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## ANNEX I

### Line weighting standards

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 Spanish system 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);
- (c) Internal weighted lines shall have a lead core of at least 50 g/m.

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