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Date: 24/07/2012

Subject: Request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement CR 27.22.13

Dear Sandhya Chaudhury,

I write with reference to your submission on 17/07/2012 of a request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement (CR) to allow for an additional month to submit surveillance reports for the following fisheries:

- Danish Pelagic Producers Organisation (DPPO) North Sea herring fishery
- Danish Pelagic Producers Organisation (DPPO) Atlanto-Scandian herring fishery
- Danish Pelagic Producers Organisation (DPPO) NEA Mackerel fishery

As you are aware, the CR procedures relating to CR 27.22.13 requiring a surveillance audit to be submitted within 30 days of an on-site visit, are integral to ensuring all MSC accredited Conformity Assessment Bodies operate in a consistent and transparent manner. The MSC intends that these requirements be met across all fisheries and CoC certificate holders, except in exceptional, well-justified circumstances, as part of the MSC programme.

MSC notes the factors presented in your letter supporting your request, including:

- A previous variation allowed for adjustment of the timing of the surveillance audits for the above mentioned fisheries.
- Consequently, a number of reports are due simultaneously and thus extra time is needed to complete them.



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Given the rationale provided, the MSC is willing to grant a variation to the CR in this case subject to the following conditions:

- The surveillance reports are submitted by a deadline of 28 August 2012.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Daniel Hoggarth". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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