

# Global Trust Certification

**ISF Iceland multi-species demersal fishery**  
**ISF Iceland lumpfish**  
**ISF Iceland capelin**  
**ISF Iceland greater silver smelt**  
**ISF Icelandic summer spawning herring trawl and seine**  
**ISF Greenland halibut**  
**ISF Iceland haddock**  
**ISF Iceland cod**

## MSC Variation Request

### 1 Introduction

This form details the information Global Trust is required to submit to the MSC to enable the MSC to consider an application to vary from a clause or requirement in any of the MSC program documents.

Once a Variation Request has been submitted the MSC will consider that request and will usually respond within 14 days.

### 2 Marine Stewardship Council variation request

**Table 1.** Variation request.

1	Date submitted to MSC
	26 <sup>th</sup> November 2024
2	CAB
	Global Trust Certification Limited
3	Fishery name and certificate number
	ISF Iceland multi-species demersal fishery ISF Iceland lumpfish ISF Iceland capelin ISF Iceland greater silver smelt ISF Icelandic summer spawning herring trawl and seine ISF Greenland halibut ISF Iceland haddock ISF Iceland cod
4	Lead auditor or program manager
	Lead Assessor: Geir Hønneland; Project Manager: Bev O'Kane
5	Request prepared by
	Bev O'Kane
6	Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested
	MSC FCP 2.3 §7.29.14.7 a

**Table 1.** Variation request.

	If the CAB and any participant in the surveillance audit agree in writing that information will be made available after the surveillance audit activities, the CAB shall accept this information up to 15 days after the last day of the surveillance audit activities.
7	How many times has a variation for this requirement been accepted for the same assessment of the same fishery?
	0

**Table 2.** Variation justification.

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1	Proposed variation	
	Global Trust Certification proposes to extend the requirement set by MSC FCP 2.3 §7.29.14.7 a, to allow for new information to be accepted from participants of the surveillances audits to be received later than 15 days after the last day of the surveillance audit activities.	
2	Additional time requested	
	Original deadline date	6 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
	Modified deadline date requested	21 <sup>st</sup> December 2024
	Number of additional days requested	15 days
3	Justification	
	The reason for requesting an extension for FCP 2.3 §7.29.14.7, is because further information is required following the site visit, particularly from one of the key stakeholders who was not able to attend the site visit. This stakeholder will not return to their office in early December. By the time the stakeholder would be available, it would be too late for them to provide any feedback on our questions. Therefore, we request an extension to FCP 2.3 §7.29.14.7, so that the assessment team are able to seek answers to their follow up post site visit questions.	
4	Implications for assessment	
	If the request is accepted, the team will be able to accept information required in order to complete the audits.	
	Global Trust Certification has not identified a risk to the integrity of the MSC Fisheries Certification Program from granting this VR.	
5	Mitigation of the implication for assessment	
	This VR attempts to mitigate the risk of not having the required available information to complete the audit.	
	Given that GTC has not identified any risk of extending the certificate itself. However, the team will endeavour to work with the minimum extension possible, aiming to meet the deadlines as soon as possible.	
	Should this Variation Request be accepted, the relevant stakeholders would be informed.	
6	How many conditions does the fishery have?	
	The fisheries considered have the following number of conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Halibut = 4 conditions.</li><li>- Silver smelt = No conditions</li><li>- Capelin = No conditions</li><li>- Lumpfish = 6 open conditions</li><li>- Multi-species demersal = 6 open conditions</li><li>- Herring = no open conditions</li><li>- Cod = 4 open conditions</li><li>- Haddock = 4 open conditions</li></ul>	
7	What is the status of the current assessment or audit?	
	The site visit was finalised on Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November 2024.	
8	Other relevant information	
	N/A.	
9	If applicable, additional information added after MSC's request	

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