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- I. Each Member of the Commission may designate Inspectors referred to in Article XXIV of the Convention.
 - (a) Designated Inspectors shall be familiar with the fishing and scientific research activities to be inspected, the provisions of the Convention and measures adopted under it.
 - (b) Members shall certify the qualifications of each Inspector they designate.
 - (c) Inspectors shall be nationals of the Contracting Party which designates them and, while carrying out inspection activities, shall be subject solely to the jurisdiction of that Contracting Party.
 - (d) Inspectors shall be able to communicate in the language of the Flag State of the vessels on which they carry out their activities.
 - (e) Inspectors shall be accorded the status of ship's officer while on board such vessels.
 - (f) Names of designated Inspectors shall be communicated to the Commission each year by the last day of the Commission meeting. Designations shall remain valid until the last day of the Commission meeting in the following year.
- II. The Commission shall maintain a register of certified Inspectors designated by Members.
 - (a) The Commission shall communicate, each year, the register of Inspectors to each Contracting Party within a month of the last day of the Commission meeting.
- III. In order to verify compliance with Conservation Measures adopted under the Convention, Inspectors designated by Members shall be entitled to board a fishing or fisheries research vessel in the area to which the Convention applies to determine whether the vessel is, or has been, engaged in scientific research, or harvesting, of marine living resources².
 - (a) Inspection may be carried out by designated Inspectors from vessels of the designating states.
 - (b) Ships carrying Inspectors shall carry a special flag or pennant approved by the Commission to indicate that the Inspectors on board are carrying out inspection duties in accordance with this system.
 - (c) Such Inspectors may also be placed on board vessels, with the schedule of embarkation and disembarkation of Inspectors subject to arrangements to be concluded between the designating State and the Flag State.

¹ As adopted at CCAMLR-VII (paragraph 124) and amended at CCAMLR-XII (paragraphs 6.4 and 6.8), CCAMLR-XIII (paragraph 5.26), CCAMLR-XIV (paragraphs 7.22, 7.26 and 7.28) and CCAMLR-XV (paragraph 7.24).

² The Commission stated its understanding that the System of Inspection applied to flag vessels of all Members of the Commission and where appropriate, Acceding States (CCAMLR-XIV, paragraph 7.25).

IV. Each Contracting Party shall provide to the Commission by 1 May each year a list of all of its flag vessels intending to harvest marine living resources in the Convention Area during the year beginning 1 July. Such list shall include:

- name of vessel;
- call sign of the vessel registered by appropriate authorities of the Flag State;
- home port and nationality of vessel;
- owner or charterer of vessel;
- notification that the Master of the vessel has been informed of the measures in force for the area or areas where the vessel will be harvesting marine living resources in the Convention Area.

- (a) The Commission shall communicate to all Parties by 31 May each year a consolidated list of all such vessels. This list shall also include the names of vessels intending to conduct fishing for research purposes in accordance with Conservation Measure 64/XII 'The Application of Conservation Measures to Scientific Research'.
- (b) Each Contracting Party shall also notify the Commission as soon as possible of any of its flag vessels added to or deleted from the list during an ongoing fishing season. The Commission shall promptly communicate this information to the other Contracting Parties.

- V.
- (a) Any vessel present in the Convention Area for the purpose of harvesting or conducting scientific research on marine living resources shall, when given the appropriate signal in the International Code of Signals by a ship carrying an Inspector (as signified by flying the flag or pennant referred to above), stop or take other such actions as necessary to facilitate the safe and prompt transfer of the Inspector to the vessel, unless the vessel is actively engaged in harvesting operations, in which case it shall do so as soon as practicable.
 - (b) The Master of the vessel shall permit the Inspector, who may be accompanied by appropriate assistants, to board the vessel.

VI. Inspectors shall have the authority to inspect catch, nets and other fishing gear as well as harvesting and scientific research activities, and shall have access to records and reports of catch and location data insofar as necessary to carry out their functions.

- (a) Each Inspector shall carry an identity document issued by the designating State in a form approved or provided by the Commission stating that the Inspector has been designated to carry out inspection in accordance with this system.
- (b) On boarding a vessel, an Inspector shall present the document described in paragraph VI(a), above.
- (c) The inspection shall be carried out so that the vessel is subject to the minimum interference and inconvenience. Inquiries shall be limited to the ascertainment of facts in relation to compliance with the Commission measures in effect for the Flag State concerned.
- (d) Inspectors may take photographs and/or video footage as necessary to document any alleged violation of Commission measures in force.

- (e) Inspectors shall affix an identification mark approved by the Commission to any net or other fishing gear which appears to have been used in contravention to Conservation Measures in effect and shall record this fact in the reports and notification referenced in paragraph VIII, below.
- (f) Inspectors shall be provided appropriate assistance by the Master of the vessel in carrying out their duties, including access as necessary to communications equipment.

VII. If a vessel refuses to stop or otherwise facilitate transfer of an Inspector, or if the Master or crew of a vessel interferes with the authorized activities of an Inspector, the Inspector involved shall prepare a detailed report, including a full description of all the circumstances and provide the report to the designating State to be transmitted in accordance with the relevant provisions of paragraph IX.

- (a) Interference with an Inspector or failure to comply with reasonable requests made by an Inspector in the performance of his duties shall be treated by the Flag State as if the Inspector were an Inspector of that State.
- (b) The Flag State shall report on actions taken under this paragraph in accordance with paragraph XI, below.

VIII. Inspectors shall complete the approved CCAMLR inspection report form.

- (a) The Inspector shall provide a written explanation, on the inspection report form, of any alleged violation of Commission measures in force. The Inspector shall allow the Master of the vessel being inspected to comment, on the inspection report form, about any aspect of the inspection.
- (b) The Inspector shall sign the inspection report form. The Master of the inspected vessel shall be invited to sign the inspection report form to acknowledge receipt of the report.
- (c) Before leaving the vessel that has been inspected, the Inspector shall give the Master of that vessel a copy of the completed inspection form.
- (d) The Inspector shall provide a copy of the completed inspection form along with copies of photographs and video footage to the designating Member at the earliest opportunity.
- (e) The designating Member shall, as soon as possible, forward a copy of the inspection form, along with two copies of photographs and video footage to the CCAMLR Executive Secretary who shall forward one copy of this material to the Flag State of the inspected vessel.
- (f) Fifteen days after the transmission of the completed inspection form to the Flag State, the CCAMLR Executive Secretary shall transmit that form to Members together with comments or observations, if any, received from the Flag State.

IX. Any supplementary reports or information, or any report prepared in accordance with Paragraph VII, shall be provided by the designating Member to the CCAMLR Executive Secretary. The latter shall provide such reports or information to the Flag State, which shall be then afforded the opportunity to comment. The CCAMLR Executive Secretary shall transmit the reports or information to Members within 15 days following their receipt from the designating Member, and the observations or comments, if any, received from the Flag State.

X. A fishing vessel present in the area of application of the Convention shall be presumed to have been engaged in scientific research, or harvesting, of marine living resources (or to have been commencing such operations) if one or more of the following four indicators have been reported by an inspector, and there is no information to the contrary:

- (a) fishing gear was in use, had recently been in use or was ready to be used, e.g.:
 - nets, lines or pots were in the water;
 - trawl nets and doors rigged;
 - baited hooks, baited pots or traps or thawed bait were ready for use;
 - log indicated recent fishing or fishing commencing.’
- (b) fish which occur in the Convention Area were being processed or had recently been processed, e.g.:
 - fresh fish or fish waste were on board;
 - fish were being frozen;
 - from operational or product information;
- (c) fishing gear from the vessel was in the water, e.g.:
 - fishing gear bore the vessel’s markings;
 - fishing gear matched that on the vessel;
 - log indicated gear in the water;
- (d) fish (or their products) which occur in the Convention Area were stowed on board.

XI. If, as a result of inspection activities carried out in accordance with these provisions, there is evidence of violation of measures adopted under the Convention, the Flag State shall take steps to prosecute and, if necessary, impose sanctions. The Flag State shall report any such prosecutions and sanctions to the Commission.