

## Regulations for Tuna Longline Fishing Vessels Proceeding to the Atlantic Ocean for Fishing Operation

The full text of 75 articles promulgated on 20 January 2017 by the Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan under Order No. Nung-yu-tzu 1061332010.

Part of these Regulations amended and promulgated on 30 January 2018 by the Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan under Order No. Nung-yu-tzu 1061339879.

Part of these Regulations, Appendix 4 of Article 6, Appendix 13 of Article 61, and Appendix 15 of Article 72-1 amended and promulgated on 12 April 2019 by the Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan under Order No. Nung-yu-tzu 1081333615.

Part of these Regulations and Appendix 9 of Article 36 amended and promulgated on 6 June 2022 by the Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan under Order No. Nung-yu-tzu 1111333457.

### Chapter I General Principles

#### Article 1

These Regulations are hereby established pursuant to Article 6, paragraph 2; Article 10, paragraph 2; Article 11, paragraph 3; and Article 24, paragraph 2 of the Act for Distant Water Fisheries (hereinafter referred to as “the Act”).

#### Article 2

Terms used in these Regulations are defined as follows:

- (1) “Tuna longline fishing vessel” means any fishing vessel targeting highly migratory fish species such as tunas, billfishes, sharks, skipjacks, or mahi mahi with longline fishing gears.
- (2) Independent third party” means any of the following institutions recognized by the competent authority:
  - i. For Japan:
    - (i) Shinken Corporation.
    - (ii) Nippon Kaiji Kentei Kyokai, Incorporated Association.
  - ii. For areas excluding Japan: the verifying institution which obtains the accreditation for management system certification from the Taiwan Accreditation Foundation (TAF).
- (3) “Carrier vessel” means the following vessels that conducts the transshipment of catches from tuna longline fishing vessel(s) to itself and transports to ports:
  - i. ‘Carrier vessel of the Republic of China’ refers to the carrier vessel which has the fishing license of the Republic of China.
  - ii. ‘Foreign carrier vessel’ refers to the carrier vessel, excluding container vessel, which has the valid nationality certificate of the flag State of a foreign country.

#### Article 3

Fishing vessels proceeding to the Atlantic Ocean to catch highly migratory species such as, tunas, billfishes, sharks, skipjack, or mahi mahi shall be limited to tuna longline fishing vessels of 100 Gross Tonnage (GT) and above. The area of the Atlantic Ocean is as shown in Appendix 1.

“Regulations for Fishing Vessels Conducting Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery” shall also be applied to any tuna longline fishing vessel catching southern bluefin tuna.

#### Article 4

Tuna longline fishing vessels proceeding to the Atlantic Ocean for fishing operation are categorized, in accordance with the catch species, into the following groups and fishing areas, which are as shown in Appendix 2 and 3:

- (1) Bigeye tuna group: targeting bigeye tuna. The fishing area is north of 25°S to south of 25°N.
- (2) North albacore tuna group: targeting north Atlantic albacore tuna. The fishing area is north of 10°N and west of 45°W, and north of 5°N, excluding the Mediterranean Sea.
- (3) South albacore tuna group: targeting south Atlantic albacore tuna. The fishing area is south of 10°S

Any tuna longline fishing vessel shall fish only within the fishing area(s) permitted by the competent authority.

#### Article 5

Limits on the number of tuna longline fishing vessels fishing in the Atlantic Ocean are as follows:

- (1) Bigeye tuna group: the number of fishing vessels is limited to 56.
- (2) North albacore tuna group: the number of fishing vessels is limited to 8.
- (3) South albacore tuna group: the number of fishing vessels is limited to 30.

#### Article 5-1

Any tuna longline fishing vessel shall not stay at sea for more than ten consecutive months. The duration may be extended for two months with the consent of the competent authority, provided that there is a cause of force majeure or insufficient berths in port that leads to failing to enter port within the required timeframe. Such extension shall be permitted for one time only.

For any tuna longline fishing vessel that does not enter port before these Regulations are promulgated on 6 June 2022, its days at sea before 1 January 2022 are not counted in the duration as referred to in the preceding paragraph.

### Chapter II Application and Issuance of the Distant Water Fisheries Permit

#### Article 6

Any distant water fisheries operator intending to apply for the distant water fisheries permit(s) for his/her fishing vessel(s) to fish in the Atlantic Ocean in the following year shall fill in the application form, formats of which are as shown in Appendix 4 and 5, in accordance with types of fishing vessels and groups () and submit it with the following documents:

- (1) A copy of the valid fishing license which shall contain the International Maritime Organization (IMO) ship identification number or Lloyd's Register (LR) number.
- (2) The color photograph of the fishing vessel no older than three years. The photograph must show a stem-to-stern side view of the vessel; clearly and legibly display the vessel name and international radio call sign; be in the form of a single electronic file and have a resolution of at least 150 pixels per inch at a size of 6 by 8 inches; and be no greater than 500 kilobytes (kB) in size.
- (3) The document certified by the commissioned professional institution that the automatic location communicator (ALC) on board the fishing/catching vessel can regularly and normally transmit vessel positions.
- (4) The document certified by the commissioned professional institution that the electronic

logbook (E-logbook) system on board the fishing vessel/catching can normally transmit catch data.

- (5) The vessel tracking agreement form serving as an authorization allowing the competent authority and the international fisheries organization to track vessel positions. He/She who has provided such form shall be exempted from this provision.
- (6) The document proving the last port entry or departure of the fishing vessel.

#### Article 7

- (1) Any fishing vessel that applies for the distant water fisheries permit for the following year shall meet Article 5-1 and any of the following conditions: For bigeye tuna group:
  - i. It belongs to the bigeye tuna group in the current year with the competent authority's approval.
  - ii. It is a newly built fishing vessel which has received the replacement tonnage of a fishing vessel of the bigeye tuna group.
- (2) For north albacore tuna group:
  - i. It was approved by the competent authority, before 30 November 2014, as the fishing vessel of the north albacore tuna group.
  - ii. It is a newly built fishing vessel which has received the replacement tonnage of a fishing vessel approved by the competent authority, before 30 November 2014, as the fishing vessel of the albacore tuna group.
- (3) For south albacore tuna group:
  - i. It belongs to the south albacore tuna group in the current year with the competent authority's approval.
  - ii. It is a newly built fishing vessel which has received the replacement tonnage of a fishing vessel of the south albacore tuna group.

#### Article 8

For the application of the distant water fisheries permit of the following year, the documents prescribed in Article 6 shall be submitted in accordance with the following procedures and deadline:

- (1) For any distant water fisheries operator that is a member of the Taiwan Deep Sea Tuna Boat-owners and Exporters Association (hereinafter referred to as "Tuna Association"), it shall apply to the Tuna Association before October 15 of the current year, which shall compile the applications in accordance with the groups for delivery to the competent authority before October 31 of the current year.
- (2) For any distant water fisheries operator that is not a member of the Tuna Association, he/she shall apply to the competent authority before October 31 of the current year.
- (3) For any distant water fisheries operator of carrier vessel(s) of the Republic of China, he/she shall apply to the competent authority before October 31 of the current year.

#### Article 9

The distant water fisheries operator who has obtained the distant water fisheries permit of bigeye tuna group may apply for the approval from the competent authority to fish in the north albacore tuna fishing area or the south albacore tuna fishing area from April to September of the current year. To continue fishing in the north or south albacore tuna fishing area after the expiry of the allowed period, an application for extending the period, the maximum of which shall not exceed 31 December of the current year, may be made.

#### Article 10

In the event that the number of fishing vessels obtaining the distant water fisheries permits

of the north albacore tuna group does not reach the limit of the current year, the competent authority may announce in due course to accept applications from the fishing vessel(s) which has obtained the permit of south albacore tuna group, notwithstanding the application deadline prescribed in Article 8.

In the event that the number of applying fishing vessels as referred to in the preceding paragraph exceeds the limit, the Tuna Association shall draw lots to decide the priority in an equitable and impartial manner and deliver the list of vessel priority to the competent authority for approval.

#### Article 11

In case of any of the following conditions, the distant water fisheries operator may submit the documents prescribed in Article 6 and apply for the distant water fisheries permit from the competent authority, notwithstanding the application deadline prescribed in Article 8:

- (1) The distant water fisheries operator of a fishing vessel has changed;
- (2) The distant water fisheries operator has obtained the fishing license for the chartered fishing vessel;
- (3) The distant water fisheries operator has obtained the fishing license for the newly-built fishing vessel;
- (4) The distant water fisheries operator who resumes the operation after the suspension of the operation authorized pursuant to Article 11 of the Fisheries Act has expired;
- (5) The distant water fisheries operator applies for the renewal of the fishing license;
- (6) The suspension of the fishing license has been executed completely or the fine imposed has been paid up; or
- (7) Addition of fishing area(s) for a carrier vessel which has obtained the distant water fisheries permit of the current year.

#### Article 12

A certificate of distant water fisheries permit will be issued to the application of approved by the competent authority. The maximum period of validity of the permit shall be one year, and shall not exceed that of the fishing license.

The certificate of distant water fisheries permit shall record, both in Chinese and English, the following:

- (1) The number of the certificate;
- (2) The name, CT number, GT, length overall (LOA) and fisheries type of the fishing vessel;
- (3) Name of the distant water fisheries operator;
- (4) The authorized fishing Ocean, group, fishing area(s), and fishing period;
- (5) The International Radio Call Sign (IRCS); and
- (6) The IMO ship identification number or LR number.

The distant water fisheries operator shall place onboard the fishing vessel a carbon copy of the valid distant water fisheries permit in case of inspection.

#### Article 13

Any tuna fishing vessel intending to interchange the groups or fishing Oceans shall apply for the application to the competent authority.

In the event that a tuna longline fishing vessel intends to change the group or fishing Ocean

with other fishing vessel, the following provisions shall be met:

- (1) Distant water fisheries operators of both vessels are members of the Tuna Association;
- (2) Both vessels have the valid certificates of distant water fisheries permits;
- (3) The fishing vessel intending to change to the bigeye tuna group shall be equipped with ultra-low temperature devices, and its distant water fisheries operator has made a guarantee letter to assume the duty from the original fishing vessel of bigeye tuna group to pay the reimbursement of the vessel reduction program;
- (4) For any fishing vessel intending to change to the north albacore tuna group, there shall be no other vessel in the list of vessel priority to fill in the vacancy in accordance with Article 10 in the current year; and
- (5) The penalty of suspending the fishing license has been completely executed.

For any fishing vessel approved to change the group or fishing Ocean, documents shall be provided to prove the fish holds have been emptied and the certificate of the distant water fisheries permit originally issued shall be returned for the issuance of the new certificate of distant water fisheries permit after the change of fishing Ocean or group.

### Chapter III Fishing Vessel and Fishing Gear markings

#### Article 14

Fishing vessels shall be marked with vessel markings, including, at least, the Chinese and English vessel name, name of registry port, CT numbers and IRCS. The characters and the edges of characters shall maintain clear and identifiable at all times.

Where fishing vessels are fishing or berthing at ports, the IRCS shall be displayed clearly identifiable for the sighting by other vessels from the water surface or airplanes from the air.

#### Article 15

The IRCS of a fishing vessel is its radio call sign.

Vessel markings shall be painted with marine coating. Characters of the Chinese vessel name shall be block letters, and the numbers may be Arabic numerals. Characters of the English vessel name, CT numbers and the IRCS shall be capital letters and Arabic numerals. The height, width, and colors of characters shall meet the specifications as shown in Appendix 6.

#### Article 16

Vessel markings shall be placed in accordance with the following:

- (1) The Chinese vessel name shall be placed on the port bow and the starboard bow, and the center of stern or port quarter or starboard quarter, where the vessel name is clearly visible.
- (2) The English vessel name shall be placed on the port bow and the starboard bow, and the center of stern or port quarter or starboard quarter, under the Chinese vessel name.
- (3) The CT numbers shall be placed on the port bow and the starboard bow, under the English vessel name.
- (4) The IRCS shall be placed above the waterline on both sides of any fishing vessels and on a deck where the IRCS is not obscured by fishing gear(s), and shall be clear of the bow, stern, discharge or areas which might be prone to damage or discoloration. In case that the lowest edge of characters is under the waterline when the fish holds are full, the IRCS shall be placed on the fishing vessel's superstructure.

#### Article 17

Fishing gear(s) of any tuna longline fishing vessel shall be equipped with signal flags, radar reflector buoys or other similar devices so as to identify the position(s) and fishing area(s).

### Chapter IV Fishing Gears and Methods, and Mitigation Measures for Incidental Catch

#### Article 18

For any tuna longline fishing vessel navigating through the water under national jurisdiction of any foreign country, all fishing equipments on board shall be stowed and secured, and such vessel shall not conduct activities such as arrangement of fishing gears or fishing, except that it has engaged in fisheries cooperation with the foreign country concerned.

#### Article 19

Any tuna longline fishing vessel shall carry on board the line cutter, de-hooker and scoop/dip net, formats of which and the instructions are as shown in Appendix 7, to release incidentally caught seabirds and sea turtles.

#### Article 19-1

For any tuna longline fishing vessel fishing in the Atlantic Ocean with hooks at a depth shallower than 100 meters, one of the following mitigations measures shall be used:

- (1) Large circle hooks; or
- (2) Fishes except for Cephalopods species used as baits.

The large circle hooks as referred to in the preceding paragraph are hooks that are above 3 inches and are circular or oval in shape. The point is turned perpendicularly back to the shank. These hooks shall have an offset not to exceed 10 degrees.

#### Article 20

Any tuna longline fishing vessel fishing in the Atlantic Ocean shall use the seabird mitigation measures, specifications of which are as shown in Appendix 8, in accordance with the following provisions:

- (1) Any fishing vessel fishing in the area south of 20°S to 25°S shall use tori lines during fishing, and shall carry on board at least one spare set.
- (2) Any fishing vessel fishing in the area south of 25°S shall, in addition to tori lines, use weighted branch lines.

### Chapter V Catch Limits or Quotas

#### Article 21

For the purpose of these Regulations, the species with catch limit (hereinafter referred to as “fish species with catch limit”) as referred to in subparagraph (7) of Article 13, paragraph 1 of the Act means bigeye tuna, north Atlantic albacore tuna, south Atlantic albacore tuna, north Atlantic swordfish, south Atlantic swordfish, blue marlin, and white marlin/roundscale spearfish.

#### Article 22

The annual total catch quota (unprocessed round weight, hereinafter the same when referring to “quota” in the following provisions) of the Republic of China in the Atlantic Ocean and the quota for individual tuna longline fishing vessel shall be promulgated by the

competent authority in accordance with the conservation and management measures.

In the event that the total catch amount of the species with catch limit has reached 95% of the annual total catch quota as referred to in the preceding paragraph, the competent authority may order the whole tuna longline fishing fleet to stop catching the concerned species by a deadline.

The period for using the quota as referred to in paragraph 1 shall be from January 1 to December 31 of the current year.

The total remaining quota of the current year in the Atlantic Ocean may be arranged by the competent authority.

#### Article 22-1

The allowed annual individual vessel quota of a tuna longline fishing vessel shall be not exceed the limitations set out as follows:

- (1) Bigeye tuna group: 350 metric tons of bigeye tuna.
- (2) North albacore tuna group: 600 metric tons of north Atlantic albacore tuna.
- (3) South albacore tuna group: 600 metric tons of south Atlantic albacore tuna.

The allowed individual vessel quota as referred to in the preceding paragraph means the sum of the individual vessel quota granted by the competent authority pursuant to these Regulations, the quota received from other vessel(s), the additional quota applied for, and the premium quota; and the quota transferred, deducted, and retrieved have been deducted.

#### Article 23

The distant water fisheries permit of the current year shall be obtained for granting the quota of the current year to the tuna longline fishing vessel.

For any tuna longline fishing vessel that has not obtained the distant water fisheries permit of the entire year, the quota shall be granted in accordance with the percentage that the number of month(s) approved accounts for the whole year. Notwithstanding such provision, in the event that the ownership of any tuna longline fishing vessel transfers and the quota used by the original distant water fisheries operator exceeds the percentage that the number of month(s) approved accounts for the whole year, the unused individual vessel quota allowed for such a vessel in the current year shall be granted to the new distant water fisheries operator.

In case of any of the following circumstances, the competent authority shall retrieve the unused individual vessel quota allowed for the tuna longline fishing vessel concerned in the current year:

- (1) Loss of the vessel, or the damage of the vessel that renders the fishing operation impossible for the current year. However, the quota received from other vessel(s) will not be retrieved.
- (2) Revocation or withdrawal of the fishing license imposed by the competent authority.
- (3) Revocation or withdrawal of the distant water fisheries permit imposed by the competent authority.

#### Article 24

The catch amount of the fish species with catch limit for any tuna longline fishing vessel

shall not exceed the allowed individual vessel quota for the current year. In case of excess, the allowed annual quota of such fishing vessel for the following year(s) shall be deducted accordingly until the amount exceeded is fully deducted.

In the event that the catch amount of the fish species with catch limit of any tuna longline fishing vessel has reached 90% of the allowed individual vessel quota, the competent authority may order such vessel to stop catching the concerned species by a deadline.

#### Article 25

In case of any of the following conditions, the competent authority shall grant the quota of the current year in accordance with the percentage that the number of month(s) the tuna longline fishing vessel actual fishes accounts for the whole year; shall retrieve the quota on a pro-rata basis from the tuna longline fishing vessel which has been granted the quota; or shall deduct the quota allocated for the following year in the event that the quota of the current year is unable to be retrieved from the vessel:

- (1) The tuna longline fishing vessel is punished by the competent authority of the suspension of the fishing license for one month and above.
- (2) The tuna longline fishing vessel is detained in the port by foreign government.

For any fishing vessel approved to be engaged in fisheries cooperation by means of being chartered, the quota shall not be granted to such vessel during the period of such fisheries cooperation. In case that the quota has been granted, the competent authority shall retrieve the quota of the current year in accordance with the percentage that the number of month(s) for fisheries cooperation accounts for the whole year. In case that the quota of the current year is unable to be retrieved, the competent authority shall deduct the quota allocated for such vessel in the following year.

#### Article 26

For any tuna longline fishing vessel which changes the fishing Ocean or group with other vessel pursuant to Article 13, its individual vessel quota for the remaining period of its permit shall be the remaining allowed individual vessel quota of that other vessel, and shall not exceed the limits as stipulated in Article 22-1, paragraph 1.

#### Article 27

In the event that the following requirements are met, the bigeye tuna quota of a fishing vessel of the bigeye tuna group may, through the coordination of the Tuna Association which reports to the competent authority for approval, be transferred to other fishing vessel(s) of the bigeye tuna group:

- (1) The bigeye tuna quota of the receiving fishing vessel shall not exceed the limit as stipulated in subparagraph (1) of Article 22-1, paragraph 1 after the transfer.
- (2) Both the transferring and receiving fishing vessels shall not have been imposed upon any punishment pursuant to Article 35, 36 or 40 of the Act in the current year.
- (3) In case that the transferring or receiving fishing vessel has been imposed upon a fine or the suspension of the fishing license pursuant to Article 41 of the Act in the current year, such punishment has been paid or executed completely.

In the event that any fishing vessel of the bigeye tuna group has transferred accumulated 30 metric tons of bigeye tuna quota, it shall enter into a port for stop fishing for one month in the current year; for the transfer of accumulated 60 metric tons of bigeye tuna quota, it shall enter into a port for stop fishing for two months, and so forth.



For the fishing vessel entering into a port for stop fishing in accordance with the preceding paragraph, the start and end dates of the period and the berthing location shall be specified at the time when applying for the approval of transferring quota from the competent authority. In case that a fishing vessel does not meet the provisions as stipulated in the preceeding paragraph, the competent authority may deny the application of quota transfer, or revoke the approval already granted.

#### Article 28

In the event that the following requirements are met, the albacore tuna quota of a fishing vessel of the north albacore tuna group or the south albacore tuna group may, through the coordination of the Tuna Association which reports to the competent authority for approval, transfer to other fishing vessel(s) of the same group:

- (1) The albacore tuna quota of the receiving fishing vessel shall not exceed the limit as stipulated in subparagraph (1) of Article 22-1, paragraph 1 after the transfer.
- (2) Both the transferring and receiving fishing vessels shall not have been imposed upon any punishment pursuant to Article 35, 36 or 40 of the Act in the current year.
- (3) In case that the transferring or receiving fishing vessel has been imposed upon a fine or the suspension of the fishing license pursuant to Article 41 of the Act in the current year, such punishment has been paid or executed completely.

In the event that any fishing vessel of the north or south albacore tuna group has transferred accumulated 30 metric tons of albacore tuna quota, it shall enter into a port for stop fishing for one month in the current year; for the transfer of accumulated 60 metric tons of albacore tuna quota, it shall enter into a port for stop fishing for two months, and so forth.

For the fishing vessel entering into a port for stop fishing in accordance with the preceding paragraph, the start and end dates of the period and the berthing location shall be specified at the time when applying for the approval of transferring quota from the competent authority. In case that a fishing vessel does not meet the provisions as stipulated in the preceeding paragraph, the competent authority may deny the application of quota transfer, or revoke the approval already granted.

#### Article 29

The competent authority may, depending on the catch amount of each species in the current year, reallocate the total remaining quota of the Atlantic Ocean.

The re-allocated quota acquired in accordance with the preceding paragraph shall not be transferred.

#### Article 30

The competent authority may, after May of each year, announce the additional quota that can be applied for in accordance with the groups of tuna longliner fishing vessels.

For the application of the additional quota as referred to in the preceding paragraph, the catch amount of the fishing vessel shall reach 80% of the allowed individual vessel quota.

In case that, with the additional quota applied pursuant to the preceding paragraph, the allowed individual vessel quota exceeds the limits as stipulated in Article 22-1, paragraph 1, the competent authority will not grant the part of the quota that exceeds the limit.

The additional bigeye tuna, north Atlantic albacore tuna, and south Atlantic albacore tuna quota acquired in accordance with paragraph 1 shall not be transferred.

#### Article 31

The competent authority may grant premium quota to the tuna longline fishing vessel which cooperates with the competent authority to carry out relevant experiments, researches or management measures.

The premium quota as referred to in the preceding paragraph shall not be transferred.

#### Article 32

For any fishing vessel of the bigeye tuna group that obtains the permit to fish in the north albacore tuna fishing area or the south albacore tuna fishing area pursuant to Article 9, the competent authority shall allocate, in accordance with the number of months approved, 33.3 metric tons of north or south albacore tuna quota per month to individual vessel, and the bigeye tuna quota of such vessel shall be deducted by 10 metric tons per month which will be retrieved by the competent authority for arrangement.

### Chapter VI Management of Vessel Position Reporting

#### Article 33

The ALC on board shall be maintained functional at all time, whether at sea or in port.

The ALC onboard any tuna longline fishing vessel or carrier vessel of the Republic of China shall automatically transmit at least one vessel position in every hour.

Fees for the services and communications of the ALC shall be borne by distant water fisheries operators. The competent authority may subsidize depending on the financial situation of the government.

Except for the purpose of repair or replacement approved by the competent authority, any ALC which has been installed on board and has transmitted a vessel position shall not be removed from the fishing vessel.

#### Article 34

In case that a fishing vessel needs to stay in a domestic port for three days and above; or in a foreign port for dry docking; or in a foreign port for seven days and above, its distant water fisheries operator may apply to the competent authority with documentary proof for switching off the ALC, which may only be switched off after obtaining approval.

In the case of a fishing vessel applying for switching off the ALC during its stay in a foreign port for the purposes except for dry docking, a photograph showing the berthing of such fishing vessel shall be provided weekly. The competent authority may order to switch on the ALC concerned in case of failing to provide the photograph in due course.

The period of switching off the ALC as approved in accordance with paragraph 1 shall not exceed six months for each application. Extension may be applied by the distant water fisheries operator concerned in accordance with paragraph 1 before the period is expired.

Any fishing vessel shall not leave the port during the period of switching off the ALC.

In the event that the ALC onboard is rebooted, the fishing vessel may only leave the port after the commissioned professional institution has confirmed that such ALC can regularly and normally transmit vessel positions.

#### Article 35

Any fishing vessel shall carry at least one spare set of ALC on board.

In case that the identification number of ALC on board has been changed, the distant water fisheries operator shall notify the competent authority or the commissioned professional institution in writing.

#### Article 36

The ALC is deemed as signal-lost in the event that the commissioned professional institution has not received positions automatically transmitted by the ALC four times consecutively. In the event that the ALC is signal-lost for three consecutive days, it is deemed as mal-function.

The malfunctioning ALC shall be repaired no later than 30 days.

In the event that the ALC on board is signal-lost or mal-functional, the distant water fisheries operator or the captain shall immediately send information related to vessel positions by facsimile to the commissioned professional institution. The vessel positions shall be recorded by automatic recording satellite navigator for perusal in later days. The format of the facsimile is as shown in Appendix 9.

The transmit of vessel positions as referred to in the preceding paragraph shall be every four hours for any tuna longline fishing vessel and carrier vessel of the Republic of China.

For any fishing vessel with spare set of ALC on board, it shall report to the competent authority of using the spare set during the mal-function of the ALC. In case that the spare set is also mal-functional, the spare set from other fishing vessel may be deployed after obtaining the competent authority's approval.

#### Article 37

In the event that the ALC onboard is deemed as signal-lost for an accumulative period of 15 days and above during one fishing trip, the competent authority may order such fishing vessel to stop fishing immediately and directly navigate to a designated port within the required timeframe for repair and inspection(s) conducted by personnel dispatched by the competent authority, and the vessel shall not leave the port until the commissioned professional institution has confirmed that such ALC can regularly and normally transmit vessel positions.

Any expense incurred from port return, port entry and confirmation of position transmitting as referred to in the preceding paragraph shall be borne by the distant water fisheries operator.

#### Article 37-1

For any fishing vessel that is not within the water under the national jurisdiction of the Republic of China and without a valid distant water fisheries permit, it shall still maintain its ALC operational year-round, and Article 33 to 37 shall apply to such vessel.

## Chapter VII Logbooks and Catch Reports

### Article 38

In the event that any tuna longline fishing vessel leaves a port, its captain shall daily report catch data through the E-logbook system designated by the competent authority, and shall also fill in the logbooks designated by the competent authority. Catch reports shall be filled in completely and accurately, and where the catch amount is zero, catch reports shall be filled in as well.

In case that there is any discrepancy between any datum recorded in the E-logbook system and the logbook, the datum recorded in the E-logbook system shall prevail.

In case that the E-logbook system fails to report catch data on the day, the distant water fisheries operator or the captain shall transmit catch data via facsimile to the competent authority or the commissioned professional institution next day. Such catch data shall be signed by the distant water fisheries operator or the captain.

In the event that the E-logbook system fails to report catch data for five consecutive days, it is deemed as mal-function. The malfunctioning E-logbook system shall be repaired no later than 30 days.

In the event that the E-logbook system onboard is deemed as mal-functional for an accumulative period of 15 days and above during one fishing trip, the competent authority may order such fishing vessel to stop fishing immediately and directly navigate to a designated port within the required timeframe for repair and inspection(s) conducted by the personnel dispatched by the competent authority, and the vessel shall not leave the port until the commissioned professional institution has confirmed that such E-logbook system can normally transmit data.

Any expense incurred from port return, port entry and confirmation of E-logbook system as referred to in the preceding paragraph shall be borne by the distant water fisheries operator.

### Article 39

Any fishing vessel of the bigeye tuna group that catches albacore tuna or swordfish in the sea area north of 5°N shall record such catches on the E-logbook system and the logbooks as north Atlantic albacore tuna or north Atlantic swordfish. In case of catching such catches in the sea area south of 5°N, such catches shall be recorded as south Atlantic albacore tuna or south Atlantic swordfish.

### Article 40

Any tuna longline fishing vessel shall not catch southern bluefin tuna without permission, and in case of bycatch, the fishing vessel shall immediately discard such catch and record the amount of discard on the logbooks and E-logbook system.

In the event that the the allowed individual vessel quota of the fish species with catch limit is exhausted, any tuna longline fishing vessel shall immediately discard any subsequent catch of such species and shall record the amount of discard on the logbooks and the E-logbook system.

### Article 41

Any tuna longline fishing vessel catching the following fish species shall immediately discard into the sea and shall not retain on board. The amount of discard shall be recorded on the logbooks and the E-logbook system:

- (1) Atlantic bluefin tuna;
- (2) Swordfish in the entire Atlantic Ocean less than 15 kilograms, or in alternative, less than 119 centimeters lower jaw fork length (LJFL)

#### Article 42

In case that any tuna fishing vessel finds any sea turtle during fishing operation, such vessel shall, where practicable, bring aboard any comatose or inactive sea turtle as soon as possible, and foster its recovery and return it to the sea at once after recovery..

Any seabird, sea turtle, whale shark, cetacean, penguin or prohibited species promulgated by the competent authority incidentally caught by any tuna fishing vessel shall be released when caught alive or discarded dead, and the number(s) be duly recorded on the logbooks and the E-logbook system.

#### Article 42-1

Any porbeagle shark, blue marlin, Atlantic sailfish, and white marlin/roundscale spearfish caught by any tuna fishing vessel shall be released when caught alive and the number(s) released as well as the weight be duly recorded on the logbooks and the E-logbook system.

Retention is allowed, provided that the fish species as referred to in the preceding paragraph are dead. The number(s) retained as well as the weight shall be duly recorded on the logbooks and the E-logbook system. In the event that the the allowed individual vessel quota quota of these fish species, except for porbeagle sharks and Atlantic sailfish, is exhausted, any tuna longline fishing vessel shall immediately discard any subsequent catch of such species and shall record the amount of discard on the logbooks and the E-logbook system.

#### Article 43

Any fish species of no economic value or no utilizing value caught by any tuna fishing vessel shall be released immediately, and number(s) discarded shall be duly recorded on the logbooks and the E-logbook system.

For any tuna longline fishing vessel to discard any spoiled catch, the competent authority shall be notified, in advance of the discard, of the species, amount, and fishing period, and proving documents shall be provided for examination after the discard.

In case that the catch discarded pursuant to the preceding paragraph is fish species with catch limit, the amount discarded shall be counted as the amount of the quota used.

#### Article 44

The datum reported through the E-logbook system shall not be altered or amended, unless there is apparent error with the content and the competent authority has approved.

#### Article 45

The complete logbooks shall be maintained on board any tuna longline fishing vessel for at least one year.

#### Article 46

The discrepancy between the catch amount recorded in the E-logbook during one fishing trip of any tuna longline fishing vessel and the actual landing amount shall not exceed the following margins:

- (1) For bigeye tuna, north Atlantic albacore tuna or south Atlantic albacore tuna: 10% of the actual landing amount.
- (2) For north Atlantic swordfish, south Atlantic swordfish or blue marlin: 15% of the actual landing amount.
- (3) For white marlin/roundscale spearfish: 15% of the actual landing amount.
- (4) For yellowfin tuna: 20% of the actual landing amount.
- (5) For sharks and other species: 25% of the actual landing amount.

In case that the discrepancy exceeds the ratio as referred to in the preceding paragraph, whereas the following provisions are met, the competent authority, at its discretion, may deem such situation as non-misreporting:

- (1) For bigeye tuna, north Atlantic albacore tuna or south Atlantic albacore tuna, the discrepancy is less than two metric tons.
- (2) For north Atlantic swordfish, south Atlantic swordfish or blue marlin, the discrepancy is less than one metric ton.
- (3) For white marlin/roundscale spearfish, the discrepancy is less than one metric ton.
- (4) For yellowfin tuna, the discrepancy is less than four metric tons
- (5) For sharks and other species, the discrepancy is less than six metric tons.

The discrepancy as referred to in subparagraphs (1) and (2) of the preceding two paragraphs shall be calculated by each species. The discrepancy as referred to in subparagraph (3) of the preceding two paragraphs shall be calculated by combining the two species. The discrepancy as referred to in subparagraph (5) of the preceding two paragraphs shall be calculated by sharks and other species respectively.

#### Article 47

Any of the following conditions shall be defined as “seriously misreporting” as referred to in subparagraph (12) of Article 13, paragraph 1 of the Act:

- (1) For bigeye tuna, north Atlantic albacore tuna or south Atlantic albacore tuna, the discrepancy between the catch amount recorded in the E-logbook and the actual landing amount exceeds two metric tons as well as 20% of the actual landing amount.
- (2) For north Atlantic swordfish, south Atlantic swordfish or blue marlin, the discrepancy between the catch amount recorded in the E-logbook and the actual landing amount exceeds 1.5 metric tons as well as 20% of the actual landing amount.
- (3) For white marlin/roundscale spearfish, the discrepancy between the catch amount recorded in the E-logbook and the actual landing amount exceeds 1.5 metric tons as well as 20% of the actual landing amount.
- (4) For yellowfin tuna, the discrepancy between the catch amount recorded in the E-logbook and the actual landing amount exceeds four metric tons as well as 50% of the actual landing amount.
- (5) For sharks and other species, the discrepancy between the catch amount recorded in the E-logbook and the actual landing amount exceeds six metric tons as well as 50% of the actual landing amount.

The discrepancy as referred to in subparagraphs (1) and (2) of the preceding paragraph shall be calculated by each species. The discrepancy as referred to in subparagraph (3) of

the preceding paragraph shall be calculated by combining the two species. The discrepancy as referred to in subparagraph (5) of the preceding paragraph shall be calculated by sharks and other species respectively.

## Chapter VIII Management of Shark Catch

### Article 48

For any tuna longline fishing vessel employing freezing method to preserve its sharks catches, shark fins shall be naturally attached or tied to the carcass. The fins and carcass that are tied together shall be of the same shark.

### Article 49

(Deleted)

### Article 49-1

Tuna longline fishing vessels shall fully utilize the shark catch, which shall not be discarded except the head, guts and skins.

## Chapter IX The Designation and Management of Ports for Transshipment or Landing

### Article 50

Any tuna longline fishing vessel intending to conduct transshipment or landing at a domestic port or a foreign port located in the Atlantic Ocean shall be limited to the ports stipulated in Appendix 10.

Any fishing vessel with the distant water fisheries permit to fish in the Pacific or Indian Ocean applying for landing or transshipping in the ports located in the Atlantic Ocean as referred to in the preceding paragraph shall apply for the authorization from the competent authority 14 days before the fishing vessel enters into the port.

For the landing or in-port transshipment approved by the competent authority to be conducted in Chienchen Fishing Harbor, Siaogang Linhai New Residential Quarter Fishing Harbor, or Donggang Yanpu Fishing Harbor, the landing or in-port transshipment may be conducted at any of the three ports within the timeframe approved. For the landing approved by the competent authority to be conducted in Shimizu or Yaizu port of Japan, the landing may be conducted at any of the two ports within the timeframe approved.

### Article 51

Any carrier vessel intending to transship catches from tuna longline fishing vessel(s) shall meet any of the following requirements:

- (1) It is a carrier vessel of the Republic of China and has obtained the distant water fisheries permit; or
- (2) It is a foreign carrier vessel listed on the carrier list of the International Commission for the Conservation of the Atlantic Tunas (hereinafter referred to as "ICCAT"), and has been installed with the ALC which meets the standards specified by the competent authority. At least one position shall be sent hourly to the commissioned professional institution.

### Article 52

Any carrier vessel of the Republic of China shall not transship with, refuel or supply any fishing vessel not listed in the authorized fishing vessel list of ICCAT, or any fishing vessel that has altered its name or registration number.

#### Article 53

In case of any of the following circumstances, the competent authority shall list the foreign carrier vessel concerned which transships catches from tuna longline fishing vessel(s) on the non-cooperative carriers list:

- (1) The foreign carrier vessel has violated any provision regarding vessel position reporting; or
- (2) The foreign carrier vessel has violated any provision regarding transshipment or landing.

#### Article 54

Any carrier vessel intending to conduct transshipment at sea shall receive an observer in accordance with the ICCAT regional observer program to conduct observation mission on board. For any carrier vessel intending to conduct transshipment in port, it shall receive the observer designated by the competent authority to conduct observation mission on board

The distant water fisheries operator whose tuna longline fishing vessel(s) conduct transshipment at sea on the Convention Area shall share the cost for the implementation of the ICCAT regional observer program.

#### Article 55

For any carrier vessel intending to transship at sea, its (distant water fisheries) operator shall submit the transshipment plan and relevant information (as shown in Appendix 11) and apply to the competent authority 15 days before the at-sea transshipment for approval. In case that the last day for filing the application is a day-off, the application shall be made on the working day before the day-off.

Any foreign carrier vessel shall, with the enclosure of relevant information as shown in Appendix 11, apply to the competent authority for approval before conducting the transshipment in port with any tuna longline fishing vessel for the first time in the current year.

In case of any addition to the list of the tuna longline fishing vessel(s) in the transshipment plan approved by the competent authority, the application shall be submitted three working days before making such addition to the competent authority for approval. The transshipment with the concerned tuna longline fishing vessel(s) may only be conducted after the approval has been granted. Any application submitted after the prescribed deadline shall be denied.

#### Article 56

In case of any of the following circumstances, the application of in-port transshipment or the transshipment plan shall be denied:

- (1) The carrier vessel concerned does not meet the requirements stipulated in Article 51;
- (2) Three years have not passed since the carrier vessel concerned was listed in the non-cooperative carriers list, or one year has not passed since the carrier vessel was listed on the non-cooperative carriers list for not submitting the Transshipment Declaration to the competent authority within the required timeframe, in violation of Article 61; or
- (3) The fine for violating the Act imposed on the carrier vessel has not been paid



completely.

#### Article 57

Any tuna longline fishing vessel or carrier vessel that intends to conduct transshipment shall respectively apply for the approval from the competent authority before the transshipment.

Any (distant water fisheries) operator or captain applying for the approval as referred to in the preceding paragraph shall fill in the Transshipment Notification and submit it to the competent authority in accordance with the following prescribed timeframe, and the format of the Transshipment Notification is as shown in Appendix 12:

- (1) For at sea transshipment: no later than three working days before the estimated date for transshipment.
- (2) For in port transshipment: no later than three days before the estimated date for transshipment. In case that the last day for filing the application is a day-off, the application shall be made on the working day before the day-off.

Fishing vessels and carrier vessels approved by the competent authority to conduct transshipment may transship the catch within seven days starting from the date approved to conduct transshipment. Notwithstanding, in case of any of the following circumstances, the transshipment may be conducted within 11 days:

- (1) For at-sea transshipment: an observer of the ICCAT regional observer program is onboard the carrier vessel to observe the operation.
- (2) For in-port transshipment: the activity takes place in Chienchen Fishing Harbor, Siaogang Linhai New Residential Quarter Fishing Harbor, or Donggang Yanpu Fishing Harbor.

For any transshipment not being able to be conducted within the timeframe as referred to in the preceding paragraph, the (distant water fisheries operator) or the captain concerned may apply for the change of transshipment date before the end of the timeframe, and the transshipment shall only be conducted after obtaining the approval from the competent authority. Any application made after the timeframe shall be denied.

#### Article 58

For any tuna longline fishing vessel or carrier vessel that is under any of the following circumstances during the current fishing trip, the competent authority shall not authorize such vessel to transship at sea:

- (1) The ALC on board is mal-functional and has not been repaired.
- (2) There is concrete evidence to identify such vessel has involved in any serious infringement as prescribed in subparagraph (4) to (14) or (18) of Article 13, paragraph 1 of the Act
- (3) For bigeye tuna, north Atlantic albacore tuna or south Atlantic albacore tuna, the discrepancy between the amount to be transshipped and the catch amount reported through the E-logbook system exceeds 10% of the latter.
- (4) For north Atlantic swordfish; south Atlantic swordfish; blue marlin; or white marline/roundscale spearfish, the discrepancy between the amount to be transshipped and the catch amount reported through the E-logbook system exceeds 15% of the latter.

- (5) For yellowfin tuna, the discrepancy between the amount to be transshipped and the catch reported through the E-logbook system exceeds 20% of the latter.
- (6) For sharks and other species, the discrepancy between the amount to be transshipped and the catch reported through the E-logbook system exceeds 25% of the latter.

For any tuna longline fishing vessel or carrier vessel that is under any of the following circumstances during the current fishing trip, the competent authority may not authorize such vessel to transship at sea:

- (1) For the catches to be transshipped, it is suspected that the vessel applying for the transshipment has operated within the water under the jurisdiction of any other country without valid authorization.
- (2) Any of the following infractions found by the competent authority or the independent third party or reported by observers of ICCAT regional observer program have not been improved:
  - i. No valid fishing license on board.
  - ii. No logbook as designated by the competent authority on board.
  - iii. Any vessel marking that is not marked in accordance with Article 14 to 16.
- (3) The Transshipment Notification as referred to in Article 56, paragraph 2 is not filled in completely.

The amount to be transshipped as referred to in subparagraphs (3) and (4) of paragraph 1 shall be calculated by each species, except for white marline/roundscale spearfish which shall be calculated altogether. The amount to be transshipped as referred to in subparagraph (6) of paragraph 1 shall be calculated by sharks and other species respectively.

#### Article 59

In the event that the catch of any tuna longline fishing vessel has been landed in a port and is subsequently transported by a carrier vessel for port departure, it shall be deemed as transshipment and Article 57 shall apply.

#### Article 60

The tuna longline fishing vessel or carrier vessel which obtains the approval to transship pursuant to Article 57 shall not conduct the transshipment in the event that the ALC on board is signal-lost and has not been repaired.

#### Article 61

For any transshipment in the Atlantic Ocean or the transshipment of any catch taken from the Atlantic Ocean conducted by a carrier vessel, the ICCAT Transshipment Declaration shall, within 24 hours after the completion of such transshipment, be filled in and submitted to the ICCAT Secretariat, with a copy to the competent authority. The format of the ICCAT Transshipment Declaration is as shown in Appendix 13.

The distant water fisheries operator or the captain of any tuna longline fishing vessel shall, within five working days after the completion of transshipment, submit the ICCAT Transshipment Declaration to the competent authority.

#### Article 62

For any tuna longline fishing vessel landing its catch in a domestic or foreign port, the

following person(s) shall fill in the Advance Notice of Landing (format as shown in Appendix 14), and submit it to the competent authority for approval by the following deadline; and in case that the last day for filing the application is a day-off, the application shall be made on the working day before the day-off:

- (1) For the landing conducted by a tuna longline fishing vessel, its distant water fisheries operator or captain shall submit it no later than three days before the estimated date for landing.
- (2) For the landing conducted by a tuna longline fishing vessel with the catch subsequently transported by commissioning a container vessel, the distant water fisheries operator or the captain of such tuna longline fishing vessel shall submit it no later than three days before the estimated date for landing.
- (3) For the landing conducted by a carrier vessel, the distant water fisheries operator of a tuna longline fishing vessel shall submit it no later than three days before the estimated date for landing.

Tuna longline fishing vessels approved by the competent authority to conduct landing may land the catch within seven days starting from the date approved to conduct landing. For any fishing vessel that is under the circumstances as stipulated in Article 50, paragraph 3, the landing may be conducted within 11 days.

For any landing not being able to be conducted within the timeframe as referred to in the preceding paragraph, the distant water fisheries operator or the captain concerned may apply for the change of landing date before the end of the timeframe, and the landing shall only be conducted after obtaining the approval from the competent authority. Any application made after the timeframe shall be denied.

Any tuna longline fishing vessel that is approved to be chartered for the fisheries cooperation with a foreign country may land at the port(s) of such a foreign country when operating in the water thereof, in accordance with the manner approved by such country.

#### Article 62-1

For any tuna longline fishing vessel whose catch is landed at a foreign port and transported to a domestic port by a container vessel, the distant water fisheries operator of such tuna longline vessel shall, no later than three days before the container vessel's port entry, notify the competent authority the time of port entry and the name of the port.

#### Article 63

Upon the completion of landing of any tuna longline fishing vessel, the following person(s) shall fill in and submit to the competent authority the Landing Declaration, format of which is as shown in Appendix 14, by the prescribed deadline:

- (1) For the landing conducted by a tuna longline fishing vessel, its distant water fisheries operator or captain shall submit the Declaration within ten working days after the completion of landing.
- (2) For the landing conducted by a tuna longline fishing vessel with the catch subsequently being transported by commissioning a container vessel, the distant water fisheries operator of such longline vessel shall submit the Declaration within ten working days after the container(s) containing such catch unloads and completes customs clearance.
- (3) For the landing conducted by a carrier vessel, the distant water fisheries operator of a tuna longline fishing vessel shall submit the Declaration within ten working days after

the completion of landing by the carrier vessel.

The term “completion of landing” as referred to in these Regulations means the whole weighing process has been completed for the catch landed at a port.

#### Article 64

For any tuna longline fishing vessel that lands or transships at foreign ports, permission documents for landing or transshipment issued from the port State concerned shall be enclosed when submitting landing declaration(s) or transshipment declaration(s).

In the event that the port State concerned doesn't have regulations which provide that permission documents shall be applied for landing or transshipment, documents proving the whereabouts of catches and containing the information on species and catch amount such as the bill of landing, certificate of storage, invoice and details of trade deal shall be submitted.

#### Article 65

The distant water fisheries operator and captain of any fishing vessel shall accept port inspections conducted by the competent authority or the independent third party for verification of the catch landed or transshipped.

The distant water fisheries operator or captain of any fishing vessel that is designated by the competent authority to be inspected shall comply with the following:

- (1) For inspections conducted by the competent authority, the landing or transshipment shall be started only after the person(s) of the competent authority has arrived.
- (2) For inspections conducted by the independent third party, the contact with the independent third party shall be made, and the landing and transshipment shall be started only after the person(s) of the independent third party has arrived.

#### Article 66

The distant water fisheries operator of any tuna longline fishing vessel shall, within 60 days after the completion of landing, submit sales or inventory information to the competent authority. The sales information shall at least include buyer(s), fish species and quantities.

#### Article 66-1

Any of the following circumstances shall be imposed with punishment(s) in accordance with Article 36 of the Act:

- (1) Any carrier vessel engaging in transshipment evades, obstructs, or refuses to have the observer onboard; or refuses to receive the observer designated by the competent authority to conduct observation mission on board, in violation of Article 54, paragraph 1.
- (2) Any transshipment is conducted without approval, in violation of Article 57, paragraph 1.
- (3) Any transshipment is conducted not within the approved timeframe, in violation of Article 57, paragraph 3. Notwithstanding, the circumstances as stipulated in paragraph 2, subparagraph (2) of this Article are not subject to this provision.
- (4) Any landing is conducted without approval, in violation of Article 62, paragraph 1.
- (5) Any landing is conducted not within the approved timeframe, in violation of Article 62, paragraph . Notwithstanding, the circumstances as stipulated in paragraph 2,

subparagraph (5) of this Article are not subject to this provision.

- (6) Any inspection for verification of the catch is evaded, obstructed, or refused, in violation of Article 65, paragraph 1; or the requirements as stipulated in Article 65, paragraph 2 are not complied with.

Any of the following circumstances shall be imposed with punishment(s) in accordance with Article 41 of the Act:

- (1) Any carrier vessel of the Republic of China transships with, refuels, or supplies any fishing vessel not listed in the authorized fishing vessel list of ICCAT or any fishing vessel that has altered its name or registration number, in violation of Article 52.
- (2) In the event of the following situations for any fishing vessel or carrier vessel that is under the circumstances stipulated in the proviso clause of Article 57, paragraph 3:
  - i. At-sea transshipment is conducted not within the timeframe approved; or
  - ii. In-port transshipment is conducted in Chienchen Fishing Harbor, Siaogang Linhai New Residential Quarter Fishing Harbor, or Donggang Yanpu Fishing Harbor, after the timeframe approved.
- (3) Transshipment is conducted when the ALC on board is signal-lost and has not been repaired, in violation of Article 60.
- (4) The Transshipment Declaration is not submitted before the deadline, in violation of Article 61.
- (5) In the event of the following situations for any fishing vessel or carrier vessel that is under the circumstances stipulated in the proviso clause of Article 62, paragraph 3:
  - i. Landing is conducted in Shimizu or Yaizu port of Japan not within the timeframe approved; or
  - ii. Landing is conducted in Chienchen Fishing Harbor, Siaogang Linhai New Residential Quarter Fishing Harbor, or Donggang Yanpu Fishing Harbor, after the timeframe approved.
- (6) The Landing Declaration is not submitted before the deadline, in violation of Article 63.

## Chapter X Observation and Inspection during Fishing Operations

### Article 67

The distant water fisheries operator of any fishing vessel that receives the observer dispatched by the competent authority, any foreign country with which the fisheries cooperation is engaged, or any international fisheries organization shall comply with the following:

- (1) He/she shall notify the competent authority in writing seven working days before the date of intended port entry or departure.
- (2) To embark and disembark the observer at the time and place informed by the competent authority.
- (3) To provide the observer, while onboard the vessel, with food, accommodation, adequate sanitary amenities, and medical facilities of a reasonable standard equivalent to those normally available to an officer onboard the vessel.
- (4) To instruct the captain and crew of the fishing vessel matters related to the cooperation with or assisting the observer in carrying out the duties.

### Article 68

The captain of any fishing vessel that receives the observer dispatched by the competent authority, any foreign country with which the fisheries cooperation is engaged, or any international fisheries organization shall comply with the following:

- (1) The captain shall attend the pre-sail training course given by the competent authority.
- (2) When an observer is on board the fishing vessel, the captain shall inform the observer of the daily routine, personal safety and vessel equipment.
- (3) The captain shall cooperate with and assist the observer in carrying out duties, and shall not evade, obstruct or refuse to answer the inquiry related to the observation mission.
- (4) The captain shall not interfere with, assault, intimidate, or bribe the observer.
- (5) The captain shall provide the observer with adequate space, facilities, equipment and information on the vessel necessary for his daily living and for carrying out his/her duties.
- (6) The captain shall request the crew to comply with the provision stipulated in the preceding 3 subparagraphs.
- (7) The captain shall sign on the record(s) written by the observer. In case there are different views on the record(s) of the observer, captain's opinions may be added.
- (8) The captain shall ensure the safety of the observer. In case of emergency or distress, special care and refuge shall be provided to the observer.

#### Article 69

In the event of boarding and inspection conducted by the inspector(s) dispatched by the competent authority, any captain and crew of the inspected vessel shall cooperate with, facilitate the safe boarding and disembarkation of the inspector(s), and provide the inspector(s) with adequate space, facilities and equipment for carrying out the duties.

#### Article 69-1

In the event that an observer dies or the search and rescue are ceased for a missing observer fallen overboard, the fishing vessel shall immediately cease fishing operations, and the competent authority shall order such vessel to navigate directly to the port designated by the competent authority for investigation.

In the event that an observer suffers from a serious illness or injury that threatens his or her health or safety, the fishing vessel shall immediately cease fishing operations and facilitate the disembarkation of the observer for appropriate medical treatment.

In the event that an observer is assaulted, intimidated, threatened, or harassed, the competent authority may order such vessel to immediately cease fishing operations and navigate to the designated port within the required timeframe.

### Chapter XI Special Management Measures for High Risk Fishing Vessels

#### Article 70

Matters related to the management of high risk fishing vessels categorized by the competent authority shall be governed by this Chapter. Matters not stipulated in this Chapter shall be governed by these Regulations.

#### Article 71

Any distant water fisheries operator of the high risk fishing vessels shall, starting from the date that the competent authority informs the distant water fisheries operator of such vessel, comply with the special management measures as follows:

- (1) Any high risk fishing vessel shall not engage in fisheries cooperation by means of being chartered to any foreigner.
- (2) For each fishing trip of such vessel, the observer dispatched by the competent authority

shall be carried on board, or the functional electronic monitoring equipment shall be installed on board before leaving a port. For such vessel that has carried on board the observer who meets the requirement of the international fisheries organization(s), it shall be exempted.

- (3) Vessel positions shall be transmitted in accordance with Chapter VI.
- (4) Catch reports shall be conducted in accordance with provisions stipulated in Chapter VII.
- (5) Such vessel shall not conduct at-sea transshipment.
- (6) For transshipment in port, the Transshipment Notification shall be filled in to apply for the approval of the competent authority, no later than seven days before the estimated date for transshipment.
- (7) For landing in port, the Advance Notice of Landing shall be filled in to apply for the approval of the competent authority, no later than seven days before the estimated date for landing.
- (8) In case of transshipment or landing in port, inspections shall be conducted by the competent authority or the independent third party.

#### Article 72

In the event that any high risk fishing vessel does not violate any regulation for one year starting from the date of being listed as high risk fishing vessel, such vessel shall be de-listed and exempted from the special management measures.

#### Article 72-1

For the purpose of these Regulations, the catch amount is the unprocessed round weight.

The conversion factors between the weights of processed fish and round fish are as shown in Appendix 15.

### Chapter XII Supplemental Provisions

#### Article 73

Any tuna longline fishing vessel shall not fish within one nautical mile off a data buoy, or take on board, possess or cause damage to the data buoy.

In case that the fishing gear becomes entangled with the data buoy, the entangled fishing gear shall be removed with as little damage to the data buoy as possible.

In case of finding any data buoy that is damaged or non-functional, the captain shall report to the competent authority the date, location, and the identifying information on the data buoy.

#### Article 74

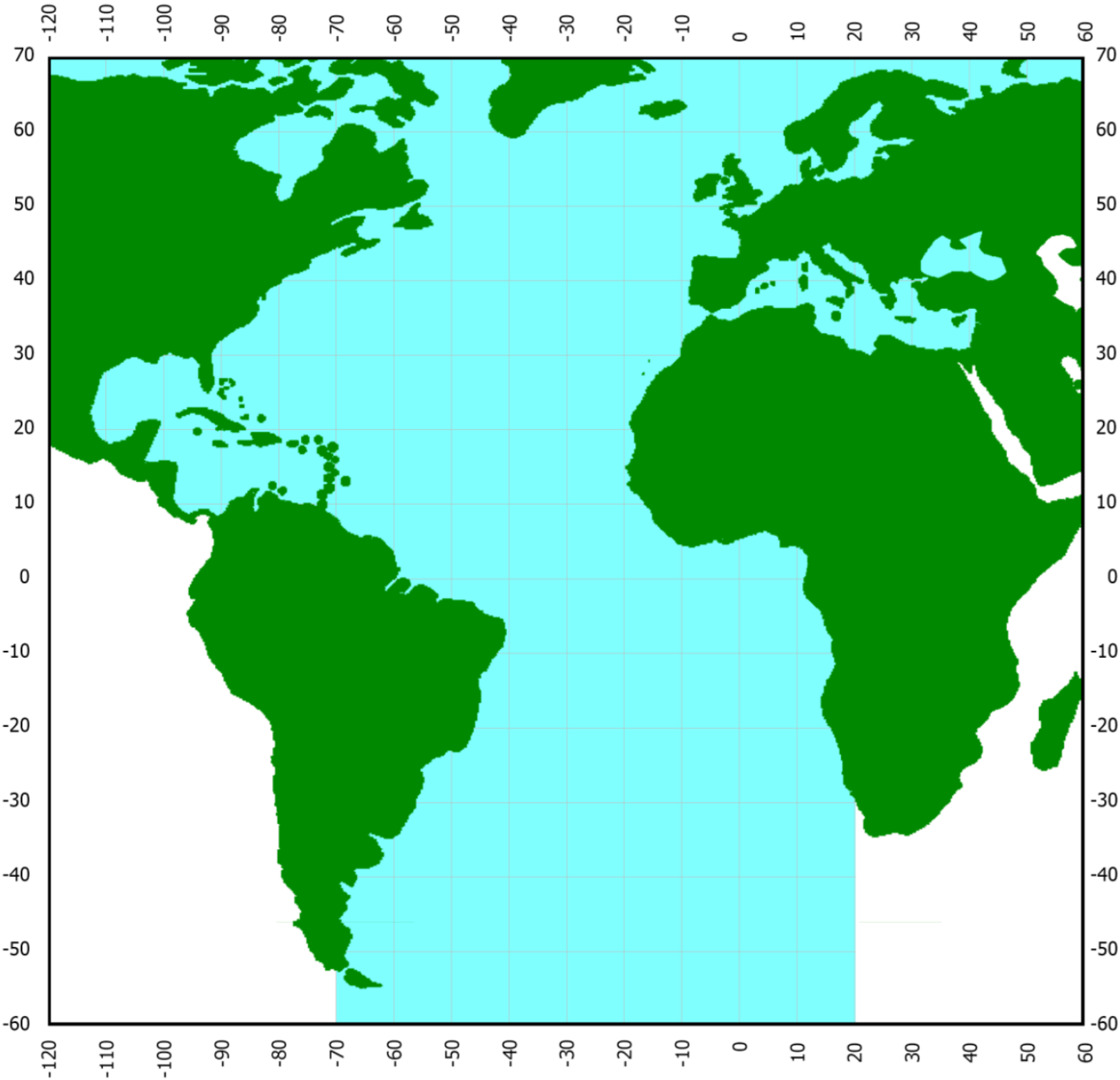
To prevent harming marine living species, any fishing vessel shall not dispose any type of plastic trash or discharge any oil on the sea.

#### Article 75

These Regulations shall become effective on January 20, 2017.

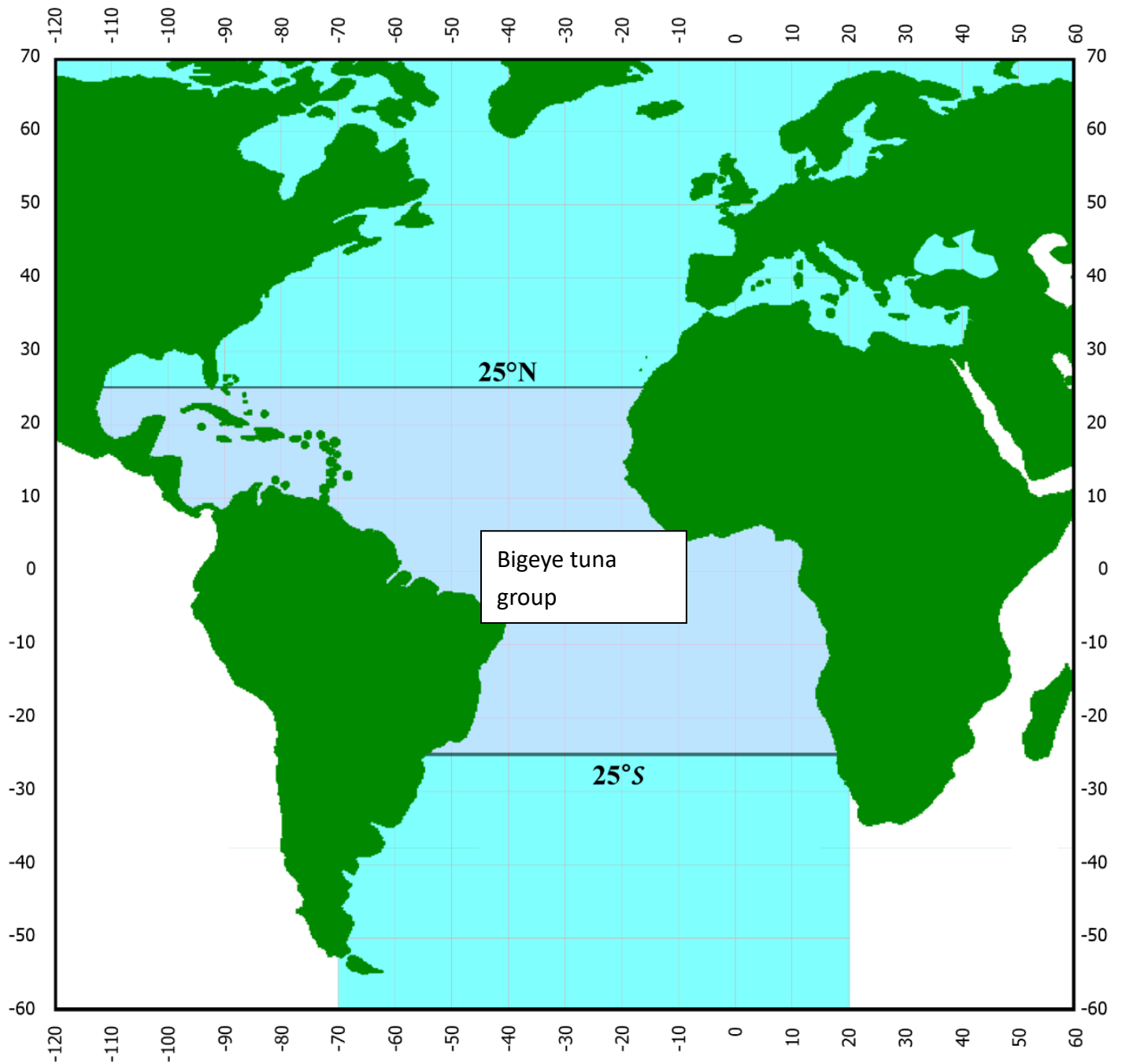
Amendments to these Regulations shall become effective on the date of promulgation.

Appendix 1: Area of the Atlantic Ocean

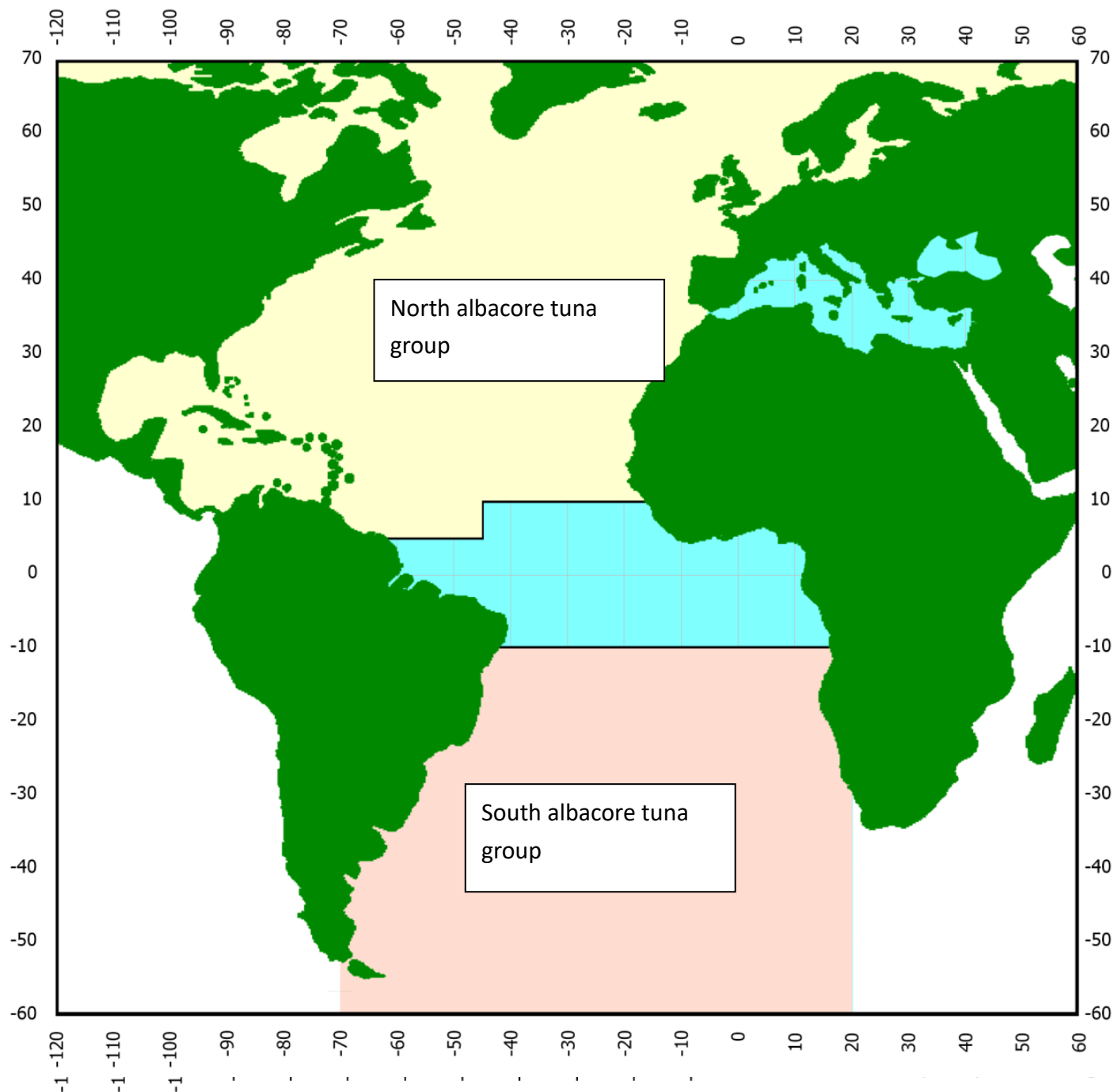




## Appendix 2: The fishing area of the bigeye tuna group



Appendix 3: Fishing areas of the north albacore tuna group and south albacore tuna group



## Appendix 4

## Application Form for Longline Fishing Vessels of 100 GT and above Proceeding to the Atlantic Ocean

Registration Number of Fish- ing Vessel	CT    —	Vessel Name in Chinese		
		Vessel Name in English		
Distant Water Fisheries Opera- tor	Name of Company			
	Legal Representative			
	Contact Person			
	Contact Address			
	Contact Telephone Num- ber			
Group of Fishing Vessel	<input type="checkbox"/> Bigeye Tuna Group  <input type="checkbox"/> North Albacore Tuna Group  <input type="checkbox"/> South Albacore Tuna Group		Ultra-low tempera- ture devices	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Satellite Commu- nication and VMS equipment	VMS Type	<input type="checkbox"/> IRIDIUM	Type	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INMARSAT		
		ALC identification number:		
	Satellite Tele- phone Number	(required)		

☐ The receipt issued by OFDC to the distant water fisheries operator for the payment of annual VMS communication fee.

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature or Stamp)

To Council of Agriculture:

Date:

## Appendix 5

**Application Form for Carrier Vessels of the Republic of China  
Proceeding to the Atlantic Ocean**

Registration Number of Fish- ing Vessel	CT —	Vessel Name in Chinese	
		Vessel Name in English	
Distant Water Fisheries Opera- tor	Name of Company		
	Legal Representative		
	Contact Person		
	Contact Address		
	Contact Telephone Num- ber		
Satellite Commu- nication and VMS equipment	VMS Type	<input type="checkbox"/> IRIDIUM	Type
		<input type="checkbox"/> INMARSAT	
		ALC identification number:	
	Satellite Tele- phone Number	(required)	

☐The receipt issued by OFDC to the distant water fisheries operator for the payment of annual VMS communication fee.

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature or Stamp)

To Council of Agriculture:

Date:

## Appendix 6

### **Specification of Width, Height and Color of Characters for Vessel Markings**

#### I. Chinese Vessel Name

1. Height Standard of Character	
GT of Vessel	Minimum Length
20 GT and above and less than 100 GT	25 cm
100 GT and above and less than 1,000 GT	30 cm
1,000 GT and above	35 cm
2. Color of Characters	
Ground Color of Fishing Vessel	Color of Characters
Dark Color	White
Bright Color	Black

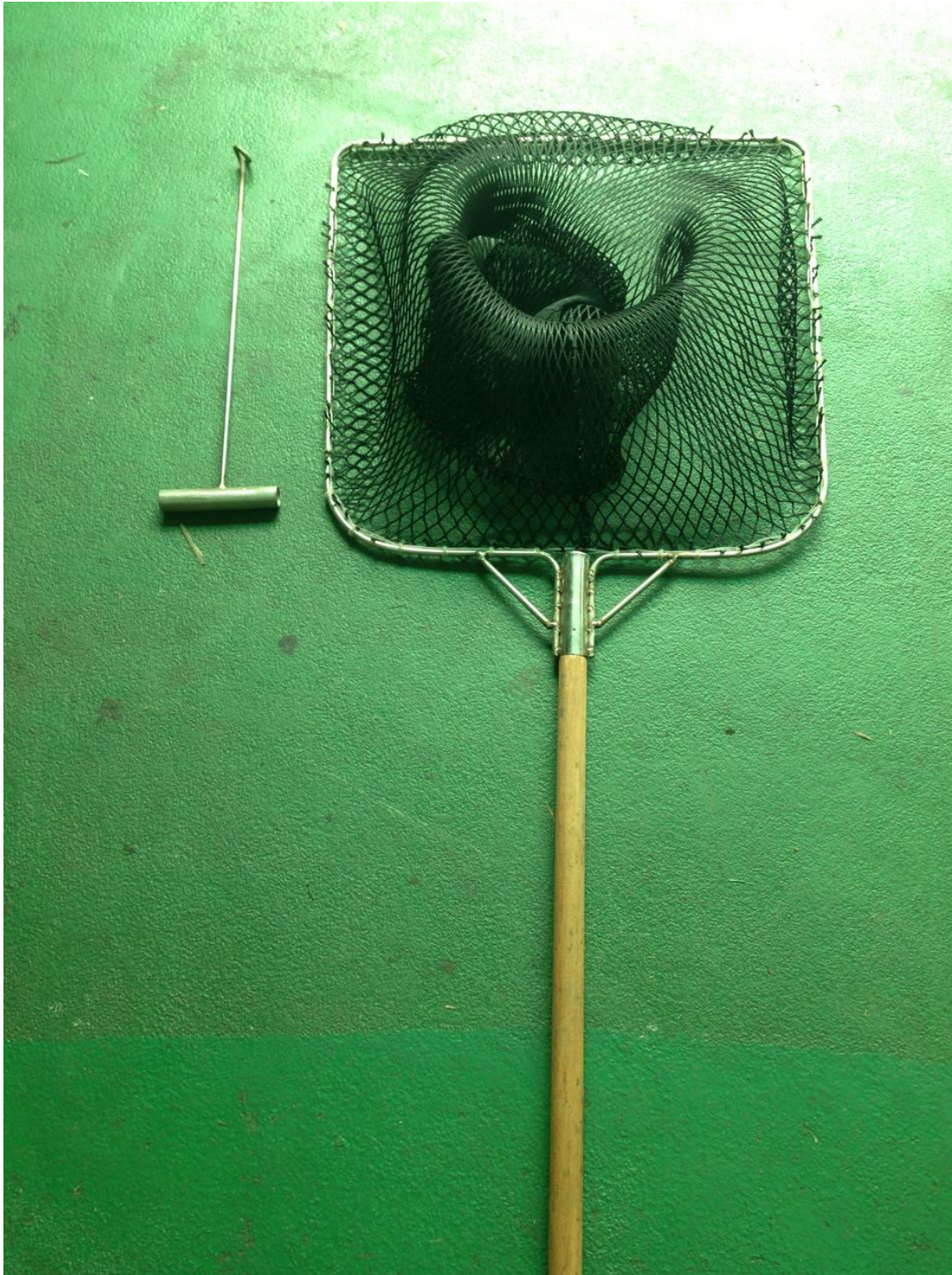
#### II. English Vessel Name and CT Number

1. Height Standard of Character	
GT of Vessel	Minimum Length
20 GT and above and less than 100 GT	15 cm
100 GT and above and less than 1,000 GT	20 cm
1,000 GT and above	25 cm
2. Color of Characters	
Ground Color of Fishing Vessel	Color of Characters
Dark Color	White
Bright Color	Black

### III. IRCS

1. Height Standard of Character		
Position of Marking	Vessel Length Overall	Minimum Length
Both Sides of the Vessel	25 meters and above	1 meter
	20 meters and above and less than 25 meters	80 cm
	15 meters and above and less than 20 meters	60 cm
	12 meters and above and less than 15 meters	40 cm
	5 meters and above and less than 12 meters	30 cm
	Less than 5 meters	10 cm
Deck	5 meters and above	30 cm
2. Width Standard		
Marking Items		The Proportion of Marking Items to the Height
Width of Hyphen		Half
Stroke Width of Characters or Hyphen		One-sixth
Space between Characters		One-sixth and above and less than one-fourth
Adjacent Space of Characters with Hypotenuse Form (such as A, V )		One-tenth and above and less than one-eighth
3. Color of Characters		
Ground Color of Fishing Vessel		Color of Characters
Dark Color		White
Bright Color		Black

## Appendix 7 De-hooker (left) and Scoop net (right)



### Instructions:

1. For any sea turtle hooked or entangled in gear and cannot be safely removed from the water, the line should be cut as close as possible to the hook, without inflicting additional unnecessary harm on the turtle. If the sea turtle can be safely removed from the water, an appropriate scoop net or basket lift shall be used to bring aboard the turtle for removing the gear or cutting the line as close as possible to the hook, fostering its recovery if needed, and returning it to the sea at once.
2. When a hook is swallowed and the hook can be removed, use the de-hooker by holding its handle, engaging the shank of the hook, and pulling the de-hooker out with the hook with a slight thrust downward.

## Appendix 8 Specifications of seabird mitigation measures

Mitigation measure	Description	Specification
Bird-scaring lines (Tori lines)	Bird-scaring lines shall be deployed during longline setting to deter birds from approaching the branch line.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Deploy at least 1 bird-scaring line. Where practical, vessels are encouraged to use a second tori pole and bird scaring line at times of high bird abundance or activity; both tori lines should be deployed simultaneously, one on each side of the line being set.</li> <li>- Aerial extent of bird-scaring lines must be greater than or equal to 100 m.</li> <li>- Long streamers of sufficient length to reach the sea surface in calm conditions must be used.</li> <li>- Length of long streamers shall be greater than or equal to 150m. Long streamers must be bright colors, made of durable materials, and at intervals of no more than 5m.</li> </ul>
Line weighting	Line weights to be deployed on the snood prior to setting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Greater than a total of 45 g attached within 1 m of the hook or;</li> <li>- Greater than a total of 60 g attached within 3.5 m of the hook or;</li> <li>- Greater than a total of 98 g weight attached within 4 m of the hook.</li> </ul>



## Appendix 9

### Facsimile Form for Vessel Position and Fishing Operation Information

Vessel Name				
(IRCS/WIN)				
Registration Number of Fishing Vessel	CT —			
Date of Vessel Position in GMT	Year	Month	Day	Hour Minute
GPS Vessel Position	<input type="checkbox"/> Latitude in North <input type="checkbox"/> Latitude in South	Degree Minute	<input type="checkbox"/> Longitude in East <input type="checkbox"/> Longitude in West	Degree Minute
Navigation Speed and Direction	Speed	Knots	Direction	°
Movement of Fishing Vessel	<input type="checkbox"/> (Fishing) <input type="checkbox"/> (Searching) <input type="checkbox"/> (Transiting ) <input type="checkbox"/> (Transshipping) <input type="checkbox"/> (Drifting) <input type="checkbox"/> (Other Activities)			
Person Filling the Form (operator)				

※ Please affix the official company stamp and the authorized signatory's seal, if the operator is a company.

※ Please fax the completed form to the Fisheries Monitoring Center (FMC) of the Fisheries Agency or fishery radio stations:

FMC FAX : (02) 23012801 、(02) 23328326 TEL: (02) 23835782

Keelung Fishery Communication Radio Station : FAX : (02) 24693485 TEL: (02) 24693415-7

Kaohsiung Fishery Communication Radio Station : FAX : (07)8155964 TEL: (07) 8155963

Suao Fishery Communication Radio Station : FAX : (03) 9961942 TEL: (03) 9962111

Donggang Fishery Communication Radio Station : FAX : (08) 8354312 TEL:(08) 8350247

# Appendix 10

## Designated Domestic Ports and Ports Located in the Atlantic Ocean for Tuna Longline Fishing Vessels to land or Tranship

Country	Port
the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago	Port of Spain
Oriental Republic of Uruguay	Montevideo
Republic of South Africa	Cape Town
Republic of China	Chen-Pin Fishing Harbor in Keelung City
	Nanfangao Fishing Port in Ilan County
	Chienchen Fishing Harbor in Kaohsiung City
	Siaogang Linhai New Residential Quarter Fishing Harbor in Kaohsiung City
	Yanpu Donggang Fishing Harbor in Pingtung County
	Hsinkang Fishing Harbor in Taitung County

Appendix 11 Information to Be Submitted for Carrier Vessels Applying for Transshipping in Port or at Sea

		National carrier vessels	Foreign carrier vessels
1	Carbon copy of vessel's nationality certificate		○
2	Name of vessel and its registration number		○
3	Previous name(s)		○
4	Previous flag(s)		○
5	Details of vessel information in previous registrations		○
6	International radio call signs		○
7	Lloyds (LR) or International Maritime Organization (IMO) ship identification number		○
8	Type of vessel, length, gross tonnage (GT), and carrying capacity		○
9	Name and address of the owner(s) and the distant water fisheries operator(s)		○
10	Carbon copy of business registration certificate of owner(s) or distant water fisheries operator(s)		○
11	Data Network Identity (DNID) number of the vessel and the agreement of vessel position polling	○	○
12	Number of satellite phone and facsimile on board	○	○
13	Estimated transshipment period	○	○
14	Route chart	○	○
15	Whether at-sea or in-port transshipment is to be conducted. For at-sea transshipment, the carrier vessel shall, before the transshipment takes place, receive an observer at a port, and indicate the name of the port.	○	○
16	For transshipment within the Atlantic Ocean or the transshipment in other waters of catch taken from the Atlantic Ocean, the fish species and amount of catches caught from respective convention areas of different international fisheries organizations shall be distinguished, and the carrier vessel shall report the information regarding the observer recognized by the ICCAT regional observer program.	○	○
17	<u>List of tuna longline fishing vessel(s) intending to conduct the transshipment</u>	○	○
18	Other designated documents as promulgated by the competent authority of the central government.	○	○

Appendix 12

Transshipment Notification

Applied by ☐ a tuna longliner  
☐ a carrier vessel

Name of Vessel					ICCAT List Number of Vessel				
Name of Carrier					ICCAT List Number of Carrier				
Estimated Date of Transshipment		day month year			Date of Harvesting the Catch to be Transshipped		From day month year To day month year		
Estimated Location of Transshipment					Notification to Port State Authorities before In-Port Transshipment		<input type="checkbox"/> YES day month year <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
Product	Product Type	Geographic Location of the Catch	Catch to Be Transshipped (kg)	Catch Remaining Onboard (kg)	Product	Product Type	Geographic Location of the Catch	Catch to Be Transshipped (kg)	Catch Remaining Onboard (kg)
Estimated Landing Country									
Taiwan Tuna Association				簽 證 欄					

Signature of Master \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Distant Water Fisheries Operator \_\_\_\_\_

# Appendix 13 ICCAT Transshipment Declaration

## ICCAT Transshipment Declaration

Applied by ☐ a tuna longliner  
☐ a carrier vessel

### Carrier vessel

Vessel Name and radio call sign:  
 Flag Country/Entity/Fishing Entity:  
 Flag State authorization number:  
 Domestic Registration Number:  
 ICCAT Record Number:  
 IMO Number, if any:

### Fishing vessel

Vessel Name and radio call sign:  
 Flag CPC:  
 Flag CPC authorization number:  
 Domestic Registration Number:  
 ICCAT Record Number, if applicable:  
 IMO Number, if any:  
 External identification:

Departure	Day	Month	Hour	Year	2	0			Agent's name:	F. V. Master's name:	Carrier vessel Master's name:
Return				from					Signature:	Signature:	Signature:
Transshipment				to							

Indicate the weight in kilograms or the unit used (e.g. box, basket) and the landed weight in kilograms of this unit: ☐ kilograms

Period of Harvesting the Catch Transshipped From day month year To day month year

LOCATION OF TRANSSHIPMENT.....

Species (by stock,* if applicable) <sup>2</sup>	Port	Area <sup>3</sup>	Type of Product <sup>1</sup> RD/GG/DR/FL/ST/OT	Net Weight (Kg)						

ICCAT Observer signature and date (if transshipment at sea):

<sup>1</sup> Type of Product should be indicated as Round (RD), Gilled and Gutted (GG), Dressed (DR), Fillet (FL), Steak (ST), Other (OT) (describe the type of product).

<sup>2</sup> A list of species by stock, with their geographic delineations, is included on the back of this form. Please provide as much detail as possible.

<sup>3</sup> Atlantic, Mediterranean, Pacific, Indian

\*If stock level information is not available, please provide explanation.

## Appendix 14

### Advance Notice of Landing/ Landing Declaration for Catches of Distant Water Fishing Vessels

Vessel Name:				CT Number: CT -			
Fishing Area:				Fishing Period: From yyy/mm/dd to yyy/mm/dd			
<input type="checkbox"/> Advance Notice of Landing (please fill in column 1, 2, or 3 below)				<input type="checkbox"/> Landing Declaration (please fill in column 4, 5, or 6 below)			
1 <input type="checkbox"/> Landing by a fishing vessel itself Port of landing: _____ Estimated date for landing: _____				4 <input type="checkbox"/> Landing by a fishing vessel itself Port of landing: _____ Starting date of landing: _____ Date of completion of landing: _____			
2 <input type="checkbox"/> Landing by commissioning a carrier Port of landing: _____ Name of the carrier and its registration No. in RFMO: _____ Estimated date for landing for the carrier: _____				5 <input type="checkbox"/> Landing by commissioning a carrier Port of landing: _____ Name of the carrier and its registration No. in RFMO: _____ Starting date of landing: _____ Date of completion of landing: _____			
3 <input type="checkbox"/> Commissioning a container vessel to transport after landing in port by a fishing vessel Port of consignment: _____ Estimated date of landing by the fishing vessel itself: _____ Estimated destination for the container: _____ Estimated date of arrival: _____				6 <input type="checkbox"/> Commissioning a container vessel to transport after landing in port by a fishing vessel Port of consignment: _____ Date of landing by the fishing vessel itself: _____ Destination of the container: _____ Date of customs declaration of the container: _____			
7 Catch Landed (Processing Types, e.g. roud fish (RD); gilled and gutted (GG); headed and gutted (DR); others (please specify))							
Species	Processing Type	Landing Amount	Catch remaining onboard	Species	Processing Type	Landing Amount	Catch remaining onboard
(please fill in KG)				Total		KG	
Notes:							

<input type="checkbox"/> Name and Phone Number of the Assigned Fish Trading Agent:  <input type="checkbox"/> Name and Phone Number of the Refrigerated Plant:  <input type="checkbox"/> Name and Phone Number of the Processing Plant:	<input type="checkbox"/> Traded in Fish Market:  <input type="checkbox"/> Traded by the Fishery Operator:  <input type="checkbox"/> Others (please specify)
--	---

Both the Advance Notice and Declaration shall be written in duplicate, and the fishing vessel and the Fisheries Agency shall hold each copy respectively.

Signature of the captain or distant water fisheries operator: Phone Number:
--

Date of Submission:                 year                 month                 day

## Appendix 15

The conversion factors between the weights of processed fish and round fish

Formula: round weight =  
the weight of processed fish × the conversion factor

Species	Processing methods	Conversion Factors
Bigeye tuna and Yellowfin tuna	Gilled and gutted (GG)	1.13
	Gilled, gutted, and headed (DR/HDD)	1.43
Swordfish	Gilled, gutted, headed and tailed	1.3
Blue marlin, white marlin, and longbill spearfish	Gilled, gutted, headed and tailed	1.2
Sharks	Headed and gutted, (DR)	1.54