



CCSBT-CC/1810/08

Draft Revision of the CCSBT's Catch Documentation Scheme (CDS) Resolution

1. Introduction

The CDS Resolution has been under review since 2015 as scheduled in the Compliance Plan's 3-year Action Plan (CAP). The primary aim of this review was to improve the efficiency of the existing CDS, remove any deficiencies, and to facilitate the smoother implementation of an electronic CDS (eCDS) should Members wish to progress an eCDS in future.

2. Background

The CDS review process commenced at the Tenth meeting of the Compliance Committee (CC10) in 2015. At CC10 the Secretariat presented a draft revised CCSBT CDS Resolution. CC11 made further revisions to the draft revised Resolution text including to Appendix 2¹. CC11 agreed that any outstanding issues could continue to be addressed intersessionally. However, no progress was subsequently made by CC12 and it was agreed to continue discussions intersessionally for another year to try to resolve the remaining issues. CC12's workplan indicates that Australia and Japan will work on certain CDS issues and that the Secretariat will work with Korea on its issues concerning validation of landed weights.

Paper CCSBT-CC/1810/BGD01 provides details of the status of the draft revised CDS Resolution as at October 2017 (CC12). The status has not changed since CC12.

3. Intersessional Discussions Following CC12

On 5 June 2018, at the request of the Compliance Committee Chair, the Executive Secretary sent out Circular #2018/025 (refer to **Attachment A**²) reminding Members of their commitments in CC12's workplan, especially with regard to the CDS Resolution and the 2018 action items of the CAP.

The Secretariat is not aware of any intersessional discussions that have occurred amongst Members since CC12. The Secretariat contacted Korea to discuss and find a solution to Korea's validation of landed weights issue, but no response has been received from Korea to date.

Prepared by the Secretariat

¹ Minimum Procedural and Information Standards for CCSBT Member and Cooperating Non-Member (CNM) Tagging Programmes

² The Circular's Attachment is not included in Attachment A to this paper



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CCSBT CIRCULAR #2018/025

SUBJECT: Reminder on important elements in the Compliance Committee's Workplan

At the October 2017 meeting of the CCSBT Compliance Committee (CC 12), there was general agreement and support that the CCSBT should be moving towards an eCDS, noting that issues such as costs and administrative burdens need to be minimised for an eCDS. Members expressed their desire to make further progress with the draft revision of the CDS Resolution and discussion focused on three main aspects of the draft for which consensus had not been reached, these being:

- Rules regarding delegation of the authority to validate CDS documents;
- Whether Farm Stocking Certificates and Catch Tagging Certificates should be attached to Catch Harvest Export Certificates (CHECs); and
- The need to validate landed weights on CHECs.

CC 12 noted that no progress had been made since CC 11 in resolving the remaining issues in the draft revised CDS resolution and that key Members were disposed to continue to work towards resolving outstanding issues.

The Chair of the Compliance Committee has asked me to remind Members of the commitments listed in the Compliance Committee's workplan and request that Members make progress with these commitments prior to the October 2018 meeting of the Compliance Committee (CC 13). In particular, Members are asked to:

1. *“Conduct intersessional discussions to resolve outstanding issues in the draft revised CDS resolution in order to pave the way for developing an eCDS. In particular, Australia and Japan will work on certain issues and the Secretariat will work with Korea.”*
2. *“Implement the 2018 action items of the Compliance Action Plan.”*

In relation to “2”, the 2018-2020 Compliance Action Plan listing both the project action items and the ongoing maintenance action items that Members have agreed to is provided at **Attachment A**.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Kennedy
Executive Secretary