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Sent by email

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Subject: Request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement 7.28.23 (FCP) for the following fisheries:

- Norway North East Arctic cod fishery
- Norway North East Arctic haddock fishery
- Norway North East Arctic saithe fishery
- Norway North Sea demersal fisheries
- NFA Norway ling & tusk and NFA Norway lumpfish
- Norway sand eel, pout and North Sea sprat fisheries

Dear Sandhya Chaudhury,

I write with reference to your submission on 06/01/2020 of a request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement (FCP v 2.1 clause 7.28.23) to allow a 1-month delay for the publication of the Surveillance Audit Reports for the above-mentioned fisheries.

As you are aware, the CR procedures relating to v2.1 FCP-7.28.23 state:

The CAB shall upload the Surveillance Report to the MSC database within 60 days of completing the audit for publication on the MSC website.

These 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 supporting your request, including:

- The surveillance audits for 6 fisheries have been integrated for the client NORGES FISKARLAG on cost and efficiency grounds.
- There are a number of reports to complete following the surveillance audits for these fisheries.
- Additionally, the report(s) completion has been impacted by personal absence given the EU holiday season.



- DNV GL believes that the one-month extension will facilitate the time required to finalise and approve the reports before publishing.

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

- All reports to be published by the 9th March following the 1 month extension.
- Stakeholders are informed.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant Fisheries Assessment Manager for this fishery.

Marine Stewardship Council

cc: Accreditation Services International