



**Bureau Veritas Certification Holding SAS**

**LFPO pelagic trawl sprat (*Sprattus sprattus*)  
fishery**

**MSC Variation Request**

**Table 1 – Variation request**

1	Date submitted to the MSC
	30 <sup>th</sup> of August 2021
2	CAB
	Bureau Veritas Certification Holding SAS
3	Fishery name and certificate number
	LFPO pelagic trawl sprat ( <i>Sprattus sprattus</i> ) fishery (MSC-F-31308)
4	Lead auditor or program manager
	Program manager – Gemma Quílez-Badia
5	Request prepared by
	Program manager – Gemma Quílez-Badia
6	Scheme requirement(s) for which variation requested
	<b>FCP 7.28.23.1.</b> If the client has revised the Client Action Plan following surveillance, the CAB shall upload the Surveillance Report to the MSC database within 90 days of completing the audit for publication on the MSC website.
7	How many times has a variation for this requirement been accepted for the same assessment of the same fishery?
	<b>0</b>

**Table 2 – Variation justification**

1	Proposed variation	
	<p>The original deadline for the publication of the Surveillance audit report was the 17<sup>th</sup> of August of 2021 (as the last day of the site visit was the 18<sup>th</sup> of June 2021), however as new conditions on PI1.1.1A and PI 1.2.2 have been raised, and based on FCP 7.28.23.1, the CAB shall upload the Surveillance Report to the MSC database within 90 days of completing the audit for publication on the MSC website. Therefore, the deadline for this would have been the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021.</p> <p>Due to current harmonisation discussions on Baltic sprat scoring (PI 1.2.2 Slc), the LFPO pelagic trawl sprat fishery surveillance report will not be able to be published by the 16<sup>th</sup> of September. Therefore, the CAB is requesting MSC to extend the reporting deadline by 30 days until the 16<sup>th</sup> of October 2021.</p>	
2	Additional time requested	
	Original deadline date	16 <sup>th</sup> of September of 2021
	Modified deadline date requested	16 <sup>th</sup> of October of 2021
	Length of additional time requested	30 days
3	Justification	
	<p>There are harmonisation calls currently being carried out between three CABs (i.e., Bureau Veritas, Lloyd's Register and Global Trust Certification) for five different fisheries.</p> <p>Due to the complexity of these harmonisations for Principle 1 and the fact that it is the summer vacation season, not all the P1 experts have been able to attend all the harmonisation calls, therefore, no agreement has still been reached. As more time will be needed to fully harmonise these five fisheries, an extension for the surveillance audits' reporting deadline is requested.</p> <p>The new timing will allow harmonisation to be finalised and the Client Action Plan and Consultation on Condition (if finally needed) to be prepared.</p>	
4	Implications for assessment	
	<p>As this extension is being requested for the publication of a Surveillance report, no implications for the assessment / certificate (due to this extension request) are foreseen. There might be implications due to the harmonisation process (explained more in detail in points #6 and #7), but not due to the request being accepted.</p>	
5	Mitigation of the implications for assessment	
	<p>As explained in point #4, no implications for the assessment / certificate (in case the extension is accepted) are foreseen, therefore, no mitigation is needed.</p>	
6	How many conditions does the fishery have and will their progress be affected (positive or negative)?	
	<p>At the start of the surveillance audit, there was 1 opened condition in this fishery, which will remain unaffected by this Variation Request. After the surveillance audit, and due to the harmonisation process carried out with the other two CABs, two new conditions have been raised (for PI 1.1.1A and PI 1.2.2 Slc). A third new condition might need to be raised (for PI 1.2.2 Slc), depending on the harmonisation final outcome. If this third new condition is raised, the P1 will fail.</p>	
7	What is the status of the current assessment or audit?	
	<p>Due to the MSC COVID19 derogation, the certificate of the fishery was extended 6 months, therefore, the current fishery anniversary is the 21<sup>st</sup> of November 2022. However, depending on the final outcome of the harmonisation, the fishery might be suspended.</p>	

8	Further comments
	NA
9	If applicable, additional information added after the MSC's request
	NA