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Sent by email

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Dear Hugh Jones,

Subject: Request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement v2.0 FCR-7.23.18 for Cornwall sardine, UK

I write with reference to your submission on 11/05/2018 of a request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement (CR) to allow:

The surveillance report will be submitted 4 weeks after current deadline of 25th May 2018.

As you are aware, the CR procedures relating to v2.0 FCR-7.23.18 state:

This Surveillance Report shall be forwarded to the MSC within 60 days of completing the audit, for publication on the MSC website.

These 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 supporting your request, including:

- The expedited audit and surveillance (year 1) for this fishery has raised a total of four new conditions across P1 and P2.
- These require the client to consult with authorities (CEFAS, and the observer program run through St Andrew's University), amend fishery control documents (code of conduct, slippage plan and recording sheets) and meet to gain approval from all members of the fishery association.
- Additional time is requested for the consultations and for the client to complete the client action plan for the new conditions.

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

- The CAB can confirm that it is not aware at this time of any factor (related to either fishery status, or performance against conditions) that could result in the fishery no longer being in compliance with the MSC Fisheries Standard.
- The surveillance report is published no later than 22 June 2018.
- Stakeholders are informed.



If you have any questions regarding this response, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant Fisheries Assessment Manager for this fishery.

Marine Stewardship Council
cc: Accreditation Services International