

Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request

Date submitted to MSC	21 December 2016
Name of CAB	ME Certification Ltd
Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number	SARPC Toothfish
Lead Auditor/Programme Manager	Chrissie Sieben
Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested	FCR 7.23.18: This Surveillance Report shall be forwarded to the MSC within 60 days of completing the audit, for publication on the MSC website.
Is this variation sought in order to fulfil IPI requirements (FCR 7.4.14)?	No

1. Proposed variation	
The Year 3 surveillance audit for this fishery took place on the 7 th and 8 th November 2016. The surveillance audit report is therefore due on the 8 th January 2017. MEC proposes a one-week extension to this deadline, to the 16 th January 2017.	
2. Rationale/Justification	
The standard 60-day period includes the Christmas holiday period which significantly affects expert and MEC support staff availability. Extending the submission deadline by one week would ensure the integrity of the surveillance audit is maintained.	
3. Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)	
This does not affect the certification status of this fishery nor the surveillance audit outcome.	
4. Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)	No but stakeholders will be notified when the surveillance report is published online.
5. Further Comments	
None	