



Bureau Veritas Certification Holding SAS

Cantabrian Sea purse seine anchovy fishery
MSC Variation Request

Table 1 – Variation request

1	Date submitted to the MSC
	05/03/2020
2	CAB
	Bureau Veritas Certification Holding SAS
3	Fishery name and certificate number or CoC certificate number
	Cantabrian Sea purse seine anchovy fishery
4	Lead auditor or program manager
	Macarena García
5	Request prepared by
	Macarena García
6	Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested
	General Certification Requirement 7.5.6: "The CAB shall issue fisheries certificates with a maximum validity period of 5 years from the issue date".
7	How many times has a variation for this requirement been accepted for the same assessment of the same fishery?
	None

Table 2 – Variation justification

1 Proposed variation	
Currently the expiry date for this fishery is the 24 th of March 2020. The CAB is requesting a variation on GCR7.5.6 to extend the validity of the certificate up to the 20 th of April 2020 (less than 1 month counting from the anniversary date).	
2 Additional time requested	
Original deadline date	24/03/2020
Modified deadline date requested	20/04/2020. It is important to take into account that: i) There are 2 UK bank holidays in the first half of April (April 10 and 13). ii) Once the Public Certification Report has been uploaded to Ecert, MSC still requires 2 days to review it before publication
Length of additional time requested	20 days
3 Justification	
<p>The MSC Fisheries Certification Process v2.1 came into force on the 31st of August, 2018. The client had to sign a new contract at the end of the surveillance audit to be aligned with the new process. They were not expecting to have the reassessment audit so close to the last surveillance audit. It took an extra effort to explain and get the client familiar with the new expedited MSC process, in particular with the need to send an updated client document checklist to elaborate the Announcement Comment Draft Report (ACDR).</p> <p>The reassessment announcement together with the Announcement Comment Draft Report were published on the 18th of July, 2019. The CAB did not receive any input from the stakeholders during the corresponding 30 consultation days (7.5.1.2).</p> <p>The Public Comment Draft Report was published on the 18th of February, 2020, seven months after the reassessment announcement. No conditions were issued to the fishery. The 30 consultation days finishes on the 19th of March, 2020. The team is only expecting to receive the Peer Reviewers follow-up. At the time of writing this variation request the MSC has confirmed that no MSC Technical Oversight is going to be sent, and one Peer Reviewer follow-up report has already been sent by the college and responded by the team. The determination of the team is still that the fishery shall maintain the certificate.</p> <p>It is important to note that, according to FCP (7.20.8.1): <i>“The CAB shall consider stakeholder inputs from stakeholders who provided written inputs on the Announcement Comment Draft Report or attended the site visit, in person or remotely”</i>. Since no stakeholder sent written comments to the ACDR and none of the stakeholders that participated in the site visit showed their interest to send comments to the PCDR. It can be inferred that the only missing piece of information at this stage is the follow-up report of one peer reviewer. No further delays or setbacks are expected.</p>	
4 If a fishery assessment, implications for assessment	
<p>The CAB will prepare the Final Draft Report and publish it before the expiry date of the current MSC fishery certificate (March 24, 2020), and if the request is accepted the Public Certification Report will be published straight after the objection period (15 United Kingdom working days)</p> <p>An extension of the certificate until the 20th of April 2020 will have a minimum impact on the scheduled timeline for the re-assessment process in place. If approved, a modified timeline aligned with the new date of expiry will be</p>	

	prepared by the CAB and notified to all stakeholders. The certificate with the new validity dates will be issued and uploaded in Ecert.
5	If a fishery assessment, mitigation of the implications for assessment
	The risk for the assessment is to leave the fishery without certification during 20 days, although the fishery meets the Standard, therefore, creating confusion to the stakeholders and the market.
6	If a fishery assessment, how many conditions does the fishery have and will their progress be affected (positive or negative)?
	The fishery has no conditions.
7	What is the status of the current assessment or audit?
	The Public Comment Draft Report is currently under review by stakeholders as part of the consultation period (Stakeholder consultation period finishes on April 19, 2020).
8	Further comments
	No
9	If applicable, additional information added after the MSC's request