

CATCH DOCUMENTATION SCHEME FOR *DISSOSTICHUS* SPP.

7.1 In respect of a recommendation that the Commission adopt definitions for CDS terminology, in particular definitions for Port State, transshipment, landing, export, import and re-export (Annex 5, Appendix IV), the Commission noted the importance of these definitions, and agreed that further work should be done intersessionally. The UK agreed to coordinate the intersessional work on the development of these definitions. Argentina noted that it would be useful if comments from Members could be submitted at least 30 days in advance of any annual meeting.

7.2 The USA thanked the UK for its agreement to coordinate this intersessional work and informed the Commission that it would continue to interpret these definitions as it had to this point. Countries exporting toothfish to the USA were encouraged to contact the USA, prior to exporting, if they anticipated a problem.

7.3 The Commission also noted the recommendation of SCIC, and adopted a resolution, regarding the implementation of E-CDS (paragraph 10.97).

7.4 In respect of information that the World Customs Organization (WCO) would implement harmonised tariff codes for toothfish on 1 January 2007, the Commission urged all Members to voluntarily adopt these codes as soon as practicable, prior to 2007 (Annex 5, paragraphs 4.11 and 8.2(x)).

7.5 The Commission noted that work initiated in 2002 by FAO on the harmonisation of catch documentation schemes amongst RFMOs was reviewed in 2004 by the COFI Sub-Committee on Fish Trade. The Commission noted that a further round of the RFMO expert consultation on harmonisation of catch documentation schemes was planned by FAO, with a meeting during 2005, and agreed that the CCAMLR Secretariat should continue to participate in the process.