


# Marine Stewardship Council - Variation Request

<b>Date submitted to MSC</b>	02 February 2015
<b>Name of CAB</b>	 Intertek Fisheries Certification
<b>Fishery Name/CoC Certificate Number</b>	Cooperative Fishery Organisation (CVO) North Sea plaice and sole <a href="http://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/fisheries-in-the-program/certified/north-east-atlantic/cooperative-fishery-organisation-cvo-north-sea-plaice-and-sole">http://www.msc.org/track-a-fishery/fisheries-in-the-program/certified/north-east-atlantic/cooperative-fishery-organisation-cvo-north-sea-plaice-and-sole</a>
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<b>Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested</b>	CR V 1.3  27.22.3.1 CABs shall complete each annual on-site visit the activities corresponding to the designated surveillance level within 12, 24, 36 and 48 months respectively of the date of certificate award.
<b>Is this variation sought in order to fulfil IPI requirements (FCR 7.4.14)?</b>	No

## 1. Proposed variation

The site visit for Surveillance Audit 2 2014 could not take place by the certificate anniversary on 20 December 2014. A variation (against CR V1.3: 27.22.3.1) was requested on 17 December 2014, and granted by MSC on 23 December 2014, for a delay of up to 8 weeks (until 15 Feb 2015) for surveillance audit. A further delay is requested

## 2. Rationale/Justification

A delay was necessary because of the limited availability of the assessment team and client. The site visit for surveillance audit 2 - 2014 will need to take place after the certificate anniversary (20 December 2014) The 8 week delay has proven to be insufficient and a further 8 weeks are requested

The sustainability of the fishery is not believed to be affected by this change. Very similar overlapping fisheries are also MSC certified.

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

n/a

<b>4. Have the stakeholders of this fishery assessment been informed of this request? (required for fisheries assessment variations only)</b>	No. Publication of this variation on the MSC website will be notice..
<b>5. Further Comments</b>	
n/a	