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Dear Professor Hurry

CMM 2006-08: High Seas Boarding and Inspection Procedures - Letter of Authorisation

In accordance with the Western Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) Conservation and Management Measure (CMM) 2006-08: High Seas Boarding and Inspection (HSB&I) Procedures, Australia submits the following Australian Customs and Border Protection Service Patrol Vessels as authorised inspection vessels, for inclusion on the WCPFC HSB&I Register: *ACV Arnhem Bay*, *ACV Botany Bay*, *ACV Corio Bay*, *ACV Dame Roma Mitchell*, *ACV Hervey Bay*, *ACV Holdfast Bay*, *ACV Roebuck Bay*, *ACV Storm Bay*, *ACV Ocean Protector* and *ACV Triton*.

Pursuant to paragraph 13 of CMM 2006-08, please be advised that:

- the specific details of the inspection vessels are provided in the attachment
- the inspection vessels are clearly marked and identifiable as being on Australian Government service (refer to provided photographs), and
- the crews of the inspection vessels undertaking the high seas boarding and inspection activity in the Convention Area have received and completed training in carrying out boarding and inspection activities at sea in accordance with the requirements of CMM 2006-08.

The Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA) has developed a specific training curriculum on HSB&I procedures for the crews of inspection vessels that will conduct high seas boarding in the Convention Area. In addition, AFMA's authorised fisheries officers (who have been assigned as inspectors pursuant to CMM 2006-08) have received similar training in boarding and inspection procedures.

Pursuant to paragraph 18 of CMM 2006-08, the inspection vessels shall fly, in a clearly visible fashion, the WCPFC inspection flag as designed by the Commission.

AFMA is the Australian authority to contact regarding the high seas boarding of Australian flagged fishing vessels or inspections by Australian flagged inspection vessels. Authorities, or authorised inspectors, of Commission members may contact AFMA as follows:

Name: Duty Officer
Authorised Authority: Australian Fisheries Management Authority
Telephone: +61 419 205 329
Fax: +61 2 6275 6275
Email: foreignsurveillanceresponse@afma.gov.au

Authorities or authorised inspectors using this point of contact should provide the name and call-sign of the vessel being inspected, the inspecting authority, nature of the incident (if applicable), a contact person and a means of making contact with that person (such as a phone number or e-mail address) so that the duty officer can respond to the notification as soon as possible.

Australia understands, as clarified in WCPFC Circular 2008/09, that it is bound not to conduct high seas boarding and inspections pursuant to CMM 2006-08 until after the expiry of the 60 day period following the circulation to members by the Commission of the register of Australian inspection vessels.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this submission.

Yours sincerely,

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