

# Regulations for Coast Guard Administration to Conduct WCPFC High Seas Boarding and Inspection Procedures

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- I、 In order to facilitate Coast Guard Administration (CGA) to conduct Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention (WCPFC) boarding and inspection procedures on high seas, the Coast Guard Administration thus stipulate the regulations.
- II、 The regulations are applicable to the high seas within the convention area of the Conservation and Management of the Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (refer to attachment 1).
- III、 The boarding and inspection activities performed under the regulations are only applicable to fishing vessels whose countries agree to apply the WCPFC boarding and inspection procedures on high seas with Republic of China.
- IV、 When conducting patrol missions within the convention area, the patrol ships of Fleet Branch, Coast Guard Administration, Ocean Affairs Council shall fly, in clearly visible fashion, the WCPFC inspection flag as designed by the Commission.
- V、 The inspectors who should be assigned by the Fleet Branch must have the status of judicial police and should receive

relevant training and listed on the Commission's register.

- VI、 When performing the boarding and inspection mission, the CGA officers on duty should be in uniforms and carry their service certificates.
- VII、 When the inspectors perform boarding and inspections, the use of force shall be avoided except when the safety of the inspectors is threatened and shall not exceed that reasonably required in the circumstances.
- VIII、 When performing boarding and inspection, the inspectors must inform and make contacts in the following ways:
  - (i) Use warning lights, alarms and illumination signals to inform the fishing vessels to stop for inspection. Furthermore, it is required to make contacts with the ship in radio communication and other ways to inform that the boarding and inspection is authorized by WCPFC.
  - (ii) Actively provide the name of the patrol ship, international radio call sign, contact frequency, WCPFC registration number and other information to the master of the fishing vessel and clarify that the patrol ship is authorized by WCPFC.
  - (iii) Report the nationality of the fishing ship, name and number, location in the sea area, site situation and other information to the duty command center.
- IX、 As each level of the assignment command center of CGA is informed with the boarding and inspection operation, they should

report the current status to the higher authorities according to the regulations for CGA to report major (special) situation and inform the Administration within 10 minutes.

- x、Once being informed, the assignment command center, CGA should fill in the relating information (refer Attachment 2 for form format) on the form and then inform the authorities of the fishing vessel circulated on the WCPFC website in email or fax.
- xI、CGA officers should cooperate with the inspectors of Fishery Agency (FA), Council of Agriculture, Executive Yuan to inspect the certificates of the fishing vessel, fishing net, equipments, logs, facilities, catches, fishery products and relating documents and affairs to make sure that the vessel comply with all the relating regulations of WCPFC.
- xII、Inspectors should automatically present their approved identity card to the master of the fishing vessels and make their best efforts to communicate with the master in a language that the master can understand. If necessary to facilitate communications, the inspectors shall use the relevant part of the standardized multi-language questionnaire (refer to Attachment 3) to be prepared by the Secretariat.
- xIII、Boarding and inspection pursuant to these procedures shall:
  - (i) be conducted as much as possible in a manner so as not to interfere unduly with the lawful operation of the fishing vessel and avoid action that would adversely affect the

- quality of the catch;
- ( ii ) not interfere with the master's ability to communicate with the authorities of the fishing vessel;
  - ( iii ) complete the inspection of the vessel within 4 (four) hours unless evidence of a serious violation is found.
- XIV 、 After the inspection, no matter whether illegal matters are found, it is necessary to fill out the Boarding and Inspection Report (refer to Attachment 4 for report format). Provide to the master prior to leaving the vessel a copy of an interim report on the boarding and inspection including any objection or statement which the master wishes to include in the report;
- XV 、 After the boarding and inspection action is completed, provide a full report on the boarding and inspection to the assignment command center of CGA following the system of the assignment command center.
- XVI 、 The division of coastal control, CGA should provide the complete report to the FA in three days after the inspection is completed. The report will transmit via the FA to the authority of the fishing vessel and Secretariat of WCPFC.