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FFA Proposal to amend para 21 of CMM 2013-10 RFV

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Proposed amendments to paragraph 21 of CMM 2013-10.

21. *Paragraphs 17 – 19 also do not apply to Samoan-flagged longline vessels that fish exclusively in the Samoa Exclusive Economic Zone, use an adjacent CCM’s port for the purpose of unloading its catch in that port, and that adjacent CCM does not object to the use of its port for this purpose.*

CMM 2013-06 SIDS Impact Assessment

a. Who is required to implement the proposal?

The proposal is targeted to support the continued operation of Samoa's domestic longline fleet that fishes exclusively in Samoa's EEZ. No additional implementation requirements would be necessary.

b. Which CCMs would this proposal impact and in what way(s) and what proportion?

Since the proposal is for a targeted fleet, it is intended to support the domestic development aspirations of Samoa's domestic longline fleet, critical for its survival and viability. This proposal will allow this fleet to directly offload to American Samoa instead of the current practice of landing and containerising fish in Samoa, and then shipping to American Samoa. The current practice is costly further impacting on the economic hardship experienced by Samoa in this fishery as a result of prolonged reductions in catch rates in the albacore fishery.

c. Are there linkages with other proposals or instruments in other regional fisheries management organizations or international organizations that reduce the burden of implementation?

N/A

d. Does the proposal affect development opportunities for SIDS?

The proposal aims to enhance the ongoing operations and future planned developments of Samoa's domestic longline vessels. Other SIDS may be in the same geographical circumstance as Samoa, could potentially benefit from this proposal to address economic constraints in future.

e. Does the proposal affect SIDS domestic access to resources and development aspirations?

The proposal will not affect Samoa's access to resources, rather to support its development aspirations. by allowing vessels described in CMM 2013-10, para. 21, and enabling them to transit across an adjacent EEZ to offload their catch. In addition, the proposed offloading activities will support the onshore processing operations and economic benefits derived from these activities by American Samoa.

f. What resources, including financial and human capacity, are needed by SIDS to implement the proposal?

There are no additional resources required to implement the proposal apart from the current MCS activities already implemented to control the activities of these vessels including licensing, dockside boarding and inspection, catch and effort reporting and reporting to the FFA VMS, and other broader measures of the Commission consistent with domestic laws.

g. What mitigation measures are included in the proposal?

No additional mitigation measures are required. The proposal has been carefully drafted to limit its application to Samoa's domestic fleet, whilst maintaining the integrity of paragraph 21 in CMM 2013-10.

h. What assistance mechanisms and associated timeframe, including training and financial support, are included in the proposal to avoid a disproportionate burden on SIDS?

N/A

4. In cases where the transfer of a disproportionate burden of conservation action has been demonstrated by a SIDS or territory, CCMs shall cooperate, to mitigate the burden for the implementation by the relevant SIDS and territories of specific obligations including through:

- a. Phased or delayed implementation of specific obligations; (*Not Applicable*)
- b. Exemption of specific obligations; (*Not Applicable*)
- c. Proportional or rotational implementation; (*Not Applicable*)
- d. Establishment of a compensatory funding mechanism in accordance with the financial regulations of the Commission. (*Not Applicable*)

There is no transfer of a disproportionate burden of conservation action to SIDS and territories.