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Subject: Request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement CR 27.22.13 for the Faroe Island North East Arctic Cod and Faroe Island North East Arctic Haddock fisheries

Dear Anna

I write with reference to your submission on 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 of a request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement CR 27.22.13, to delay the publication of this surveillance report by up to 60 days but no later than August 11, 2015.

As you are aware, the CR procedures relating to the publication of surveillance reports 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 in your letter supporting your request, including:

- The client fishery is currently undergoing an expedited P1 audit to cover NEA saithe, which is taking place as part of the regular surveillance audit for these fisheries.
- Results of the Expedited audit incl., but is not limited to the GAP analysis, scoring and harmonisation activities, which will form a part of a regular surveillance report.
- Therefore, more time (compare to general reporting time for surveillances) is required, in order to complete activities in relation to expedited Principle 1 assessment of North East Arctic saithe fishery.
- The team has therefore asked for up to an additional 60 days to submit the report

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

- Stakeholders are made aware that the publication of the surveillance report, including the results of the expedited P1 is audit, will be delayed but published no later than August 11.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please do not hesitate to contact Robert Lefébure, the Fisheries Assessment Manager for this fishery either by email, [Robert.lefebure@msc.org](mailto:Robert.lefebure@msc.org) or phone +44 (0)20 7246 8935.

Best regards,



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