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Mr. Feleti P. Teo, OBE
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Dear Mr. Teo,

In accordance with paragraph 57 and footnote 12 of CMM 2015-01(tropical tuna measure), I hereby provide our National Plan for providing operational level catch and effort data as attached.

Sincerely yours,


Hong-Yen HUANG
Head of Chinese Taipei Delegation to WCPFC

National Plan for providing operational level catch and effort data
Chinese Taipei

It is stipulated in paragraph 57 of CMM 2014-01, which was replaced by CMM 2015-01, that "Operational level catch and effort data in accordance with the Standards for the Provision of Operational Level Catch and Effort Data attached to the Rules for Scientific Data to be Provided to the Commission relating to all fishing in EEZs and high seas south of 20N subject to this CMM except for artisanal small-scale vessels shall be provided to the Commission..." with footnote 12 articulating that "CCMs which have a practical difficulty in providing operational data from 2015 may take a grace period of three (3) years under their national plan. This plan shall be provided to the Commission. Such CCM shall provide operational level data which are collected after the date of lifting domestic constraint."

In accordance with the relevant paragraphs, Chinese Taipei submits its national plan and anticipated timeframe for providing Operational level catch and effort data to the Commission.

1. For the past few years after CMM 2014-01 being adopted by the Commission, Chinese Taipei had prioritized its efforts to lift the domestic constraint in this regard. Recently, a new domestic law that can address this issue properly has been promulgated and will enter into effect on January 20, 2017. Under that legal framework, Chinese Taipei can provide operational level catch and effort data within the timeframe set out in CMM 2014-01.
2. As per CMM 2014-01, Chinese Taipei shall provide operational level data which are collected after the date of lifting domestic constraint. In other words, what Chinese Taipei shall provide is the data for January 20, 2017 and beyond, and to be provided since April 30, 2018. However, noticing the importance of providing these data, Chinese Taipei will provide since April 30, 2017 data that are collected after January 20, 2017, which might include some data for 2016.