

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/receiving places during the hunting season, or
- ii) carry out random control of hunting vessels and landing/receiving 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 continually 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/receiving places. The national authorities compile 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.

Inspectors shall

- i) draw attention to violations of regulations on board whaling vessels or at landing/receiving places, and in these instances demand changes according to the regulations in effect;
- ii) collect samples and record data in accordance with national and international requirements;
- iii) report to their national authorities, and
- iv) have access to the logbooks of the vessel, check the electronic monitoring system (see A.2.4) and have the right to communicate with the national authorities through the communication equipment of the vessel.

The national authorities develop a reporting form for use by the inspectors.

- A.2.5 The national authorities develop and implement regulations for storage of the catch on board a vessel. Meat, blubber and "mattak" (hide, including a thin layer of blubber) from individual animals caught must be stored on board separately from other catches. Separation of these parts shall occur within a minimum of six hours after the catch report is made.

A.3 OFF-COAST WHALING OPERATIONS

- A.3.0 In these provisions, off-coast whaling operations is defined as whaling where the whale is flensed on board vessels which are equipped to handle and store meat and blubber either frozen or chilled with ice, or preserved by other means, in connection with transport/storage.
- A.3.1 The requirements referred to under A.2.1 and A.2.3 - A.2.5 also apply to off-coast whaling operations.
- A.3.2 The national authorities may develop and implement regulations for the electronic transmission of information to enable the controlling authorities to ascertain the vessels position etc.

The regulations shall require the following types of reports:

- i) Report of commencement of activity - report on time and place when leaving port or when weighing anchor
- ii) Report of position - regular daily report on position.
- iii) Report of catch - report on the time and position of the catch, and subsequent treatment of catch (i.e. flensing).
- iv) Report of termination of activity - report on time and place when arriving at port or when anchoring

APPENDIX 1 – ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN WHALING LOGBOOKS

I VESSEL, WHALING EQUIPMENT AND FORMALITIES

- 1 Registration number of the vessel
- 2 Call signal
- 3 Name of captain/licence holder
- 4 Name(s) of gunner(s)
- 5 Number of licence
- 6 Calibre of harpoon gun
- 7 Type of grenade used
- 8 Calibre of rifle
- 9 Number of grenades and propellant charges (and their serial numbers) on board at end of last whaling trip
- 10 Number of grenades and propellant charges (and their serial numbers) taken on board in connection with present whaling trip
- 11 Number of grenades and propellant charges (and their serial numbers) on board at end of present whaling trip

II ACTIVITIES

- 1 Port of departure
- 2 Date and time of departure from port or weighing anchor
- 3 Port of landing or position of anchoring
- 4 Time catch landed
- 5 Location catch landed

III THE HUNT

- 1 Species hunted
- 2 No. of whales caught in the season
- 3 Time first harpoon fired
- 4 Number of harpoons fired
- 5 Number of hits
- 6 Time of catch
- 7 Position of catch
- 8 Sex
- 9 Caught / lost
- 10 Location of flensing (flensing site)

In addition, the following items may be included:

Research data

- 1 Length
- 2 Sex

- 3 Foetus
 - 4 Time search started
 - 5 Time of first sighting of whale (species to be reported)
 - 6 Position of sighting
 - 7 Number of whales and groups of whales sighted (species to be reported)
 - 8 Samples taken
- IV OTHER
- 1 Comments
 - 2 Date and signature (captain)