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Annexes I, V, X, XI and XII to Regulation (EU) 2018/975 are amended as follows:

1. Annex I is replaced by the following:

‘ANNEX I

Line weighting standards

1. For externally weighted systems, vessels shall use a longline weighting regime that achieves a demonstrable minimum longline sink rate of 0,3 metre/second to 15 metre depth for gear. In particular:

(a) external weighted lines in the Spanish system configuration and trot lines shall use a minimum of 8,5 kg mass at intervals of no more than 40 m if rocks are used, 6 kg mass at intervals of no more than 20 m for concrete weights, and 5 kg weights at intervals of no more than 40 m for solid metal weights;

(b) external weighted lines in autoline shall use a minimum 5 kg mass at intervals no more than 40 m, which shall be released from vessels in a manner that avoids tension astern (tension astern may lift sections of the longline already deployed out of the water).

2. For vessels using internally weighted longlines, these shall have a lead core of at least 50 g/m and sink instantly with a linear profile and achieve a sink rate of greater than 0,2 metre/second.’

2. Annex V is amended as follows:

(1) In section 1, point (iv) is replaced by the following:

‘(iv) IMO number’;

(2) In section 1, point (xix) is replaced by the following:

‘(xix) Vessel communication types and numbers (e.g. (INMARSAT A, B and C numbers, TSACOM, VSAT, STARLINK), which must be compatible with those used by the SPRFMO Secretariat’;

3. Annex X is amended as follows:

(1) In section A.1, point (g) is replaced by the following:

‘(g) IMO number’;

(2) In section B.2, the following points (r) and (s) are added:

‘(r) Haul back end date and time (the time net is fully onboard) – UTC

(s) Number of doors-up turns during tow’;

(3) In section K.4, point (b) is replaced by the following:

‘(b) fishing methods are to be described using the International Standard Classification of Fishing Gear (ISSCFG) codes’;

(4) In section O.1, point (e) is replaced by the following:

‘(e) IMO number’;

4. Annex XI is amended as follows:

(1) The title of Section 9 is replaced by the following:

‘9. Total catch on board’;

5. Annex XII is amended as follows:

(1) Sections 4, 5, 6, and 7 are replaced by the following:

‘4. Evaluation of catch offloaded (during this port call)

Species	FAO area of capture	Product state	Declared quantity off loaded (kg)	Quantity off loaded (kg)	Difference between quantity declared and quantity determined, if any

5. Evaluation of catch retained on board

Species	FAO area of capture	Product state	Declared quantity held on board (kg)	Quantity held on board (kg)	Difference between quantity declared and quantity determined, if any

6. SPRFMO managed species received from transshipment (during this port call)

Species	FAO area of capture	Product state	Declared quantity received (kg)	Quantity received (kg)	Difference between quantity declared and quantity determined, if any

7. Examination and findings

Section:	Comments:
Examination of logbooks and other documentation:	
Compliance with applicable catch documentation scheme(s):	
Compliance with applicable trade information scheme(s):	
Type of gear onboard:	
Gear examined ¹ :	
Findings by inspectors:	
Apparent infringements (include reference to relevant legal instruments):	
Vessel master's comments:	
Actions taken:	
Vessel master's signature:	

Inspector's signature:

¹ Examination to the extent possible, of all relevant fishing gear onboard, including any gear stowed out of sight as well as related devices, and to the extent possible, verification that they are in conformity with the conditions of the authorisations. The fishing gear shall, to the extent possible, also be checked to ensure that features such as the mesh and twine size, devices and attachments, dimensions and configuration of nets, pots, dredges, hook sizes and numbers are in conformity with applicable regulations and that the markings correspond to those authorised for the vessel.'