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Andrew Wright Executive Director Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission Pohnpei FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

Dear Mr Wright

Notification of Intention to carry out High Seas Boarding and Inspection Activities

In accordance with paragraph 13 of Conservation and Management Measure 2006-08 (CMM 2006-08), I wish to notify the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission, through you as the Executive Director, of New Zealand's intention to conduct high seas boarding and inspection activities within the WCPFC Convention area.

Please also note that pursuant to paragraph 6 of CMM 2006-08, New Zealand shall apply these procedures in their entirety as between New Zealand and a Fishing Entity. The New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade notified the Chairman of WCPFC, Mr Glenn Hurry, on 1 August 2008 of this intention. A copy of this correspondence is attached. New Zealand has also advised Chinese Taipei of this notification.

Revised and updated details for the New Zealand inspection vessels were provided to you on 26 March 2008 for inclusion on the WCPFC High Seas Boarding and Inspection Register.

Please find attached to this letter updated details for the **New Zealand authority** responsible for boarding and inspection under these procedures. These should replace the information currently displayed on the WCPFC web site.

In relation to the crew of the New Zealand inspection vessels, I can advise that they have received and completed training in carrying out boarding and inspection activities at sea consistent with those set out in CMM 2006-08.

I also wish to advise that all persons appointed as authorized inspectors have received and completed training in carrying out boarding and inspection activities at sea consistent with the procedures in CMM 2006-08 and also in accordance with New Zealand training protocols. Such persons appointed as authorized inspectors are fully familiar with the fishing activities to be inspected, the provisions of the Convention and any relevant conservation and management measures in force.

The New Zealand Ministry of Fisheries is also **the authority for New Zealand flagged fishing vessels**. For the purpose of facilitating efficient and effective communication between authorised inspection vessels or authorities of inspection vessels and the New Zealand Ministry of Fisheries, I hereby provide a point of contact through which notifications can be initiated pursuant to paragraphs 20(d) and 32 of CMM 2006-08:

Name:	New Zealand Ministry of Fisheries
Telephone:	+64 4 819 4244
Fax:	+64 4 819 4644
Email:	InternationalCompliance@fish.govt.nz

I would encourage those using this point of contact to clearly provide the name and callsign of the vessel being inspected, the inspecting authority, a contact person and a means of making contact with that person (such as a phone number or email address) so that the duty officer can respond to the notification as soon as possible.

Consistent with paragraph 33(a) of CMM 2006-08, New Zealand also wishes to advise the Commission that in the event that New Zealand is notified that a New Zealand flagged vessel has allegedly committed a serious violation as defined in paragraph 37 of CMM 2006-08, the New Zealand Ministry of Fisheries will assume the obligation to investigate such matters and, if the evidence warrants, take enforcement action against the fishing vessel in question.

Yours sincerely

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Matthew Hooper International Policy Manager Ministry of Fisheries New Zealand

DETAILS OF INSPECTING AUTHORITY

AUTHORITY

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COPY OF CORRESPONDENCE WITH CHAIRMAN OF WCPFC REGARDING PARAGRAPH 6 OF CMM 2006-08

1 August 2008

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Mr Glen Hurry Chairman Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission PO Box 2356 Kolonia Pohnpei State, 96941 FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

Dear Mr Hurry

New Zealand notifies the Commission that pursuant to paragraph 6 of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission Boarding and Inspection Procedures – Conservation and Management Measure 2006-08 adopted pursuant to Article 26 of the Convention, New Zealand recognises that the boarding and inspection procedures apply in their entirety as between New Zealand and the fishing entity Chinese Taipei.

Yours sincerely

Jacqui Caine for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade