

Global Trust Certification

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
	18 th January 2022
2	CAB
	Global Trust Certification Limited
3	Fishery name and certificate number or CoC certificate number
	ISF Iceland cod, MSC-F-31301
4	Lead auditor or program manager
	Géraldine Criquet
5	Request prepared by
	Géraldine Criquet
6	Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested
	FCP v2.2 §7.30.1 "The CAB shall announce the reassessment of a certified fishery no later than 90 days after the 4 th anniversary of the existing certificate."
7	How many times has a variation for this requirement been accepted for the same assessment of the same fishery?
	None

Table 2. Variation justification.

1	Proposed variation
	FCP v2.2 §7.30.1: we propose to announce the reassessment of the certified ISF Iceland cod fishery no later than 129 days after the 4 th anniversary of the existing certificate. This is an additional 39 days beyond the 90 days set out in the FCP. This would mean the announcement would take place by 4 th March 2022 rather than the 24 th January 2022.
2	Additional time requested
	Original deadline date
	24 th January 2022
	Modified deadline date requested
	4 th March 2022
	Length of additional time requested
	39 days

Table 2. Variation justification.

3	Justification
	<p>Early December 2021, the Lead and Principle 2 Assessor advised Global Trust Certification that she is no longer available to undertake the work. As a result, Global Trust Certification have had to look for a replacement to ensure compliance with MSC FCP v2.2 §7.6.1. We needed time to search for a replacement which was not facilitated by the Christmas break. A new assessment team is set to be in place the week of 17th January 2022.</p> <p>This proposed variation is to allow sufficient time for the new Principle 2 assessor to catch up on the assessment and complete the preliminary P2 scoring, for the Lead to compile all sections of the ACDR, and for the client to review the report and decide whether to proceed to announcement.</p>
4	Implications for assessment
	<p>This request would have a positive impact in allowing additional time for the new assessment team to complete the ACDR and client to review the report before announcement.</p> <p>There should be no negative impacts in relation to meeting any other requirements including stakeholder input and completing the re-assessment within the proposed timeline and before certificate expiry.</p> <p>In the case that the re-assessment is not completed before the certificate expiry, a Variation Request against MSC GCR v.2.4.1 §7.5.6 will be submitted.</p> <p>In accordance with MSC FCP v2.2 §7.6.2, the initial assessment team and the new assessment team will be clearly defined in the ACDR such that stakeholders will be informed about the change in assessment team.</p> <p>The site visit is being planned for April to coincide with the site visit stage of several other ISF audits we are undertaking. This is to ensure efficiencies in logistics and in particular stakeholder time. This proposed additional time would still allow the required assessment stages to be completed in time for an April site visit.</p>
5	Mitigation of the implication for assessment
	<p>Although it is expected to complete the re-assessment within the proposed timeline and before certificate expiry, a Variation Request against MSC GCR v.2.4.1 §7.5.6 will be submitted in the case that the re-assessment is not completed before the certificate expiry</p> <p>In accordance with MSC FCP v2.2 §7.6.2, the initial assessment team and the new assessment team will be clearly defined in the ACDR such that stakeholders will be informed about the change in assessment team.</p>
6	How many conditions does the fishery have and will their progress be affected (positive or negative)?
	<p>There are 4 open conditions (PIs 2.2.2, 2.3.1, 2.3.2, and 2.3.3) with a deadline for closure set at the second surveillance audit after reassessment.</p> <p>The progress will not be affected either positively or negatively.</p>
7	What is the status of the current assessment or audit?
	<p>We are currently finalising the 4th surveillance audit for which there is no change in the audit team and drafting the re-assessment ACDR.</p>
8	Further comments
	<p>No further comments.</p>
9	If applicable, additional information added after MSC's request

3 Template information and copyright

This document was drafted using the 'MSC Variation Request Form – Fisheries v1.0'. While amendments have been made to formatting in order to comply with Global Trust Certification's corporate identity, Global Trust has ensured that content and structure follow that of the original template.

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Table 3. Template version control.

Version	Date of publication	Description of amendment
1.0	25 March 2020	Release alongside Fisheries Certification Process v2.2

A controlled document list of MSC program documents is available on the [MSC website](http://msc.org) (msc.org).

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