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Proposal for a

REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL

**amending Regulation (EC) No 302/2009 concerning a multiannual recovery plan for
bluefin tuna in the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean**

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

At its Annual Meeting in 2010, ICCAT adopted a Recommendation amending the recovery plan for bluefin tuna in the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean.

In order to rebuild the stock, the ICCAT recovery plan was modified to provide for a further reduction of the TAC, to strengthen measures to reduce the fishing capacity and to reinforce the control measures, particularly as regards the transfer and the caging operations. These measures are aimed to ensure the effectiveness of the plan with the goal of achieving Bmsy, with at least 60 % probability.

The Community has been a Party to ICCAT since 1997 and the Recommendations become binding on Contracting Parties which do not object to them. As a Contracting Party to this organisation, the European Union has a responsibility to apply Recommendations adopted to which it has raised no objections.

The purpose of this proposal is to transpose into Union law the ICCAT recommendation modifying the recovery plan for bluefin tuna in the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean.

The proposal has no implications for the Union budget.

The legal basis is Article 43(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

The European Parliament and the Council are hereby requested to adopt this proposal as soon as possible.

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THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 43(2) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the European Commission¹,

Having regard to the opinion of the Economic and Social Committee,

Acting in accordance with the ordinary legislative procedure

Whereas:

- (1) The International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) has adopted a Recommendation 10-04 amending the multiannual recovery plan for bluefin tuna. In order to rebuild the stock, the recommendation provides for a further reduction of the total allowable catch, for strengthening measures to reduce the fishing capacity and for reinforcing the control measures, in particular as regards the transfer and the caging operations.
- (2) That Recommendation is binding on the Union and should therefore be transposed.
- (3) Certain provisions of Regulation (EC) No 302/2009² have become obsolete and should be deleted. Other provisions should be updated with regard to the changes in legislation.
- (4) Regulation (EC) No 302/2009 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAVE ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EC) No 302/2009 is amended as follows:

- (1) In Article 1, paragraph 3 is replaced by the following:

¹ OJ C , , p. .

² OJ L 96, 15.04.2009, p.1

"The objective of that recovery plan shall be to achieve a biomass corresponding to the maximum sustainable yield with greater than 60% probability."

(2) Article 2 is amended as follows:

(a) Point (d) is replaced by the following:

“(d) auxiliary vessel’ means any vessel used to transport dead bluefin tuna (not processed) from a cage or a tuna trap to a designated port and/or to a processing vessel;”

(b) Point (h) is replaced by the following:

"(h) Transfer operations" means:

- (i) any transfer of live bluefin tuna from the catching vessel net to the transport cage;
- (ii) any transfer of live bluefin tuna from the transport cage to another transport cage;
- (iii) any transfer of the cage with bluefin tuna from a towing vessel to another towing vessel;
- (iv) any transfer of dead bluefin tuna from the transport cage to an auxiliary vessel;
- (v) any transfer from a bluefin tuna farm or a tuna trap to a processing vessel, transport vessel, or transfer of cage containing bluefin tuna from one farm to another;
- (vi) any transfer of live bluefin tuna from the trap to the transport cage.”

(c) Point (l) is replaced by the following:

(l) "farming" means the caging of bluefin tuna for a period longer than six months, aimed at increasing the biomass;”.

(d) Point (q) is added:

"(q) "responsible Member State" and "Member State responsible for" mean the flag Member State or the Member State under whose jurisdiction the trap or farm is located or, if the farm or trap is located on the high seas, the Member State where the trap or farm operator is established".

(3) Article 4 is amended as follows:

(a) Paragraph 4 is replaced by the following:

"4. No later than 15 September each year, Member States shall transmit to the Commission the provisional annual fishing plan related to the following year. The Commission shall transmit the Union fishing plan to the ICCAT Secretariat for endorsement by ICCAT.

No later than 31 January each year, the final annual fishing plan shall be transmitted by Member States to the Commission. The Commission shall transmit the Union fishing plan to the ICCAT Secretariat by 1 March each year."

(b) Paragraphs 12 and 14 are deleted.

(4) Article 5 is amended as follows:

(a) Paragraph 7 is replaced by the following:

"7. Without prejudice to paragraph 6, the fishing capacity referred to in paragraphs 2 and 4 and Article 9 shall be reduced, so as to eliminate:

- (a) by the beginning of 2010 for each Member State at least 25 % of the discrepancy between its fishing capacity and its fishing capacity commensurate with its quota;
- (b) by the beginning of 2011 for each Member State at least 75 % of the discrepancy between its fishing capacity and its fishing capacity commensurate with its quota;
- (c) by the beginning of 2012 for each Member State at least 95 % of the discrepancy between its fishing capacity and its fishing capacity commensurate with its quota;
- (d) by the beginning of 2013 for each Member State 100 % of the discrepancy between its fishing capacity and its fishing capacity commensurate with its quota.

The calculation of the fishing capacity reduction shall be based on the catch rates for categories of vessels estimated by the ICCAT Scientific Committee.

This reduction requirement shall not apply to a Member State which demonstrates that its fishing capacity is commensurate with its quota."

(b) Paragraph 9 is replaced by the following

"9. Each Member State shall establish a management plan of fishing capacity over 2010-2013. That plan shall be submitted to the Commission by 15 August 2009, and shall include the information referred to in paragraphs 2, 4, 6 and 7. Furthermore the plan shall include detailed information regarding the ways used by the Member State to eliminate overcapacity in addition to scrapping. If necessary, the plan shall be revised and submitted on an annual basis to the Commission by 15 August each year.

The Commission shall submit the Union management plan of fishing capacity to ICCAT for discussion and approval."

(5) Article 7 is amended as follows:

(a) Paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:

"2. Purse seine fishing for bluefin tuna shall be prohibited in the eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean during the period from 15 June to 15 May".

- (b) Paragraph 6 is deleted.
- (6) In Article 14, paragraph 2, the following subparagraph is added:
"No retroactive inclusion of a fishing vessel in the lists referred to in paragraph 1 shall be accepted."
- (7) In Article 18, paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:
"1. In addition to complying with Article 14, 15, 23 and 24 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 of 20 November 2009 establishing a Community control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the common fisheries policy³, the master of a Community catching vessel shall enter in the logbook, if applicable, the information listed in Annex II."
- (8) In Article 19, paragraph 1, the following subparagraph is added:
"Joint fishing operations with other CPCs shall not be permitted."
- (9) Article 22 is replaced by the following:

"Article 22

Transfer operations

1. Before any transfer operation, the master of a catching or towing vessel or the operator of the farm or trap where the transfer in question originates shall send to the competent authorities of the respective responsible Member State a prior transfer notification indicating:
 - a) name of the catching vessel, farm or trap and ICCAT number record;
 - b) estimated time of transfer;
 - c) estimate of quantity of bluefin tuna to be transferred;
 - d) information on the position (latitude/longitude) where the transfer will take place and identifiable cage numbers;
 - e) name of the receiving towing vessel, number of cages towed and ICCAT number record where appropriate;
 - f) port, farm or cage of destination of the bluefin tuna.
2. The responsible Member State shall assign and communicate to the master of the fishing vessel, the trap operator or the farm operator, as appropriate, an authorisation number for each transfer operation. The transfer operation shall not begin without a prior authorisation.

³ OJ L 343, 22.12.2009, p. 1.

The authorisation shall be issued in accordance with an unique numbering system that includes the three letters of the CPCs code, four numbers showing the year and three letters indicating the authorisation (AUT) followed by sequential numbers, by the authorities of the responsible Member State. If the authorisation is refused, AUT shall be replaced by NEG (non-authorisation).

The responsible Member State shall communicate the authorisation or non authorisation within 48 hours following the submission of the prior transfer notification. It shall not authorise the transfer if it considers on receipt of the prior transfer notification, that:

- a) the catching vessel or the trap declared to have caught the fish does not have sufficient quota;
- b) the quantity of fish has not been duly reported by the catching vessel or trap or had not been authorised to be caged and not taken into account for the consumption of the quota that may be applicable;
- c) the catching vessel declared to have caught the fish is not authorised to fish for bluefin tuna, or
- d) the tug vessel declared to receive the transfer of fish is not registered in the ICCAT "record of all other fishing vessels" referred to in Article 14 or is not equipped with a Vessel Monitoring System.

In case the transfer is not authorised:

- a) the Member State responsible for the catching vessel shall issue a release order and inform the master of the catching vessel that the transfer is not authorised and to proceed to the release of the fish into the sea;
- b) the captain of the catching vessel, the farm operator or the trap operator, as appropriate, shall release the fish into the sea ;
- c) the release of bluefin tuna into the sea shall be recorded by video camera and observed by an ICCAT regional observer who shall draft and submit a report together with the video recording to the ICCAT Secretariat.

3. The master of a catching or towing vessel, the trap operator or the farm operator, shall complete and transmit to the competent authorities of the responsible Member State, at the end of the transfer operation, the ICCAT transfer declaration, in accordance with the format set out in Annex VIIIa.

Transfer declaration forms shall be numbered by the authorities of the Member State responsible for the vessel, farm or trap from where this transfer originates. The numbering system shall include the 3 letters CPCs code, followed by 4 numbers showing the year and 3 sequential numbers followed by the 3 letters ITD (CPC-20**/xxx/ITD).

The original transfer declaration shall accompany the transfer of fish. A copy of the declaration shall be kept by the master of the catching vessel, the trap operator, the master of the towing vessel or the farm operator.

4. Masters of vessels carrying out transfer operations (including towing vessels), shall report on their daily log the weight and number of fish transferred, as well as the catching vessel name, flag and ICCAT number, the name of the other vessel(s) involved and their ICCAT number, the date and position of transfer and the farm of destination. The daily log shall contain the details of all transfers carried out during the fishing season. The daily log shall be kept on board and be accessible at any time for control purposes.

5. The authorisation for transfer by the responsible Member State shall not prejudice the authorisation of the caging operation.

6. The master of the catching vessel, the farm operator or the trap operator, that transfers bluefin tuna shall ensure that the transfer activities be monitored by video camera in the water.

Each video record of the transfers shall be produced in two copies. One copy shall be transmitted to the regional observer and one to the CPC observer, or national observer where applicable, aboard the towing vessel. The copy transmitted to the CPC observer(s) shall accompany the transfer declaration and the associated catches to which it relates. At the beginning and/or end of each video, the ICCAT transfer declaration number must be displayed. The time and the date of the video shall be continuously displayed throughout each video record. The Member States shall provide copies of video records to the ICCAT Scientific Committee upon request by the Commission.

7. The ICCAT regional observer on board the catching vessel, as referred to in the ICCAT Regional Observer Programme set out in Annex VII, shall record and report upon the transfer activities carried out, verify the position of the catching vessel when engaged in transfer operation, observe and estimate catches transferred and verify entries made in the prior transfer authorisation as referred to in paragraph 2 and in the ICCAT transfer declaration as referred to in paragraph 3.

In cases where the estimation by the regional observer is at least 10% higher by number and/or average weight than declared by the master of the catching vessel, an investigation shall be initiated by the Member State responsible for the catching vessel and concluded prior to the time of caging at the farm. Pending the results of this investigation, caging shall not be authorized and the catching section of the Bluefin tuna catch document shall not be validated.

8. The ICCAT regional observer shall sign with clearly written name and ICCAT number the ICCAT transfer declaration and shall verify that the ICCAT transfer declaration is properly filled and transmitted to the master of the tug vessel.

The tuna trap operator shall complete and send to the competent authorities of its Member State the ICCAT transfer declaration at the end of the transfer operation to the fishing vessel, in accordance with the format set out in Annex IV.”

- (10) Article 24 is replaced by the following:

"Article 24

Caging operations

1. The Member State responsible for the farm shall submit within one week of the completion of the caging operation a caging report, validated by an observer, to the Member State or CPC whose flag vessels have fished the tuna and to the Commission. The Commission shall promptly forward that information to the ICCAT Secretariat. This report shall contain the information included in the caging declaration as set out in the ICCAT Recommendation [06-07] on bluefin tuna farming.
2. Before any caging operation, the responsible Member State or the flag CPC of the catching vessel shall be informed by the competent authority of the Member State responsible for the farm of the caging of quantities caught by catching vessels flying its flag.
3. The Member State responsible for the catching vessel shall request the Member State, or CPC, responsible for the farm to proceed to the seizure of the catches and the release of the fish into the sea, in accordance with the procedure described in Article 22 (2), if it considers on receipt of that information that:
 - a) the catching vessel declared to have caught the fish had insufficient individual quota for bluefin tuna put into the cage;
 - b) the quantity of fish has not been duly reported by the catching vessel and not taken into account for the calculation of the quota applicable;
 - c) the catching vessel declared to have caught the fish is not authorised to fish for bluefin tuna.
4. The caging operation shall not begin without the prior authorisation of the flag CPC or Member State responsible for the catching vessel.

Bluefin tuna shall be caged before 31 July unless the Member State, or CPC, responsible for the farm receiving the fish provides valid reasons including force majeure, which shall accompany the caging report when submitted.

5. The Member State responsible for the farm shall take the necessary measures to prohibit placing in cages for farming or fattening bluefin tuna that are not accompanied by accurate, complete and validated documentation required by ICCAT including those required by this Regulation and Regulation (EU) No 640/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 July 2010 establishing a catch documentation programme for bluefin tuna *Thunnus thynnus* and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1984/2003⁴.

⁴ OJ L 194, 24.07.2010, p.1

6. The caging authorisation shall be granted or refused by the responsible Member State, or CPC, as appropriate, within 48 hours following the submission of the information referred to in paragraph 3. In case the caging is not authorized, the Member State, or CPC, responsible for the catching vessel shall issue a release order to the Member State, or CPC, responsible for the towing vessel and/or to the Member State, or CPC, responsible for the farm, as appropriate, according to the procedures laid down in Article 22 (2).

7. The Member State responsible for the farm shall ensure that caging activities shall be monitored by video camera in the water.

One video record shall be produced for each caging operation. At the beginning or end of each video, the ICCAT transfer declaration number shall be displayed. The time and the date of the video shall be continuously displayed throughout each video record.

8. In cases where there is more than a 10% difference either by average weight and/or number between the estimate by the regional observer and the farm operator an investigation shall be initiated by the Member State responsible for the farm in cooperation with the flag State of the catching vessel. That difference shall be calculated by number and/or average weight. Pending the results of this investigation, harvesting shall not take place and the farming section of the bluefin tuna catch document shall not be validated.

If the investigation is not concluded within 10 working days or if the outcome of the investigation indicates that the number and or average weight of bluefin tuna is in excess of 10% of that declared by the farm operator, the flag CPC or Member State responsible for the catching vessel shall issue a release order for the quantities in excess.

The Member State responsible for the farm shall ensure that the release order is carried out by the farm operator within 48 hours following the arrival of a regional observer. The release shall be carried out in accordance to the procedures laid down in Article 22(2).

In the event that the final estimation at the time of caging in the farm is greater than the final estimation at the time of first transfer from the catching vessel, the Member State, or CPC, responsible for the catching vessel shall decide on the final quota uptake that they shall validate in the bluefin tuna catch document(s) concerned.

9. Member States shall initiate pilot studies on how to better estimate both the number and weight of bluefin tuna at the point of capture and caging including through the use of stereoscopic systems and report the results to the ICCAT Scientific Committee. A sampling programme and/or an alternative programme shall be established at the time of caging in order to improve the counting and the weight estimations of the caged fish.”

(11) In Article 25(1) the following subparagraphs are added:

“The transmission of VMS data by fishing vessels included in the "ICCAT bluefin tuna record of catching vessels" to ICCAT shall start at least 15 days before the opening of the fishing seasons and shall continue at least 15 days after the closure of

the fishing seasons unless a request is sent in advance to the Commission for the vessel to be removed from the ICCAT record of vessels.

For control purposes, the transmission of VMS data from fishing vessels authorised to fish bluefin tuna shall not be interrupted when vessels are in port unless there is a system of hailing in and out of port.

Fishing vessels included in the "ICCAT bluefin tuna record of other vessels" shall transmit VMS data to ICCAT throughout the whole period of authorization".

- (12) Article 26 is replaced by the following:

"Article 26

Recording and reporting of trap activities

“1. Catches by trap shall be recorded after the end of every fishing operation in tuna traps and shall be transmitted, together with the estimated quantities remaining in the trap, by electronic means or other means within 48 hours of the end of every fishing operation to the competent authority of the Member State responsible for the trap.

2. Each Member State shall, upon receipt, forward the catch record, together with the estimated quantities remaining in the trap, by electronic means to the Commission. The Commission shall promptly forward the information to the ICCAT Secretariat.”

- (13) In article 29, paragraph 2, the following subparagraph is added:

“When at any time, more than 15 fishing vessels of a Member State are engaged in bluefin tuna fishing activities in the ICCAT Convention area, that Member State shall, during that time have an inspection vessel in the Convention area, or shall cooperate with another Member State or CPC to jointly operate an inspection vessel.”

- (14) In Article 30, paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

"1. Each Member State shall ensure national observer coverage on vessels active in the bluefin tuna fishery for at least:

- a) 100 % of its active purse seine catching vessels equal or less than 24 m in 2011;
- b) 100 % of its active purse seine catching vessels equal or less than 20 m in 2012;
- c) 20 % of its active pelagic trawlers (over 15 m);
- d) 20 % of its active longline catching vessels (over 15 m);
- e) 20 % of its active baitboats (over 15 m);

- f) 100 % of its tuna traps during the harvesting process;
- g) 100 % of its towing vessels.”

(15) Article 31 is amended as follows:

- (a) Paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

“1. Each Member State shall ensure an ICCAT Regional observer presence on:

- a) all purse seine vessels over 24 m during all the 2011 fishing season;
- b) all purse seiner vessels over 20 m during the 2012 fishing season;
- c) all purse seine vessels irrespective of their length during all the fishing season from 2013 onward.

Purse seine vessels referred to in (a), (b) and (c) without an ICCAT regional observer shall not be authorised to fish or to operate in the bluefin tuna fishery.”

- (b) In paragraph 2 the following subparagraph is added:

“In case that bluefin tuna is harvested from the cage and traded as fresh products the regional observer that observes the harvest may be a national of the Member State responsible for the farm.”

(16) Article 32 is replaced by the following:

"Article 32

Access to video records

1. Each Member State shall ensure that the video records referred in Articles 22 (6) and 24 (7), are made available to the ICCAT inspectors and observers.
2. Each Member State responsible for a farm shall ensure that the video records referred in Articles 22 (6) and 24 (7), are made available to Union inspectors and observers.
3. Each Member State shall take the necessary measures to avoid any replacement, edition or manipulation of the original video record.”

(17) The following Article 33a is inserted:

"Article 33a

Transmission of the Union inspection plan to the ICCAT

No later than 15 September each year, Member States shall transmit to the Commission their inspection plan for the following year. The Commission shall

transmit the Union inspection plan to the ICCAT Secretariat for endorsement by the ICCAT."

(18) In Article 34, paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

"1. Domestic trade, landing, imports, exports, placing in the in cages for fattening or farming, re-exports and transhipments of eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean bluefin tuna that are not accompanied by accurate, complete and validated documentation required by this Regulation and by Regulation (EU) No 640/2010 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 7 July 2010 establishing a catch documentation programme for bluefin tuna *Thunnus thynnus* and amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1984/2003⁵ shall be prohibited"

(19) Annex III is replaced by the text in Annex I to this Regulation.

(20) Annex VI is amended as follows:

(a) In paragraph 1, the following point q) is added:

"q) transhipment at sea".

(b) Paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:

"2. In the case of any boarding and inspection of a fishing vessel during which the authorized inspectors observe an activity or condition that would constitute a serious violation, as defined in paragraph 1, the authorities of the flag State of the inspection vessels shall immediately notify the flag State of the fishing vessel, directly as well as through the ICCAT Secretariat. In such situations the inspector shall, where possible, also inform the competent authorities of the flag State of the fishing vessel, as notified to the ICCAT Secretariat, and any inspection ship of the flag State of the fishing vessel known to be in the vicinity.

ICCAT inspectors shall register the inspections undertaken and the infringements detected (if any) in the fishing vessel logbook."

(c) in the first subparagraph of paragraph 3 the word "immediately" is replaced by "within 72 hours";

(d) Paragraph 7 is replaced by the following:

"7. Subject to the arrangements agreed under paragraph 12 of this Annex, a vessel employed for the time being in fishing for tuna or tuna-like fishes in the Convention area outside the waters within its national jurisdiction shall stop when given the appropriate signal in the International Code of Signals by a ship carrying an inspector unless it is actually carrying out fishing operations, in which case it shall stop immediately once it has finished such operations. The master of the vessel shall permit the inspector, who may be accompanied by a witness, to board it and in this respect must provide a boarding ladder. The master shall enable the inspector to make such examination of catch or gear and any relevant documents as the inspector

⁵ OJ L 194, 24.07.2010, p.1

deems necessary to verify the observance of the ICCAT Commission's recommendations in force in relation to the flag State of the vessel concerned and the inspector may ask for any explanations deemed necessary.

An inspector party shall consist of a maximum of two ICCAT inspectors unless additional inspectors are warranted by circumstances. An assistant can accompany the inspector party for trainee purposes only.”

- (21) In Annex VII, paragraph 1 is deleted.
- (22) The text in Annex II to this Regulation is inserted as Annex VIIIa

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the seventh day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States

Done at Brussels,

For the European Parliament
The President

For the Council
The President

Annex I
"Annex III

Document No. ICCAT Transhipment Declaration

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| Carrier vessel Name of vessel and radio call sign: Flag: Flag State authorization No. National Register No. ICCAT Register No. IMO No. | Fishing Vessel Name of the vessel and radio call sign, Flag: Flag State authorization No. National register No. ICCAT Register No. External identification: Fishing logbook sheet No. | Final destination: Port Country State: |
|---|---|---|

Departure Day Month Hour Year [2_]0[_][_][_] F.V Master's operator name: [_____] Carrier Master's name: LOCATION OF TRANSHIPMENT

Return [] [] [] [] to [] Signature: [] Signature: []

Tranship. [] [] [] [] For transhipment, indicate the weight in kilograms or the unit used (e.g. box, basket) and the landed weight in kilograms of this unit: [] kilograms.

| Port | Sea <i>Lat. Long.</i> | Species | Number of unit of fishes | Type of Product Live | Type of Product Whole | Type of Product Gutted | Type of Product Head off | Type of Product Filleted | Type of Product | Further transhipments |
|------|--------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| | | | | | | | | | | Date: [] [] [] [] Place/Position: [] [] [] [] Authorization CP No. Transfer vessel Master signature: |
| | | | | | | | | | | Name of receiver vessel: Flag ICCAT Register No. IMO No. Master's signature |
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| | | | | | | | | | | Name of receiver vessel: Flag ICCAT Register No. IMO No. Master's signature |

ICCAT Observer signature (if applicable).

Obligations in case of transhipment:

1. The original of the transhipment declaration must be provided to the recipient vessel (processing/transport).
2. The copy of the transhipment declaration must be kept by the correspondent catching vessel or trap.
3. Further transshipping operations shall be authorized by the relevant CP which authorized the vessel to operate.
4. The original of the transhipment declaration has to be kept by the recipient vessel which holds the fish, up to the landing place.
5. The transshipping operation shall be recorded in the logbook of any vessel involved in the operation."

Annex II
"Annex VIIIa

| Document No. | ICCAT Transfer Declaration | | | Annex 4 |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|------------------|
| 1 - TRANSFER OF LIVE BFT DESTINATED FOR FARMING | | | | |
| Fishing vessel name: Call sign: Flag: Flag State transfer authorisation no. ICCAT Register no. External identification: Fishing logbook no. JFO no. | Trap name: ICCAT Register no. | Tug vessel name: Call sign: Flag: ICCAT Register no: External identification: | Farm of destination name: ICCAT Register no: | |
| 2 - TRANSFER AFTER HARVESTING | | | | |
| Farm name: ICCAT Register no. | Trap name: ICCAT Register no. | Transport vessel name: Flag: ICCAT Register no. External identification: | Processing carrier vessel name: Call sign: Flag: ICCAT Register no: External identification: | |
| 3 - TRANSFER INFORMATION | | | | |
| Date: / / | Place or position: | Port: | Lat: | Long: |
| Number of individuals: | Total weight in Kg: | | Species: | |
| Type of product: Live <input type="checkbox"/> Whole <input type="checkbox"/> Gutted <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify): | | | | |
| Master of fishing vessel / trap operator / farm operator name and signature: | | Master of receiver vessel (tug, processing, carrier) name and signature: | | |
| 4 - TRANSFER OF DEAD FISH TO AUXILIARY VESSEL | | | | |
| Auxiliary vessel name: | Flag: | Quantity in Kg | Number of individuals: | |
| Date: / / | Position: | Lat: | Long: | Port of landing: |
| 5 - FURTHER TRANSFERS | | | | |
| Date: / / | Place or position: | Port: | Lat: | Long: |
| Tug vessel name: | Call sign: | Flag: | ICCAT Register no. | |
| Farm State transfer authorisation no: | External identification: | Master of receiver vessel name and signature: | | |
| Date: / / | Place or position: | Port: | Lat: | Long: |
| Tug vessel name: | Call sign: | Flag: | ICCAT Register no. | |
| Farm State transfer authorisation no: | External identification: | Master of receiver vessel name and signature: | | |
| Date: / / | Place or position: | Port: | Lat: | Long: |
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