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Andrew Wright
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Dear Andrew:

CCM 2006-08 – High Seas Boarding and Inspection Procedures: Letter of Authorisation

In accordance with the WCPFC Conservation and Management Measure (CMM) 2006-08: High Seas Boarding and Inspection (HSB&I) Procedures, Australia would like to nominate the Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA) as authorised inspectors on the HSB&I Register .

Pursuant to paragraph 13 of the HSB&I Procedures, please be advised that:

- (i) AFMA will be the Australian authority responsible for boarding and inspection;
- (ii) AFMA's inspectors are fully familiar with the fishing activities to be inspected and the provisions of the WCPFC Convention as well as with the conservation and management measures in force;
- (iii) AFMA's inspectors undertaking high seas boarding and inspection activity in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean have received and completed training in carrying out boarding and inspection activities at sea in accordance with the standards and procedures adopted by the Commission; and
- (iv) AFMA's inspectors shall be carrying an approved identity card and badge identifying them as an Australian Fisheries Officer, attached.

Pursuant to paragraph 15 of the HSB&I procedures, AFMA has developed a specific training course curriculum on HSB&I Procedures for inspectors who will be conducting high seas boardings in the Western and Central Pacific Oceans.

Sincerely,

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