



Proposed Revisions to the CCSBT's Catch Documentation Scheme (CDS) Resolution

1. Introduction

This paper proposes two revisions to the current CDS Resolution¹:

- Paragraph 1.2 of the CDS Resolution
It is proposed that fins are included in the list of examples clarifying what are, “*fish parts other than the meat*”, and
- Paragraph 1.9 of the CDS Resolution
It is proposed that the current, “*within 7 days of the landing*” reporting requirement for exceptional circumstances related to tagging is revised to become an annual reporting requirement.

2. Proposed Revisions

2.1 Paragraph 1.2 of the CDS Resolution

In July 2021 the EU advised the Secretariat it was in the process of transposing CCSBT binding requirements into EU law and that it had a concern regarding how it should interpret paragraph 1.2 of the CDS Resolution with respect to SBT tails and/or fins. More specifically the EU queried whether “*tails*” could be interpreted as referring to only SBT tail fins or potentially to all SBT fins.

Paragraph 1.2 currently reads:

1.2 “*For transshipments, landings of domestic product¹, exports, imports and re-exports under the jurisdiction of a Member or Cooperating Non-Member or Other State/Fishing Entity Cooperating in the CDS (OSEC²), all SBT shall be accompanied by a document described in section 3 of this resolution. There is no waiver of this requirement. However, the exportation/import of fish parts other than the meat³ (i.e. head, eyes, roe, guts, tails) may be allowed without the document.*”

¹ The term ‘*landing of domestic product*’ means a landing of SBT by a CCSBT-authorized fishing/carrier vessel into the territory of a Member or Cooperating Non-Member whose National Allocation the SBT was attributed against and which issued the CDS documents the SBT are recorded on.

² The term ‘*Other State/Fishing Entity Cooperating in the CDS*’ will be abbreviated to ‘*OSEC*’ within this resolution and means a State/Fishing Entity that has expressed its commitment, in writing, to cooperate with this resolution.

³ Any meat separated from fish parts is considered to be meat in this context.

The Secretariat’s understanding of the intent of the text, “*fish parts other than the meat³ (i.e. head, eyes, roe, guts, tails)*”, is that SBT fins are not considered to be “meat”. Therefore, the Secretariat proposes that “fins” are added to the list of examples (in brackets) that clarify what are, “*fish parts other than the meat*”.

¹ Most recently revised in 2019

Proposed revised text (tracked) for paragraph 1.2 is provided at **Attachment A** (Proposal 1) for CC16's consideration.

2.2 Paragraph 1.9 of the CDS Resolution

Following a discussion at the Fifteenth Meeting of the Compliance Committee (CC15), CC15 tasked the Secretariat with, "*preparing a possible revision of the CDS Resolution to extend the timeframe for reporting exceptional circumstances related to attachment of tags from seven days to an annual reporting requirement.*"²

This task was further clarified in CC15's Workplan³ which directed that the Secretariat: "*Develop a proposal for a possible modification of the CDS Resolution (paragraph 1.9) to change the 7-day notification requirement to report annually in CC/EC National reports.*"

Proposed revised text (tracked) for paragraph 1.9 is provided at **Attachment A** (Proposal 2) for CC16's consideration.

3. Summary

It is recommended that CC16:

- Consider and decide whether to recommend making the two proposed revisions to CCSBT's CDS Resolution.

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² Paragraph 81 of CC15's Meeting Report

³ Paragraph 132 of CC15's Meeting Report

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE CDS RESOLUTION

Proposal 1: Clarification/ Amendment of Paragraph 1.2

The proposed revision to paragraph 1.2 of the CDS Resolution is:

1.2 For transshipments, landings of domestic product¹, exports, imports and re-exports under the jurisdiction of a Member or Cooperating Non-Member or Other State/Fishing Entity Cooperating in the CDS (OSEC²), all SBT shall be accompanied by a document described in section 3 of this resolution. There is no waiver of this requirement. However, the exportation/import of fish parts other than the meat³ (i.e. head, eyes, roe, guts, tails and fins) may be allowed without the document.

Proposal 2: Amendment of Paragraph 1.9

The proposed revision to paragraph 1.9 of the CDS Resolution is:

1.9 Members and Cooperating Non-Members shall report any exceptional circumstances referred to in 1.7.2, 1.7.3 or 1.8 annually in their National reports to the Compliance Committee (CC)/ Extended Commission (EC)~~to the Executive Secretary within 7 days of the landing~~. The Member's National report shall provide details of the exceptional circumstances, the number of SBT tagged and for 1.8, the old (where known) and new tag number(s).