

Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request Form V1.2

Date submitted to MSC	14/10/14
Conformity Assessment Body	Food Certification International Ltd
Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number	Suriname Atlantic Seabob Shrimp F-FCI-0019
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Scheme requirement(s) to vary from	CR 27.22.2

1. Proposed variation

To facilitate an off-site surveillance for the 3rd Annual surveillance audit of this fishery rather than the scheduled on-site surveillance audit due to exceptional circumstances.

2. Rationale/Justification

There have been no significant changes to operational practices in this fishery except a change to the management personnel at the Client Group. In terms of gear or area of fishing - the fishery remains within scope.

The surveillance audit team was due to undertake an on-site surveillance audit but due to exceptional circumstances out of our control this is no longer an option. If stakeholders require more information about the exact nature of these exceptional circumstances, please contact by email fisheries@foodcertint.com to discuss.

There are six outstanding conditions for this fishery, four that are on target and two that are ahead of target. All arrangements are already in place for the surveillance audit and a remote surveillance would still include conference calls and/or email contact, in particular with the client, the stakeholders, and appropriate government representatives in order for the assessment team to gather the information they require to address the condition milestones. In addition, the client has already been requested to provide full written justification for all of the conditions, including any supporting evidence – in the form of data.

The availability of the assessment team is limited due to other commitments in the following months so if the surveillance was re-scheduled it would likely not be until early 2015.

We will contact all stakeholders to inform them that the surveillance will be carried out remotely.

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

There will be no impact on the on-going surveillance programme or on timelines.

4. Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)	No
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5. Further Comments	None.
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