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Subject: Request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement v2.0 FCR-7.23.18 for Compagnie des Pêches Saint Malo and Euronor cod and haddock

Dear Gavin Fitzgerald,

I write with reference to your submission on 12/10/2016 of a request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement (CR) to allow:

A remote audit took place on Thursday 15th August 2016 with the client via Skype. The surveillance report is due to be forwarded to the MSC within 60 days of completing the audit and should therefore be sent on the 15th October 2016. MEC would like to request an additional month to complete the report with it being sent to the MSC before the 15th November 2016.

As you are aware, the CR procedures relating to v2.0 FCR-7.23.18 state:

This Surveillance Report shall be forwarded to the MSC within 60 days of completing the audit, for publication on the MSC website

These are integral to ensuring all MSC accredited Conformity Assessment Bodies operate in a consistent and transparent manner. The MSC intends that these requirements be met across all fisheries and CoC certificate holders, except in exceptional, well-justified circumstances, as part of the MSC programme.

MSC notes the factors presented supporting your request, including:

- The surveillance report is essentially complete and the CAB has been informed by the client that outstanding data will be forthcoming imminently
- The CAB does not foresee any impact in the integrity of the MSC assessment as the delay will be minimal

Given the rationale provided, the MSC is willing to grant a variation to the CR in this case subject to the following conditions:

- The CAB can confirm that it is not aware at this time of any factor (related to either fishery status, or performance against conditions) that could result in the fishery no longer being in compliance with the MSC Fisheries Standard.
- Stakeholders are informed.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant Fisheries Assessment Manager for this fishery.

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cc: Accreditation Services International