

ANNEX III

Flag State notifications

1. Content of flag State notifications pursuant to Article 20

The Commission shall request flag States to notify the names, addresses and official seal prints of the public authorities situated in their territory which are empowered to:

- (a) register fishing vessels under their flag;
- (b) grant, suspend and withdraw fishing licences to their fishing vessels;
- (c) attest the veracity of information provided in the catch certificates referred to in Article 13 and validate such certificates;
- (d) implement, control and enforce laws, regulations and conservation and management measures which must be complied with by their fishing vessels;
- (e) carry out verifications of such catch certificates to assist the competent authorities of the Member States through the administrative cooperation referred to in Article 20(4);
- (f) communicate sample forms of their catch certificate in accordance with the specimen in Annex II; and
- (g) update such notifications.

2. Catch documentation schemes adopted by regional fishery management organisations referred to in Article 13:

Where a catch documentation scheme adopted by a regional fishery management organisation has been recognised as a catch certification scheme for the purposes of this Regulation, the flag State notifications made under such catch documentation schemes are deemed to be done in accordance with the provisions laid down in paragraph 1 of this Annex and the provisions of this Annex are deemed to apply *mutatis mutandis*.