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PERMANENT WORKING GROUP ON TUNA TRACKING

13TH MEETING

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**TECHNICAL MODIFICATIONS TO THE AIDCP *DOLPHIN SAFE TUNA*
CERTIFICATE**

At its 11th Meeting, in October 2002, the Working Group discussed proposals for modifying the [Procedures for the certification of AIDCP Dolphin Safe tuna](#) and some modifications of the *AIDCP Dolphin Safe* certificate. Also at that meeting, the delegation of Costa Rica proposed that the *AIDCP Dolphin Safe* certificate should allow, if necessary, information on catches recorded on more than one TTF to be recorded, to cover situations in which a processed lot included tuna from several trips.

At the 12th Meeting of the Working Group in February 2003, the Secretariat presented a draft certificate intended to address the Costa Rican proposal. The draft was prepared on the assumption that the comparisons referred to in Section 7 of the [System for Tracking and Verifying Tuna](#) and paragraphs 2c and 2f of the [Procedures for AIDCP Dolphin Safe Tuna Certification](#) would have to be done by comparing the total weight, by species, shown on the TTFs with the weight of the tuna, by species, shown on the certificates. However, based on that meeting and subsequent communications and analysis, we are now proceeding on the basis that the weight by species is not relevant.

Currently, several checks are done when a TTF is incorporated into the data base. In particular, the accuracy of the sum of the catches by set and the total tonnages in the wells is verified, and ensuring that there is no conflicting information for wells designated dolphin safe and non-dolphin safe.

In addition to the procedures described in Document TT-13-04, if a dolphin safe certificate has been issued, the weight recorded on the certificate is compared to the sum of the weights recorded for the corresponding wells on the TTF, by species. The Secretariat has proposed in TT-13-04 that, if the weight on the certificate is 10% higher than that of the dolphin safe tuna recorded on the corresponding TTF, the national authority be notified of the discrepancy. It should be noted that this comparison is only possible for processed tuna if the original whole frozen weight of the tuna that was processed is identified on the certificate.

The Secretariat proposes the following technical modifications to the current certificate:

- a) Include a shaded field (to be used in by the Secretariat only) after the cruise number to allow one certificate to refer to multiple TTFs;
- b) Include on the certificate the original whole frozen weight of the tuna to allow cross-referencing to TTF data;
- c) Record all weight data on certificates in metric tons;
- d) Delete secondary processing. This item has never been used, and if needed can be referenced by the certificate number.



Certificate No. **TEST 1234567890**

AIDCP Dolphin Safe Tuna Certificate

This document certifies that the tuna or tuna products associated with it, and with the Tuna Tracking Forms (TTFs) indicated herein, were harvested by a vessel of a Party to the Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Program (AIDCP), meet the *dolphin safe* standards established pursuant to the AIDCP, and may bear the *AIDCP Dolphin Safe* Certification Mark. For verification of this certification, or for information on the AIDCP, contact the AIDCP Secretariat, c/o Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission, 8604 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla CA 92037-1508, USA; Tel: 858 546 7100; Fax: 858 546 7133; www.iattc.org; or by e-mail to dsafemaster@iattc.org

See instructions on reverse

A.	Whole frozen weight:		
	TTF number	Weight (all tunas)	
1.			MT
2.			MT
3.			MT
4.			MT
5.			MT
6.			MT
7.			MT
8.			MT
9.			MT
10.			MT
Total:			MT

B.	Primary processing and total weight of the tuna associated with this certificate:		
	Primary processing type:	Weight:	
			MT
			MT
Lot number:			

C.	Certification by AIDCP Competent National Authority:	
The competent national authority authorizes the bearer of this Certificate to utilize the <i>AIDCP Dolphin Safe</i> Certification Mark on the packaging of any product containing tuna specifically associated with this Certificate.		
Signature:	SEAL or STAMP	
Name:		
Agency:		
Date (day-month-year):		

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE AIDCP *DOLPHIN SAFE* CERTIFICATE

Certificate No. (shaded areas): **Do not write in these spaces**

IMPORTANT: In Section A cross out with an “X” any boxes in which you do not enter information. Any certificate with blank boxes will be invalid.

A. TTF NUMBER and WHOLE FROZEN WEIGHT of the tuna associated with this certificate

On lines 1 to 10, for each *Tuna Tracking Form* (TTF) associated with this certificate, enter the number of the TTF, and the total confirmed scale weight (**before processing**), in metric tons.

B. PRIMARY PROCESSING AND TOTAL WEIGHT OF THE TUNA ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CERTIFICATE

If the fish associated with this certificate has been processed, enter the type of primary processing (loins, canned, *etc.*) and the weight, in metric tons, of the finished product. If the certificate refers to whole frozen fish, repeat the information contained in Section A.

C. CERTIFICATION BY AIDCP COMPETENT NATIONAL AUTHORITY

SIGNATURE, NAME, AGENCY, DATE AND OFFICIAL SEAL

The certificate is invalid without the official stamp of the competent national authority and the name and signature of a representative of that authority whose name and signature are registered with the Secretariat.

