities may adopt more stringent measures, in accordance with international law;”.

China propose to revise it as “ *BEARING IN MIND* that, in the exercise of their ~~sovereignty~~ authority over ports located in their ~~territory~~ jurisdiction, Contracting Parties, cooperating non-Contracting Parties and participating fishing entities may adopt more stringent measures, in accordance with international law;”

2. for Para 1 in the main text:

The current text states “Each Contracting Party, cooperating non-Contracting Party (CNCP) and participating fishing entity (PFE) shall, in fulfilling its duties under Article 12 of the Agreement, maintain an effective system of port State control for all vessels that have been engaged in fishing in the Agreement Area, except container vessels that are not carrying fishery resources, only fishery resources that have been previously landed, provided that there are no clear grounds for suspecting that such a vessel has engaged in fishing related activities in support of IUU fishing.”

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China propose to revise it as “Each Contracting Party, cooperating non-Contracting Party (CNCP) and participating fishing entity (PFE) shall, in fulfilling its duties under Article 12 of the Agreement, maintain an effective system of port State control for all vessels ~~targeting SIOFA species~~ that have been engaged in fishing in the Agreement Area, except container vessels that are not carrying fishery resources, only fishery resources that have been previously landed, provided that there are no clear grounds for suspecting that such a vessel has engaged in fishing related activities in support of IUU fishing.”