

**CONSERVATION MEASURE 119/XVII<sup>1,2</sup>**  
**Licensing and Inspection Obligations of Contracting Parties**  
**with regard to their Flag Vessels Operating in the Convention Area**

1. Each Contracting Party shall prohibit fishing by its flag vessels in the Convention Area except pursuant to a licence<sup>3</sup> that the Contracting Party has issued setting forth the specific areas, species and time periods for which such fishing is authorised and all other specific conditions to which the fishing is subject to give effect to CCAMLR Conservation Measures and requirements under the Convention.
2. A Contracting Party may only issue such a licence to fish in the Convention Area to vessels flying its flag, if it is satisfied of its ability to exercise its responsibilities under the Convention and its Conservation Measures, by requiring from each vessel, *inter alia*, the following:
  - (i) timely notification by the vessel to its Flag State of exit from and entry into any port;
  - (ii) notification by the vessel to its Flag State of entry into the Convention Area and movement between areas, subareas/divisions;
  - (iii) reporting by the vessel of catch data in accordance with CCAMLR requirements; and
  - (iv) operation of a VMS system on board the vessel in accordance with Conservation Measure 148/XVII.
3. The licence or an authorised copy of the licence must be carried by the fishing vessel and must be available for inspection at any time by a designated CCAMLR inspector in the Convention Area.
4. Each Contracting Party shall verify, through inspections of all of its fishing vessels at the Party's departure and arrival ports, and where appropriate, in its Exclusive Economic Zone, their compliance with the conditions of the licence as described in paragraph 1 and with the CCAMLR Conservation Measures. In the event that there is evidence that the vessel has not fished in accordance with the conditions of its licence, the Contracting Party shall investigate the infringement and, if necessary, apply appropriate sanctions in accordance with its national legislation.
5. Each Contracting Party shall include in its annual report pursuant to paragraph 12 of the CCAMLR System of Inspection, steps it has taken to implement and apply this Conservation Measure; and may include additional measures it may have taken in relation to its flag vessels to promote the effectiveness of CCAMLR Conservation Measures.

<sup>1</sup> Except for waters adjacent to the Kerguelen and Crozet Islands

<sup>2</sup> Except for waters adjacent to the Prince Edward Islands

<sup>3</sup> Includes permit