

SECTION A

COMMON ELEMENTS FOR NATIONAL INSPECTION SCHEMES FOR COASTAL WHALING IN NAMMCO MEMBER COUNTRIES

A.1 INTRODUCTION

The national inspection schemes include national inspectors who either

- (i) remain permanently on-board whaling vessels or at landing/processing places during the hunting season, or
- (ii) carry out random control of hunting vessels and landing/processing places,

or a combination of (i) and (ii).

The aim of these regulations is to establish a standard of common elements, which shall be a minimum requirement in the random control, included in national inspection schemes. In addition to these elements, the individual member countries may include new elements as considered appropriate in relation to national laws and regulations for their specific whaling activities.

The national authorities decide the extent of inspection within their own jurisdiction.

A.2 NEAR COAST WHALING OPERATIONS

A.2.0 In these provisions, near-coast whaling operations is defined as whaling from vessels which bring their catch fresh to land.

A.2.1 The relevant authorities in each NAMMCO-member country (hereafter called "the national authorities") design and publish a whaling logbook. The captain on board vessels equipped to carry out whaling must keep the logbook continuously updated during the hunting season. A minimum requirement for the whaling logbook is that it includes the information listed in Appendix 1 - items for inclusion in whaling logbooks.

A.2.2 In addition to the logbook the national authorities may develop and implement regulations for the electronic monitoring of information to enable the controlling authorities to ascertain the vessel's position and activities etc.

The electronic monitoring system shall as a minimum sample the following types of data:

- (i) Vessel activity - by continuous logging of time, position and speed of vessel
- (ii) Catching activity - by continuous logging of data on the use of the harpoon gun, hauling of whales etc

A.2.3 The national authorities implement an arrangement whereby national inspectors carry out random checks on whaling vessels and at landing/processing places. The national authorities sample a set of provisions for this arrangement, which specify requirements for the inspectors' qualifications and competence, duties, rights, etc.

A.2.4 One of the duties of the inspectors, as required by the national authorities, (cf. item A.2.3), shall be to examine the whaling logbook in order to check whether it has been filled in correctly, and in general to control that national regulations have been followed.

If an electronic monitoring system is mandatory, the inspector shall check the system certificates, that the seals of amplifiers and control boxes are not broken and that the system is activated. Sealed components shall not be broken by the inspector.