

## Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request Form V1.3

<b>Date submitted to MSC</b>	22/01/14
<b>Conformity Assessment Body</b>	Food Certification International Ltd
<b>Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number</b>	Scottish Pelagic Sustainability Group Ltd Atlanto Scandian Herring Fishery (F-FCI-0006)
<b>Lead Auditor/Programme Manager</b>	TBC/Melissa McFadden (Contact Lesley Hamilton)
<b>Scheme requirement(s) to vary from</b>	27.22.2
<b>Is this variation sought in order to undertake an expedited P1 assessment (CR annex CL)?</b>	No

### 1. Proposed variation

To facilitate offsite surveillance for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual surveillance audit of this fishery.

### 2. Rationale/Justification

There have been no significant changes to operational practices in this fishery - in terms of gear or area of fishing - and the fishery remains within scope.

There are no outstanding conditions for this fishery assessment. All key information to carry out the surveillance, including updated management advice, is available remotely and interpretation is not compromised by carrying out the surveillance audit in this way. The fishery operates within an EU fisheries management framework (thus compliance and surveillance issues can be addressed).

We will contact all stakeholders to inform them that the surveillance will be carried out remotely. They will still be given the opportunity to request to speak to the assessment team if necessary.

### 3. Implications for assessment (required for fisheries assessment variations only)

There will be no impact on the on-going surveillance programme or on timelines. Impact on stakeholder input will be minimised by ensuring that all stakeholders are fully aware of the variation and still have ample opportunity to contribute.

### 4. Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)

No - assuming the variation is granted all stakeholders will be contacted directly to ensure they are fully aware of the planned surveillance and are invited to contribute