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Sent by email

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Subject: Request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement CR 27.22.14 for the Euronor and Compagnie des Peches St Malo cod and haddock fishery

Dear Chrissie

I write with reference to your submission on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014 of a request for variation to the MSC Certification Requirement (CR 27.22.14) to delay the submission of the surveillance audit report by 2 weeks after the report due date.

As you are aware, the CR procedures relating to the submission of surveillance audit reports 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 comment was received from WWF Germany in relation to the habitat impacts of this fishery on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2014. Due to delays in obtaining supporting evidence from the French authorities (CROSS) the audit team were unable to finalise their response to the comment.
- It is therefore proposed to extend the submission deadline by a further 2 weeks in order to obtain the evidence required.

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

- Stakeholders will be notified of the delay to the submission of the surveillance audit report.

If you have any questions regarding this response, please do not hesitate to contact Robert Lefébure, the Fisheries Assessment Manager for this fishery either by email ([robert.lefebure@msc.org](mailto:robert.lefebure@msc.org)) or phone (+44 (0)20 7246 8935).

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Hoggarth', written in a cursive style.

Dan Hoggarth  
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