Catch documentation scheme for Dissostichus spp.: improving the control of landings, imports, exports, re-exports and transhipments

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PURPOSE: to amend Regulation 1035/2001/EC establishing a catch documentation scheme for *Dissostichus spp*.

LEGISLATIVE ACT: Council Regulation 1368/2006/EC amending Regulation 1035/2001 establishing a catch documentation scheme for *Dissostichus spp*.

CONTENT: the "Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources", or the CCAMLR, has made a number of changes which seek to improve upon the control of landings, the import, export, re-export and transhipments of *Dissostichus spp*. The Community, which is a contracting party to the CCAMLR has decided to adopt CCAMLR amendments into its legislation. Regulation 1035 /2001/EC, which currently regulates the documentation scheme of *Dissostichus spp*. has been amended accordingly. (For a summary of Regulation 1035/2001/EC please refer to CNS/2000/0171).

Regulation 1035/2001/EC has been amended in the following way:

- A number of terms have been defined and inserted into the Regulation. These terms are: import; landing; transhipment; export; re-export and Port State.

- Vessels wishing to harvest *Dissostichus spp*. will only be allowed to land catches in States which are Contracting Parties to the CCAMLR or those States which apply the catch documentation scheme.

- All licences and permits authorising the catch of *Dissostichus spp*. will bear the names of the CCAMLR Contracting Parties, and all those States who have notified the CCAMLR Secretariat that they apply the catch documentation scheme.

- Vessels landing or transhipping *Dissostichus spp*. must complete a catch document.

- Documents must be signed, stamped and validated by a responsible official of the Port State of landing. This process may also be carried out by an official in a free trade zone who is acting under the direction of either the customs or fisheries authorities of the Port State and who is competent to validate the catch documents of *Dissostichus spp*.

- On the 15 of March, June, September and December of each year, the Member States are obliged to send a list of the catch documents regarding landings, imports, exports, re-exports or transhipments on *Dissostichus spp*. to the Commission.

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