BLUMAR S.A.

Certificate Holder Forced and Child Labour Policies, Practices and Measures

1 Introduction

Fisheries and at-sea Certificate Holders (CH) in the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) program are required to provide a self-description of policies and measures, including regulatory requirements and procedures that are in effect in the Unit of Assessment, to protect fishing crew from forced labour or child labour, as well as any efforts by the private sector. The objective is to require certificate holders to communicate how government, industry, or other relevant entities protect against forced or child labour.

Each fishery and at-sea Chain of Custody client shall provide this information by completing this template. This template should be completed by the client in good faith and be based on information known and available to the client at the time of completion. The information provided should be representative of the range of measures known to the certificate holder.

The completed form will be uploaded to MSC database to be published on the MSC website at the same time as the Public Certification Report.

Guidance for filling in the template is found in the Appendix of this template. Information is required on all issues addressed in the template and should be provided in English, which is the official language of the MSC.

Please complete all unshaded fields. Please fill in N/A if an issue is not applicable, including a short justification for why it is not applicable.

2 Marine Stewardship Council certificate holder forced and child labour policies, practices and measures

Table 2.1 – Certificate holder information			
1	Composition of fishery client group on behalf of who the statement is provided		
	 Characterise the composition of the fishery client group, including cost sharing entities. Describe the relationship between cost sharing members of the fishery client group and the vessel owners and operators of the Unit of Certification (UoC). 		
СН	Blumar S.A. It is a pelagic fisheries company, also a salmon producer, from Chilean capitals open to the stock exchange, with presence in several regions of the country		
2	Responsibility for labour regulation		
	 What management authorities and laws, including flag state authorities, control labour-related regulations in the unit of assessment area? How are laws enforced? 		
СН	The labor legislation in Chile is established in the LABOR CODE, including labor activities in the area under evaluation. The agency in charge of regulating and safeguarding the legislation is the DIRECTORATE OF LABOR, which is a decentralized Public Service, subject to the supervision of the President of the Republic of Chile, through the Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare. The labor laws in the area of evaluation are supervised by the Labor Directorate, in addition to other organizations such as the Maritime Authority, belonging to the Chilean Navy. In addition Blumar undergoes voluntary audits of non-governmental organizations, such as IFFO RS, in the field of fisheries responsibility, species sustainability and social responsibility		
3	Risk identification and mitigation		
	 Describe the processes, including government and certificate holder measures, that are in place in the UoC to identify and mitigate any risk of child and forced labour. 		
СН	Blumar S.A. It has a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that directs its way of acting in everything that has to do with an honest, transparent performance, always in the search for efficiency, but without violating the current legal regulations of each of the regulations involved in the industry, including the area under evaluation. It also has an internal regulation that includes the evaluation area, where it is explicitly stated that the minimum age for hiring workers is 18 years, legal age of beginning of adulthood in Chile.		
4	Crew recruitment		
	 Describe the typical methods used to recruit crew in the UoC and describe the migrant composition of crew if any. 		
СН	Blumar S.A. It has a stable crew and officers in its fishing fleet, they have an indefinite work contract, there is no recruitment of eventual people in the catch operations, and all new staff on board are subject to a comprehensive labor induction process. in technical, social and legal aspects, which are required by the Maritime Authority of Chile. Blumar currently has no migrants in its fishing fleet.		
5	Engagement with fish worker groups		
	- Where there is known engagement with fisher, migrant, and worker rights groups, describe how this occurs and the organisations engaged with workers in the Unit of Assessment (UoA).		
СН	In the area of evaluation, fleet workers are attached to unions, which allow them to bargain collectively through their representatives.		

6	Crew contracts		
	 Describe the nature of contracts or legal work agreements in place in the UoC and the issues addressed in such agreements. 		
СН	In Blumar S.A. labor contracts must be in accordance with current labor legislation. Labor code DS No. 101 "work regulations on board fishing vessels""		
7	Audits and labour inspections		
	 Describe any 3rd Party audits and certifications on labour, or labour inspections conducted within the UoC in the last two years. 		
СН	Blumar S.A. complies with labor legislation, is subject to audits by labor management, regular controls by the Chilean Maritime Aurority, voluntary non-governmental organizational reviews such as IFFO RS in the field of social responsibility.		
8	National minimum age requirements		
	 Describe national minimum age requirements for crew members serving on vessels within the UoC. Describe systems in place, both regulatory and private sector systems, to ensure that crew members meet national minimum age requirements. Describe how this is checked, including enforcement within the UoC by the responsible governing authority or oversight body such as labour inspectors. 		
СН	The minimum age to work in Chile is 18, Blumar does not hire or encourage the work of minors. The minimum age, in addition to other legal requirements, are demanded and monitored in the evaluation area by the Chilean Maritime Authority before each ship's departure		
9	Repatriation		
	 Describe how repatriation issues are dealt with in the UoC with respect visits end of contract, voluntary and involuntary termination, and freedom of movement and the extent to which these are included in contracts. 		
СН	In Blumar there is no foreign crew, the capture tasks are within the national territory, or within the exclusive economic zone of Chile. There are no landings in foreign ports.		
10	Debt bondage		
	 Describe if there is evidence of systemic practices to impose costs on crew members for placement or brokerage fees, travel to the workplace, visa, medical, safety gear, clothing/protective gear, food at the workplace, communications access, remittance fees, repatriation, etc. If so, describe such practices and how debt bondage is avoided. 		
СН	n Blumar, workers in the area under evaluation are subject to current labor laws, which includes aspects of social security, medical insurance		
11	Grievance and remedy mechanisms		
	 Please list any policies or measures (e.g. hotline) that are in place for crew voices to be heard and to report and remediate any instances of forced or child labour. 		
СН	Blumar has unions where workers in the area under evaluation can be reprimanded in front of the company, it also has an open and transparent complaint channel through telephone lines or the website		
12	Identification documents		
	- Describe policies and practice in place across the UoC to ensure that crew members have free and timely access to their identification documents, including National ID, passports, visas, etc.		
СН	Blumar S.A. It has covered through its internal regulations, the legal aspects necessary for the correct handling of instruments or identification documents, whether physical or digital.		
13	Additional comments		

	- Do you have additional comments on labour practices within the UoC?	
СН	Blumar is a company that permanently cares about the legal and welfare aspects of its workers, including those in the evaluation area, regularly develops work environment surveys, which are freely answered and safeguarding the identity of the surveyed worker.	
	It has a Coporative Sustainability Policy, where it considers its workers as a priority interest group, seeks to protect their life and integrity, so that they can carry out their activities properly in a safe environment, promoting a work environment healthy, a climate of trust and respect, that allows you to grow personally and professionally.	
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3 Appendix – Guidance on filling in the Certificate Holder Forced and Child Labour Policies, Practices and Measures Template

3.1 Composition of the fishery client group on behalf of who the statement is provided

If a fishery is in full assessment and the cost-sharing participants and arrangements are not yet determined, provide as much detail as possible regarding the expected cost-sharing entities that will comprise the client group, should the fishery achieve certification, and the relationship between such client group representatives and the vessel owners and operators in the Unit of Certification (UoC).

3.2 Responsibility for labour regulation

Provide information on laws and regulation and the authorities that have responsibility for labour regulations in the area in which the fishery operates, including flag state authorities where this is applicable. Describe how these are enforced.

3.3 Risk identification, mitigation and remediation

The information required in this section includes information known by the certificate holder on processes and practices that are applicable in the UoC to identify, assess, prevent and mitigate forced and child labour risks. The information may include government policy or measures, or where applicable, measures being implemented by the certificate holder.

3.4 Crew recruitment

The information required here includes information on the methods used to recruit crew in the UoC, any widespread use of migrant labour, the countries that crew come from and information on recruitment agencies used where this information is available and known to the certificate holder. It may also include information known of visa programs used to bring in workers to the UoC and on payment of recruitment fees.

3.5 Engagement with fish worker groups

In some countries, there may be engagement with fish worker groups or other types of organisations that work to address risks of forced labour. Where this occurs provide information on such engagement. This may include information on any organizations in the port area which support crew members socially, e.g. seafarers' ministry, fishers' association, local committees.

3.6 Crew contracts

Contracts are legal work agreements with labour duties and payments clearly spelled out. Describe the nature of crew contracts in the UoC, specifically features related to forced and child labour, whether the contracts are written in languages understood by crew and how provisions in the contract are enforced.

3.7 Audits and labour inspections

Describe any government labour inspections or social audits and certifications of working conditions within the UoC in the past 2 years. Where the information is available provide a link to the criteria against which the audit took place.

3.8 National minimum age requirements

For this section describe national minimum age requirements and provide a description of regulatory and private sector systems in place to confirm that minimum age restrictions are met. Include information on any exceptions to statutory minimum age requirements which are used by the UoC and information on policy for hiring young workers in compliance with national legislation. This should also include description of any policy or practices for monitoring including hours of work and rest for young workers. This may include information on any other programs which are monitoring labour in your UoC fishing area.

3.9 Repatriation

This section requires a description of how departure of crew members across the UoC is handled. This may include information about government, and/or where known, any applicable company policy on end of crew members' contracts; involuntary termination; leave (including family visits and medical treatment); freedom of movement during the work term and departure terms within crew member contracts.

3.10 Debt bondage

Deductions for costs of work from pay can cause debt bondage and put crew at risk of forced labour. Examples of such work costs include costs of getting to work, placement/broker fee, medical costs, safety gear, food at the workplace, remittance fees and repatriation costs.

Describe systems in place to avoid debt bondage. If there is evidence of systemic practices to impose costs on workers, what measures are in place to avoid debt bondage.

3.11 Grievance and remedy mechanisms

Provide a description of systems known to be in place that allow crew to share information, access assistance and report labour violations and how the systems work to address such reports and provide remediation.

3.12 Identification documents

Describe provisions across the UoC for crew to access their official identification (passports, visas, seafarers book). Where the law in a jurisdiction requires the vessel owner or captain to hold the crew members' official identification, describe the protocol, including government regulations in place to ensure that crew members can access their personal documents and have freedom of movement.

4 Template information and copyright

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