

NOTIFICATION OF DELAY TO THE PUBLICATION OF THE SURVEILLANCE REPORT

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NZRO GULF OF RIGA HERRING (CLUPEA HARENGUS MEMBRAS) AND SPRAT (SPRATTUS SPRATTUS) TRAWL FISHERY

CLIENT: NACIONĀLĀS ZVEJNIECĪBAS RAŽOTĀJU ORGANIZĀCIJA -NZRO- (LATVIAN FISHERMEN'S PRODUCERS ORGANIZATION)

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BUREAU VERITAS Certification would like to let all stakeholders know that the publication of the 1st Surveillance audit report of the NZRO GULF OF RIGA HERRING (*Clupea harengus membras*) AND SPRAT (*Sprattus sprattus*) TRAWL FISHERY has been delayed.

The original deadline for the 1st Surveillance audit publication was the 17th of August of 2021 (as the last day of the site visit was the 18th of June 2021), however as a new condition on PI1.1.1A has 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 16th September 2021.

Due to current harmonisation discussions on Baltic sprat scoring (PI 1.2.2), the NZRO Gulf of Riga herring and sprat trawl fishery surveillance report was not going to be able to be published by the 16th of September. Therefore, the CAB requested MSC to extend the reporting deadline by 30 days until the 16th of October 2021. The Variation Request was accepted on 30th of August 2021, therefore the 1st Surveillance Audit report will be published by the **16th of October 2021**.

Both, the Variation Request from the CAB and the MSC's response can be found on the following link: https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/nzro-gulf-of-riga-herring-and-sprat-trawl-fishery/@@assessments

Kind regards,



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