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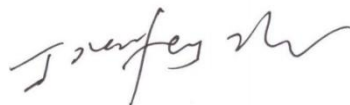
China has implemented VMS reporting since October, 2006. All Chinese flagged longliners operating in the Eastern Pacific Ocean and harvesting tuna or tuna-like species are equipped with a satellite-based vessel monitoring system(VMS).

Per the *Regulation on VMS Reporting* and *The Implementation Elements of the Eastern Pacific Tuna Fisheries (2024 Version)* issued by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of China, the information collected by the VMS includes the vessel's company and name, the vessel's geographical position (latitude and longitude), the date and time, speed and course of the vessel at the said position. Fishing vessels are required to automatically submit vessel position information once every hour, and the valid position shall not be less than 18 times a day. VMS equipment installed on our vessels are tamper evident, fully automatic for regular position data reporting, operational always regardless of environmental conditions, and capable of manual transmission of reports and messages.

Furthermore, vessel position information shall be submitted manually once every 6 hours within 30 days of failure of vessel position monitoring equipment; If the VMS cannot be restored within 30 days or is still faulty, the vessel must return to port for repair.

China conducts annual review of the position reporting status of all fishing vessels. Fishing vessels that fail to conduct vessel position monitoring as required are not allowed to engage in overseas fishery operation.

Regards,



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