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Confidentiality of Data and Documents

Purpose

To determine whether the reports of any meetings or any documents produced for meetings related to CCSBT 24 should be restricted from public release.

Confidentiality of reports and documents from 2017

Rule 10 of the Rules of Procedure provides that the reports prepared of Extended Commission meetings will be made available for public release unless a Member makes a request to restrict its release. Such a request must be made before adoption of the report of the Extended Commission. Restrictions on release of a report require a decision from the Extended Commission.

Documents submitted to Extended Commission meetings are also to be made available for public release unless the document contains previously restricted information, or unless the author of the document or the Member (if the author is a representative of a Member) makes a request to restrict its release. Such a request must be made before adoption of the report of the Extended Commission.

The 2006 Farm and Market review reports have been classified as confidential and consequently other documents that include information derived from these documents must also be kept confidential. For 2017, this comprises:

- A catch table incorporating this information that was prepared by the Secretariat and included in the material considered at the 2017 meeting of the Extended Scientific Committee (ESC). The Secretariat requests that Attachment A of this paper (CCSBT-ESC/1708/**04**) be treated as confidential.
- Paper CCSBT-ESC/1708/**25** and CCSBT-CC/1710/ **BGD01** from Japan which provides an update for 2017 on monitoring of southern bluefin tuna trading in the Japanese domestic markets.
- Paper CCSBT-OMMP/1706/**10** and CCSBT-ESC/1708/**BGD08** from Japan which provides an update on the estimation of unaccounted catch mortality in Australian SBT farming for the 2016 fishing season.
- Paper CCSBT-ESC/1708/**BGD09** from Japan on a review of Southern Bluefin Tuna trade and monitoring research in Japanese domestic markets (*this paper was previously presented to the 2015 Compliance Committee and classified as confidential by CCSBT 22*).
- Paper CCSBT-ESC/1708/**Info01** and CCSBT-CC/1710/**BGD03** from Australia on a Japan Market Update for 2017.

However, it should be noted that with the exception of CCSBT-ESC/1708/04 and CCSBT-ESC/1708/BGD09, the above papers only refer to a few figures or a minor outcome from the farm or market review to the extent that Members may wish to exempt one or more of these papers from being classified as confidential. This is particularly true for papers OMMP/1706/10 and ESC/1708/BGD08 which contained no figures from the review and only commented that the farm review could not reach a final conclusion on one matter.

At the time of writing this paper, no other documents have been nominated to the Secretariat as having a confidential status.