



ARGENTINE ANCHOVY (*Engraulis anchoita*), BONAERENSE STOCK, SEMI-PELAGIC MID-TRAWL FISHERY

FISHERY CERTIFICATE SUSPENSION

Organización Internacional Agropecuaria (OIA) announces that the Fishery Certificate (F-OIA-P-0200) related to Argentine anchovy (*Engraulis anchoita*), Bonaerense stock, semi-pelagic mid-trawl fishery was suspended according the MSC General Certification Requirements v2.1, clause 7.4.2.3. During the surveillance audit, no evidence was provided to the assessment team in order to verify the progress of condition and the execution of milestones proposed for the first year of re-certification.

During suspension period, the certificate holders shall:

-Not to sell any fish caught after the day of suspension as MSC-certified. Fish caught prior to the date of suspension may continue to be sold after the date of suspension as MSC-certified. OIA confirms that the client group has the ability to segregate fish based on date of capture, due the Argentine anchovy fishery, Bonaerense stock, operates according fishing season. Currently, the fishing season related of 2017 has ended and the 2018 catch has not started yet.

-To advise existing and potential customers in writing of the suspension within four days of OIA's instruction to do so;

-To keep records of advice to customers; and,

-Not to make any claims of MSC certification from the day of suspension.

Also, the certificate holder must provide a documented corrective action plan for addressing the cause of suspension, that must be accepted by OIA as being able to address the cause(s) for suspension, within 90 days from the date of suspension. The corrective action plan shall include a binding timeframe. If it is accepted, OIA will instruct the certificate holder to implement the corrective action plan and post it on the scheme database for publication on the MSC website, confirming their acceptance. In case that the certificate holder does not submit an acceptable corrective action plan in the timeframe established, OIA withdraw the certificate.

When OIA has verified that the fishery certificate holder has addressed the reason for suspension, OIA will reinstate the certificate, producing a report documenting evidence that describes how the cause of suspension has been satisfactorily addressed and a statement confirming the reinstatement of the certificate.

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