

Australia's Proposal on the revision of the CCSBT's Catch Documentation Scheme (CDS) Resolution

The CDS is a key component of the monitoring of Southern Bluefin Tuna globally. The scheme has been in place since 2010 and has successfully provided for the tracking and validation of legitimate product from catch to the point of first sale on domestic and export markets.

As outlined at Compliance Committee 10, the scheme is due for review. Among other things the review focus is to identify and correct deficiencies in the CDS, with the focus on retaining and streamlining the current CDS as far as possible. Any new CDS must be compatible with both a paper-based CDS be able to accommodate the introduction of a web-based eCDS.

Australia remains concerned that the burden on its industry will be substantial under the Secretariat's proposal to split the current Catch Monitoring Form into a Catch/Harvest Certificate and Export Certificate. In recent years Australia has completed up to 1199 Catch Monitoring Forms annually. This could potentially double under the Secretariat's proposal without improving the ability of the system to meet its objectives.

In accordance with the aims of the review, Australia is suggesting an alternative model to that put forward by the Secretariat in paper CCSBT-CCWG/1604/04.

Summary of Australia's Proposal

Australia's proposal is based on the existing scheme with some modifications to account for the issue of landings into cold storage, which was explained in paper CCSBT-CC/1510/09 and is the reason for several of the Secretariat's proposals in CCSBT-CC/1604/04.

It would involve the use of a Catch/Export Certificate, a separate Transshipment Certificate and the current Re-Export Certificate. Minor modifications to the Re-Export Certificate are required but are not described here.

As outlined in paper CCSBT-CC/1510/09 to Compliance Committee 10, only minor editorial changes would be required for the current Farm Stocking, Farm Transfer and Catch Tagging Forms.

A brief overview of how each form would work is listed below. It should be noted that much of the process and the information recorded remains the same as the current Catch Monitoring Form.

Catch/Export Certificate

In place of the Catch Monitoring Form we have developed a Catch/Export Certificate.

- a. Catch landed/harvested is recorded in the catch/harvest section and certified by the Vessel Master or Farm Operator.
- b. For product that is to be transhipped, including product that is offloaded into cold storage for later transportation, a separate Transshipment Certificate is to be completed. In the case of transshipment, the Catch/Export Certificate requires a Transshipment Certificate Number. This links the two forms. Once the Transshipment Certificate Number is provided, a copy of the Catch/Export Certificate is sent to the Flag State. The remaining sections of the Catch/Export Certificate would not need to be completed.

- c. Following the catch/harvest section is the export section, which captures two possible scenarios. For both scenarios the section for certification by exporter must be completed.
 - 1st scenario – if all the product recorded in the catch/harvest section is to be exported without any change to quantity, product type or net weight, then the requirement is to complete section B only. This includes details of where the product is being exported from and its destination.
 - 2nd scenario – if the product from the catch/harvest section is being exported with changes to quantity, product type or net weight, then the requirement is to complete both sections A and B.
- d. Following the Export Section is the validation section. This section must be completed in all cases except where product is being transhipped.
- e. The import section details the final point of import and the certification by the importer.

Transshipment Certificate

If you are transhipping to a carrier vessel or it is a deferred transshipment (e.g. the product is offloaded into cold storage until a later date) then this form is required to be completed.

- a. Record the Catch/Export Certificate form number and the Catch Tagging Form Number/s.
- b. For immediate transshipment complete sections A and B.
- c. For deferred transshipment section A must be completed in the first instance. Section B must be completed when fish are placed on the carrier vessel.
- d. Section C would be completed when the product is landed and weighed.
- e. The form would then be validated by the Authority.

Re-Export

This form would continue to be used with some minor modifications. These modifications have not been described here.

CATCH/ EXPORT CERTIFICATE

CATCH DOCUMENTATION SCHEME

Document Number	
Book No:	Page No:
CE	-

Catch Tagging Form Document Numbers **CT**

CATCH / HARVEST SECTION - tick and complete only one part

<input type="checkbox"/>	For Wild Fishery	Name of Catching Vessel	Registration Number	Flag/State Fishing Entity	Offloading Port	Offloading Date
Or						
<input type="checkbox"/>	For Farmed SBT	CCSBT Farm Serial Number	Name of Farm			
		Document Number(s) of any associated Farm Stocking (FS) Form(s)		Document Number(s) of any associated Farm Transfer (FT) Form(s)		

Description of Fish

Type: RD,GGO,GGT,DRO,DRT,FL,OT*	Month of Catch/ Harvest (mm/yy)	Gear Code	CCSBT Statistical Area	Net Weight (kg)	Total Number of whole Fish (including RD, GGO, GGT, DRO or DRT)

* For Other (OT) Describe the Type of Product * For Other (OT) Specify Conversion Factor

Certification by fishing **Vessel Master/Farm Operator** or **Authorised Agent**, I certify that the above information is complete, true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name:	Signature:	Agent's Company/Organisation:	Date of Signature:
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Transshipment Complete the Catch/Harvest section then the Transshipment Certificate (TC) **Transshipment (TC) Certificate No.:**

EXPORT SECTION - (for exports of the fish recorded above or exports of fish from a previous Catch/Harvest Form) - tick and complete required part(s)

All of the product from this catch/harvest section above is being exported without any change to the quantity, product type, or net weight. Fill in section B only.

or

Product from the catch/harvest section above is being exported with changes to the quantity, product type, or net weight of the product. Fill in section A and B.

A

Discription of Product Being Exported			
Fresh (F) or Frozen (FR)	Net Weight (kg)	Product Type RD,GGH,GGO,GGT,DRO,DRT	Total Number of Fish exported as RD,GGH,GGO,GGT,DRO,DRT

Point of Export

B

City	State or Fishing Entity	Date of Export	From Land <input type="checkbox"/>	From Sea <input type="checkbox"/>	Destination
					State/Fishing Entity

Certification by **Exporter**. I certify that the above information is complete, true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name	Company Name /Organisation	Signature	Date of Signature
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VALIDATION SECTION - Catch/Harvest Certificate Validation by Authority

Validation by **Authority**: I validate that the information recorded on this form for Domestic product or Export is complete, true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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Name	Title	Signature	Date of Signature
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IMPORT SECTION

Import Final Point of Import

City	State /Fishing Entity	Date (or Expected Date) of Customs Import Certification/Clearence
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Certification by **Importer**. I certify that the above information is complete, true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name	Address	Type: RD,GGO,GGT, DRO,DRT,FL,OT*	Weight (kg)	Signature	Date of Signature
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TRANSHIPMENT CERTIFICATE

CATCH DOCUMENTATION SCHEME

Document Number

TC	Book No: -	Page No:
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Catch/Export Document Number/s CE	Catch Tagging Form Number/s CT
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TRANSHIPMENT - tick for the type of transhipment

This is an immediate transhipment, Complete section A and B or This is a deferred transhipment (SBT placed in cold storage before loading to Carrier Vessel) complete section A until fish are placed on a carrier vessel, then section B must be completed.

A

Transhipment Date	Transhipped to (Cold Store, Carrier Vessel, Other (please describe))		
Transhipment location (Record either the port city name, or for high seas transhipment record the CCSBT statistical area)			
Name of Port City	Port State/Fishing Entity	CCSBT Statistical Area	
Observer Details (Only for transhipment at sea)	Observer Name	Observer Trip Number	

B

Name of Receiving Carrier Vessel:	Flag State Registration Number:	Flag State/Fishing Entity:
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Certification by fishing Receiving Carrier Vessel Master, I certify that the above information is complete, true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Name:	Company/Organisation:	Signature :	Date of Signature:
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C This section is to be completed once product is landed and weighed

Fresh (F) or Frozen (FR)	Verified Weight (kg)	Product Type	Total Number of whole Fish <small>(including RD, GGO, GGT, DRO or DRT)</small>

Validation by Authority: I validate that the information recorded on this transhipment certificate is complete, true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.				Stamp here
Name	Title	Signature	Date of Signature	