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AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 5 OF THE AGREEMENTⁱ

REPUBLIC OF KOREA

The following notification, dated 2 February 2017, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Republic of Korea.

1 LIST AND DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO LICENSING PROCEDURES

1.1 Overview

The Korean government requires a catch certificate issued by the competent government authorities of the flag state of a vessel intending to enter a Korean port if and when:

- (i) the fish and/or fishery products on board are reported or informed either by the flag state of the vessel, a third country or a non-governmental organization to be under suspicion of IUU fishing, or
- (ii) when there is clear evidence that the fish and/or fishery products have been derived from IUU fishing.

If this requirement is not complied with, the landing of the fish and/or fishery products will be prohibited.

1.2 Responsible party for the submission of catch certificates

The master or the agent of the vessel intending to enter a Korean port with fish and/or fishery products on board that are subject to the catch certificate is responsible for the submission of the catch certificate.

1.3 Responsible party for the issuance of catch certificates

The competent authorities of the flag state of the vessel are responsible for the issuance of the catch certificate.

1.4 Species covered by the catch certificate requirement

- ① *Pseudolithus elongatus* (Korean name : 긴가이석태/English name : Bobo croakers)
- ② *Pseudolithus typus* (Korean name : 영상가이석태/English name : Longneck croakers)
- ③ *Cololabis saira* (Korean name : 꽁치/English name : saury)

1.5 Language

The operative language for this requirement is the English language.

2 CONTACT POINT FOR INFORMATION ON ELIGIBILITY

Coordinating organization	Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of the Republic of Korea
Contact points	Kim Ki-nam, Deputy Director of Distant Water Fisheries Division email: jeommar@korea.kr phone: +82-44-200-5368
	Kim Il-yeob, Assistant Director of DWFD Division email: iwantmac@korea.kr phone: +82-44-200-5371

3 ADMINISTRATIVE BODY FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

The flag states of vessels intending to enter a Korean port are required to notify to Korea its competent authorities (the contact information of the organization and the person(s) in charge that are empowered to issue catch certificates prescribed in this document. It is advised that the notification be directed to the Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries of Korea (mof_2014@korea.kr). In order to facilitate communications, the Korean government plans to open an official website for the purpose of catch certification or to establish a dedicated contact point in the Korean National Fishery Products Quality Management Service.

4 DATE AND NAME OF PUBLICATION WHERE LICENSING PROCEDURES ARE PUBLISHED

The Public Notification of Ministry of Oceans and Fisheries (MOF) (2017-31) was published on 18 January 2017. A copy is also available on the MOF website, <http://www.mof.go.kr>.

5 INDICATION OF WHETHER THE LICENSING PROCEDURE IS AUTOMATIC OR NON-AUTOMATIC

The licensing procedure is automatic.

6 ADMINISTRATIVE PURPOSE OF AUTOMATIC LICENSING PROGRAM

Illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing has a devastating impact on the world's fisheries by depleting fishery resources and threatening the livelihood of people who rely on such resources.

In response to these risks, the international community has been making a wide array of efforts to fight against IUU fishing and to prevent IUU products from flowing into the markets. These efforts include, among others, the Catch Certification requirement implemented by the European Union since 1 January 2010, and the Port State Measures Agreement (PSMA) of the UN FAO that entered into force on 5 June 2016.

While both the EU's CDS requirements and the PSMA place the primary responsibility to the flag state for the activities of its vessels in the fight against IUU fishing, they also require that port states and market states take appropriate actions to combat IUU fishing in accordance with the international law and applicable national rules and regulations (e.g. port state measures and market-based measures, etc.).

In order to join these global efforts and strengthen the use of available market tools, the Republic of Korea has decided to introduce a Catch Certification System, which takes into consideration the major elements of the voluntary CDS guidelines that are currently being formulated at the FAO level.

7 IF NON-AUTOMATIC, INDICATION OF MEASURE BEING IMPLEMENTED THROUGH LICENSING

Not applicable.

8 EXPECTED DURATION OF THE LICENSING PROCEDURE

It will enter into force on 30 June 2017.

ANNEX I

대한민국 어획증명서 (THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA CATCH CERTIFICATE)				
1. 발급번호 issuance number		2. 승인당국(기관명, 주소, 연락처) validating authority(Name, Address, Tel, Fax)		
3. 조업 선박명 name of the fishing vessel		4. 조업 선박의 국적 nationality of the fishing vessel		
5. 조업 선박의 선장 master of the fishing vessel		6. 조업 선박의 운영자 및 연락 정보 operator of the fishing vessel and contact details		
7. 어종 Species		8. 수량(kg) quantity(kg)		
9. 조업 기간 period of the fishing operation		10. 조업 수역 area of the fishing operation		
11. 조업허가 번호 fishing authorization number		12. 조업허가 당국 issuing authority of the fishing authorization		
13. 수출자 성명 및 연락 정보 exporter name and contact details		14. 수입자 성명 및 연락 정보 importer name and contact details		
15. 당국 승인 validation by the competent authority				
성명/직위 name/position	서명 signature	날짜 date of validation	날인 stamp or seal	
※ 이송정보 transport details				
선박명 및 기국 vessel name and flag	컨테이너번호 container number(s) 리스트 첨부 list attached	이름 name	주소 address	서명 signature

INSTRUCTION TO FILL IN THE MAIN ENTRIES OF CATCH CERTIFICATE

1. **issuance number:** Fill in the issuance number given by the competent authorities of the flag state.
2. **validating authority(name, address, phone, Fax):** Fill in the name, address and contact information of the issuing authorities.
3. **name of the fishing vessel:** Fill in the name of the fishing vessel that has caught the fish and/or fishery products subject to the catch certificate.
4. **nationality of the fishing vessel:** Fill the nationality of the vessel referred to in section 3 above.
5. **master of the fishing vessel:** Fill in the name of the master of the vessel referred to in section 3 above.
6. **operator of the fishing vessel and contact details:** Fill in the name of the operator of the vessel referred to in section 3 above.
7. **species:** Fill in the name of the species of the fish and/or fishery products subject to the catch certificate.
8. **quantity(kg):** Fill in the quantity of fish and/or fishery products subject to the catch certificate in kilograms.
9. **period of the fishing operation:** Fill in the period during which the fish and/or fishery products subject to the catch certificate have been harvested (the name of the countries in whose waters the catches have been taken).
10. **area of the fishing operation:** Fill in the area in which the fish and/or fishery products subject to the catch certificate have been harvested (the name of the countries in whose waters the catches have been taken).
11. **fishing authorization number:** Fill in the number of the fishing authorization and/or license of the vessel referred to in section 3 above.
12. **issuing authority of the fishing authorization:** Fill in the name of the competent authorities (organization) of the vessel referred to in section 3 above.
13. **exporter name and contact details:** Fill in the name of the exporter or the exporting company and contact information (phone number, etc.)
14. **importer name and contact details:** Fill in the name of the importer or the importing company and contact information (phone number, etc.)
15. **validation by the competent authority:** Fill in the name and the position of the endorsing official of the competent authority of the flag state and the date of validation. The validating official signs in the "signature" section and puts an official stamp or seal in the "stamp or seal" section.

INSTRUCTION TO FILL IN THE MAIN ENTRIES OF CATCH CERTIFICATE

1. **vessel name and flag:** Fill in the name of the carrier vessel that is carrying on board the fish or fishery products exported to Korea and the country who flag the vessel is entitled to fly.
2. **container number(s):** Fill in the number(s) of containers on board the carrier vessel and attach the list of the numbers.
3. **name:** Fill in the name of the exporter.
4. **address:** Fill in the address of the exporter.
5. **signature:** Fill in the entry with the signature of the exporter.

ANNEX II**INFORMATION ON COMPETENT AUTHORITIES OF THE FLAG STATE FOR THE VALIDATION
OF THE CATCH CERTIFICATE****1. Name of Country :****2. Validation authority :****3. Authorities empowered to sign the certificate**

Name of Office	Address	Tel No. (Fax)	Personnel authorities		signature	Inspection Seal
			Name	Job title		

ⁱ "Members which institute licensing procedures or changes in these procedures shall notify the Committee of such within 60 days of publication [...]" (Article 5.1).