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Mr. Andrew Wright
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Dear Mr. Wright:

In accordance with paragraph 13 of Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) Conservation and Management Measure (CMM) 2006-08 – High Seas Boarding and Inspection Procedures (HSB&I), Japan herein notifies the Commission of Japan's intention to conduct high seas boarding and inspection activities in the high seas in the WCPFC Convention Area.

Details for authorized Japanese inspection vessels and Japanese responsible authority are attached. Please note that these inspection vessels are clearly marked and identifiable as being on government service.

In relation to inspectors and other crew members of the Japanese inspection vessels, I would like to 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. Such persons appointed as authorized inspectors are fully familiar with the fishing activities to be inspected, the provisions of the Convention and any relevant WCPFC conservation and management measures.

Finally, I wish to advise you that the additional procedural requirements identified in paragraphs 14-24 of CMM 2006-08 have also been incorporated, as appropriate, into Japanese standard operation procedures for executing high seas boarding and inspections.

Yours sincerely,

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