



Iceland Responsible Fisheries Foundation

Title: CHAIN OF CUSTODY STANDARD SETTING/REVISING – PROCEDURE

1. PURPOSE

This procedure describes the method by which the Technical Committee (TC) of the Iceland Responsible Fisheries Foundation (IRFF) shall set/revise the Iceland Responsible Fisheries Management Chain of Custody Standard.

2. OBJECTIVES AND SCOPE

The main objective is to transparently demonstrate that seafood product put on the market and bearing IRF certification mark is really a product of IRF certified fisheries. The scope of the standard is the supply chain of seafood originating from IRF certified fisheries.

3. METHOD

The requirements in the standards shall be based on *FAO Guidelines for the Ecolabelling of Fish and Fishery Products from Marine Capture Fisheries (2005/2009)*, *ISO/IEC Guide 59:1994. Code of good practice for standardization* and best practices regarding tracking/traceability of the product all along the processing, distribution and marketing chain, as well as the tracking of the documentation and control of the quantity concerned.

4. PROCEDURES

4.1. The Technical Committee (TC) shall consider writing/revising standard:

- a) By an initiative from the TC
- b) At least every 5 years.

4.2. The SO shall develop a work plan and a timeline for the TC on the standards writing/revision process.

4.3. The TC shall analyse, write and agree on new/revised standard.

4.4. New/revised standard shall be publically announced on IRFF’s website for a 30 days consultation period for public and stakeholders review and comments, and a notice sent to media and IRFF’s participating stakeholders announcing the consultation period.

4.5. The final draft shall be validated by the Certification Body and Accreditation Body.

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- 4.6. The TC will consider all comments based on their content and objectiveness, with respect to providing an improvement in the effectiveness of the Iceland Responsible Fisheries Management Certification consistent with the overall objectives of IRFF. The TC will not provide individual written response to comments.
- 4.7. The final draft standards shall be published on IRFF's website with transition period until its final formal issue.
- 4.8. The transition period is decided by the TC depending on the nature of the work.
- 4.9. IRFF shall inform the certification body of the new/revised standards and transition period.

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