



EKOFISH GROUP - NORTH SEA (ICES IVB) TWIN RIGGED OTTER TRAWL PLAICE FISHERY.

ADVISORY: CATCH REGISTRATION AT ADDITIONAL ELIGIBLE LANDING PORTS AND FISH AUCTIONS

Certificate No.: MML-F-065

Intetek Moody Marine Ltd.

Background

To better suit commercial requirements EFG have requested if certified plaice can be registered and sold in alternative named fish auctions. Plaice landed by EFG are currently registered and weight/grade verified by passing through the Urk fish auction. The Ekofish certification report states:

10.3 Points of landing

Landings will be made at various ports and all certified fish will pass through the sales system at Urk fish market. The certified fish remain the property of Ekofish until sold in Urk fish auction

10.4 Eligibility to enter chains of custody

The scope of the MSC certification extends to the sale of the certified plaice at Urk fish auction. Certified plaice from the point of sale in Urk fish auction are liable to enter into subsequent chain of custody. Downstream certification of the product would require appropriate chain of custody certification of storage and handling facilities at these locations.

Assessment team comment

Dutch MFV are constrained to register their landings through a Dutch fish auction but as many of the UoC MFV are flag vessels these constraints do not apply. Ekofish elected to adopt the measure for their fishery certification. The assessment team considered the catch registration at Urk fish auction an important process to verify the landings by an independent third party. Urk fish auction records could be checked during the surveillance audits. Ekofish have reassured the assessment team that similar paperwork would be generated at these additional auctions.

Assessment team conclusion

The text quoted from the Ekofish certification report is modified to:

10.3 Points of landing

1. *Landings will be made at various ports and all certified fish will pass through the sales system at one of the following fish markets*
 - a. Ijmuiden, Netherlands
 - b. Stellendam, Netherlands

- c. Urk, Netherlands
- d. Harlingen, Netherlands
- e. Lauwersoog, Netherlands
- f. Hvide Sande, Denmark
- g. Thyboron, Denmark
- h. Hanstholm, Denmark
- i. Thorsminde, Denmark

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The date that this change will become effective is the date the this notice was published on the MSC website

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