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**and**  
**JAPAN**

**Subsidiary Agreement concerning Japanese tuna long-line fishing (with appendices, records of discussion and exchange of notes). Signed at Canberra on 31 October 1983**

*Authentic text: English.*

*Registered by Australia on 24 April 1986.*

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**Accord subsidiaire relatif à la pêche de thonidés à la palangre par des navires japonais (avec appendices, comptes-rendus de délibérations et échange de notes). Signé à Canberra le 31 octobre 1983**

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*Enregistré par l'Australie le 24 avril 1986.*

## SUBSIDIARY AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup> BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN CONCERNING JAPANESE TUNA LONG-LINE FISHING

The Government of Australia and the Government of Japan,

Pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 2 of Article II of the Agreement on Fisheries between the Government of Australia and the Government of Japan, signed at Canberra on the seventeenth day of October, 1979 (hereinafter referred to as "the Head Agreement"), and

Wishing to establish the detailed procedures for the conduct of tuna long-line fishing operations by fishing vessels of Japan (hereinafter referred to as "the vessels") within the Australian fishing zone (hereinafter referred to as "the Zone") and for the issuance of licences by the Government of Australia,

Have agreed as follows:

### *Article I*

The Government of Australia shall, in accordance with the provisions of the Head Agreement, issue licences for the vessels, the number of which shall not exceed 290, subject to payment to the Government of Australia of a fee of two million, two hundred and seventy-five thousand Australian dollars for all the vessels to be licensed and for the period of validity of this Subsidiary Agreement.

### *Article II*

1. The Government of Australia shall, by the licences issued for the vessels referred to in Article I of this Subsidiary Agreement, permit those vessels to take within the Zone all species of tuna and bill-fish, together with all other species of finfish including oceanic sharks which are incidentally caught:

- (a) By the use of floating long-lines, except in the areas and at the times for each of those areas specified in the Appendix I to this Subsidiary Agreement, and except in the area specified in the Appendix II to this Subsidiary Agreement, which form an integral part hereof; and
- (b) By the use of hand-lines, in the area of the Coral Sea bounded to the north by the parallel of Latitude 12° South, to the south by the parallel of Latitude 22°21'30" South and to the west by the line described in paragraph B of the Appendix I to this Subsidiary Agreement.

2. (1) The Government of Australia shall, by the licences issued for 22 vessels out of the vessels referred to in Article I of this Subsidiary Agreement, permit those vessels to take within the Zone all species of tuna and bill-fish, together with all other species of finfish including oceanic sharks which are incidentally caught, by the use of floating long-lines, in the area specified in the Appendix II to this Subsidiary Agreement, from 31 March at 1400 hours GMT until the completion of a cumulative total of 830 vessel-days or until 15 August at 1400 hours GMT, whichever occurs sooner.

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 1 November 1983, in accordance with article IX.

(2) For the purposes of sub-paragraph (1) above a vessel-day shall be a period of one day or any part thereof during which time any one of the 22 vessels referred to in the sub-paragraph is operating in the area specified in the Appendix II to this Subsidiary Agreement.

### *Article III*

The Government of Australia and the Government of Japan recognise that it might not be possible for a vessel to prevent parts of its long-line from drifting into an area of the Zone at the time when that vessel is not permitted to take fish in that area in accordance with the provisions of Article II of this Subsidiary Agreement. Cases verified by the Government of Australia as cases in which the drifting of a part of a long-line into such an area cannot reasonably be avoided shall not be regarded as infringements of this Subsidiary Agreement.

### *Article IV*

1. The Government of Australia, subject to the relevant laws and regulations of Australia, undertakes to permit the vessels licensed under this Subsidiary Agreement to enter the ports of Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Fremantle, Albany and Port Hedland.

2. The Government of Australia shall give due notice to the Government of Japan of the procedures relating to the entry of the vessels into those ports.

### *Article V*

1. The Government of Australia shall permit the lodgement of bulk applications for licences in respect of persons intending to engage in fishing on board each of the vessels licensed under this Subsidiary Agreement and shall, in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations of Australia, issue licences in respect of those persons.

2. If an application for a licence for a person intending to engage in fishing on board any of the vessels licensed under this Subsidiary Agreement has been accepted by the competent Australian authorities, the Government of Australia shall not require that person to have in his possession, or to produce, the licence until due procedures have been completed for passing the licence to that person.

### *Article VI*

1. The Government of Australia shall determine, after consultation between the two Governments, the methods of and the terms and conditions with respect to:

- (a) Applying for and issuing licences in respect of the vessels and persons;
- (b) Preparing and reporting of catch and effort data in respect of the vessels; and
- (c) Communicating between the vessels and the competent Australian authorities.

2. The Government of Australia shall notify the Government of Japan of determinations under paragraph 1 of this Article within a reasonable time.

### *Article VII*

The Government of Japan shall, in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations of Japan, provide the Government of Australia with available current

economic and marketing information relevant to the operations of the vessels within the Zone.

### *Article VIII*

1. The Government of Australia and the Government of Japan shall, in accordance with the provisions of Article IX of the Head Agreement, consult in Canberra not later than three months before the expiry of this Subsidiary Agreement for the purposes of:

- (a) Reviewing the operations of the vessels under this Subsidiary Agreement including any problems identified by either Government; and
- (b) Discussing the terms and conditions under which a subsidiary agreement might be concluded for the following period of one year.

2. Upon request by either Government, consultations shall be undertaken at any time during the period of validity of this Subsidiary Agreement on any aspect of the implementation of this Subsidiary Agreement.

### *Article IX*

This Subsidiary Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of November, 1983 and shall remain in force for a period of one year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being duly authorised by their respective Governments, have signed this Subsidiary Agreement.

DONE in duplicate at Canberra, this thirty-first day of October, 1983, in the English language.

For the Government  
of Australia:  
JOHN KERIN

For the Government  
of Japan:  
YOSHIZO KONISHI

### APPENDIX I

A. At all times, the areas of the Zone, other than the areas described in paragraph B and paragraph C of this Appendix, within 12 nautical miles seaward of the baselines from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured.

B. At all times, the area landward of the line:

- (1) Commencing at the point of Latitude 9°39'26" South, Longitude 144°28' East;
- (2) Thence south along the meridian of Longitude 144°28' East to its intersection by the parallel of Latitude 9°54' South;
- (3) Thence south-westerly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 10°15' South, Longitude 144°12' East;
- (4) Thence south-westerly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 10°28' South, Longitude 144°10' East;
- (5) Thence west along the parallel of Latitude 10°28' South to its intersection by the meridian of Longitude 144° East;
- (6) Thence south along that meridian to its intersection by the parallel of Latitude 10°41' South;

- (7) Thence east along that parallel to its intersection by the meridian of Longitude 145° East;
- (8) Thence south along that meridian to its intersection by the parallel of Latitude 13° South;
- (9) Thence south-easterly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 15° South, Longitude 146° East;
- (10) Thence southerly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 17°30' South, Longitude 147° East;
- (11) Thence south-easterly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 21° South, Longitude 152°55' East;
- (12) Thence southerly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 24°30' South, Longitude 154° East;
- (13) Thence west along the parallel of Latitude 24°30' South to its intersection by the 200-metre isobath (Aus. 4602);
- (14) Thence southerly along that isobath to its intersection by the parallel of Latitude 28°40' South;
- (15) Thence east along that parallel to its intersection by the meridian of Longitude 154° East;
- (16) Thence south along that meridian to its intersection by the parallel of Latitude 29°10' South;
- (17) Thence southerly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 30° South, Longitude 153°45' East;
- (18) Thence south-westerly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 30°20' South, Longitude 153°35' East;
- (19) Thence southerly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 30°55' South, Longitude 153°22' East;
- (20) Thence southerly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 31°50' South, Longitude 153°20' East;
- (21) Thence southerly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 32°45' South, Longitude 153°03' East;
- (22) Thence south-westerly along the rhumb line to the point of intersection of the parallel of Latitude 33°50' South by the 200-metre isobath (Aus. 4602);
- (23) Thence southerly along that isobath to its intersection by the parallel of Latitude 34° South;
- (24) Thence east along that parallel to its intersection by the meridian of Longitude 152° East;
- (25) Thence south along that meridian to its intersection by the parallel of Latitude 37° South;
- (26) Thence southerly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 39° South, Longitude 151° East;
- (27) Thence south along the meridian of Longitude 151° East to its intersection by the parallel of Latitude 40° South;
- (28) Thence west along that parallel to its intersection by the meridian of Longitude 140° East;
- (29) Thence south along that meridian to its intersection by the outer limit of the Zone;
- (30) Thence north-westerly, westerly and south-westerly along the outer limit of the Zone to its intersection by the meridian of Longitude 126° East;

- (31) Thence north along that meridian to its intersection by the parallel of Latitude 35° South;
- (32) Thence west along that parallel to the point 50 nautical miles easterly of Albany (Latitude 35°01'30" South, Longitude 117°53' East);
- (33) Thence along the arc of the circle with centre Albany (Latitude 35°01'30" South, Longitude 117°53' East) and radius 50 nautical miles, so as to pass successively to the east, south and west of Albany, to its intersection by the line every point on which is 12 nautical miles seaward of the baseline from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured;
- (34) Thence westerly, north-westerly, northerly and north-easterly along that line to its intersection by the meridian of Longitude 127° East;
- (35) Thence easterly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 13°21' South, Longitude 129°40' East;
- (36) Thence north along the meridian of Longitude 129°40' East to its intersection by the parallel of Latitude 10°30' South;
- (37) Thence east along that parallel to its intersection by the meridian of Longitude 133°16' East;
- (38) Thence south along that meridian to its intersection by the parallel of Latitude 11° South;
- (39) Thence south-easterly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 11°25' South, Longitude 134°15' East;
- (40) Thence east along the parallel of Latitude 11°25' South to its intersection by the meridian of Longitude 135°35' East;
- (41) Thence north-easterly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 11°05' South, Longitude 136°10' East;
- (42) Thence north-easterly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 10°30' South, Longitude 136°40' East;
- (43) Thence south-easterly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 11° South, Longitude 137°05' East;
- (44) Thence south along the meridian of Longitude 137°05' East to its intersection by the parallel of Latitude 11°47' South;
- (45) Thence easterly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 11°10' South, Longitude 141° East;
- (46) Thence north along the meridian of Longitude 141° East to its intersection by the parallel of Latitude 10°22'44" South;
- (47) Thence north-easterly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 9°46' South, Longitude 142° East;
- (48) Thence easterly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 9°45'24" South, Longitude 142°03'30" East;
- (49) Thence north along the meridian of Longitude 142°03'30" East to its intersection by the parallel of Latitude 9°15'43" South;
- (50) Thence north-easterly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 9°12'50" South, Longitude 142°06'25" East;
- (51) Thence north-easterly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 9°11'51" South, Longitude 142°08'33" East;
- (52) Thence easterly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 9°11'58" South, Longitude 142°10'18" East;

- (53) Thence easterly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 9°11'22" South, Longitude 142°12'54" East;
- (54) Thence easterly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 9°11'34" South, Longitude 142°14'08" East;
- (55) Thence south-easterly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 9°13'53" South, Longitude 142°16'26" East;
- (56) Thence south-easterly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 9°16'04" South, Longitude 142°20'41" East;
- (57) Thence south-easterly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 9°22'04" South, Longitude 142°29'41" East;
- (58) Thence easterly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 9°21'48" South, Longitude 142°31'29" East;
- (59) Thence south-easterly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 9°22'33" South, Longitude 142°33'28" East;
- (60) Thence north-easterly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 9°21'25" South, Longitude 142°35'29" East;
- (61) Thence easterly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 9°20'21" South, Longitude 142°41'43" East;
- (62) Thence easterly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 9°20'16" South, Longitude 142°43'53" East;
- (63) Thence easterly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 9°19'26" South, Longitude 142°48'18" East, on the line every point on which is 3 nautical miles seaward of the baseline from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured;
- (64) Thence easterly, south-easterly and southerly along that line to the point of Latitude 9°23'40" South, Longitude 142°51' East;
- (65) Thence south along the meridian of Longitude 142°51' East to its intersection by the parallel of Latitude 9°40'30" South;
- (66) Thence easterly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 9°40' South, Longitude 143° East;
- (67) Thence north-easterly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 9°33' South, Longitude 143°05' East;
- (68) Thence east along the parallel of Latitude 9°33' South to its intersection by the meridian of Longitude 143°20' East;
- (69) Thence north-easterly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 9°24' South, Longitude 143°30' East;
- (70) Thence easterly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 9°22' South, Longitude 143°48' East;
- (71) Thence easterly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 9°30' South, Longitude 144°15' East; and
- (72) Thence south-easterly along the rhumb line to the point of commencement.

C. At all times, the area bounded by the line:

- (1) Commencing at the point of Latitude 12° South, Longitude 145° East;
- (2) Thence south along the meridian of Longitude 145° East to its intersection by the parallel of Latitude 13° South;
- (3) Thence south-easterly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 15° South, Longitude 146° East;

- (4) Thence southerly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 17°30' South, Longitude 147° East;
- (5) Thence south-easterly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 18°43'16" South, Longitude 149° East;
- (6) Thence north along the meridian of Longitude 149° East to its intersection by the parallel of Latitude 17° South;
- (7) Thence north-westerly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 14° South, Longitude 147° East; and
- (8) Thence north-westerly along the rhumb line to the point of commencement.

D. From 30 September to 31 March at 1600 hours GMT on each of those days (equivalent to midnight Australian Western Standard Time), the area bounded by the line:

- (1) Commencing at the point of Latitude 35° South, Longitude 126° East;
- (2) Thence west along the parallel of Latitude 35° South to its intersection by the meridian of Longitude 120° East;
- (3) Thence south along that meridian to its intersection by the outer limit of the Zone;
- (4) Thence easterly along the outer limit of the Zone to its intersection by the meridian of Longitude 126° East; and
- (5) Thence north along that meridian to the point of commencement.

E. From 31 December to 31 March at 1400 hours GMT on each of those days (equivalent to midnight Australian Eastern Standard Time), the area bounded by the line:

- (1) Commencing at the point of Latitude 30° South, Longitude 153°45' East;
- (2) Thence south-westerly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 30°20' South, Longitude 153°35' East;
- (3) Thence southerly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 30°55' South, Longitude 153°22' East;
- (4) Thence southerly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 31°50' South, Longitude 153°20' East;
- (5) Thence southerly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 32°45' South, Longitude 153°03' East;
- (6) Thence south-westerly along the rhumb line to the point of intersection of the parallel of Latitude 33°50' South by the 200-metre isobath (Aus. 4602);
- (7) Thence southerly along that isobath to its intersection by the parallel of Latitude 34° South;
- (8) Thence east along that parallel to its intersection by the line every point on which is 50 nautical miles seaward of the baseline from which the breadth of the territorial sea is measured;
- (9) Thence northerly along that line to its intersection by the parallel of Latitude 30° South; and
- (10) Thence west along that parallel to the point of commencement.

## APPENDIX II

The area bounded by the line:

- (1) Commencing at the point of Latitude 34° South, Longitude 152° East;



- (2) Thence south along the meridian of Longitude 152° East to its intersection by the parallel of Latitude 37° South;
- (3) Thence southerly along the rhumb line to the point of Latitude 39° South, Longitude 151° East;
- (4) Thence east along that parallel to its intersection by the outer limit of the Zone;
- (5) Thence northerly along the outer limit of the Zone to its intersection by the parallel of Latitude 34° South; and
- (6) Thence west along that parallel to the point of commencement.

## RECORD OF DISCUSSION

The Representatives of the Government of Japan and the Government of Australia, with respect to the Subsidiary Agreement between the Government of Japan and the Government of Australia concerning Japanese Tuna Long-Line Fishing signed today, wish to record the following:

The limitation of catch in respect of Japanese tuna long-line fishing shall be determined through the number of its vessels, and through the periods and the areas in which that fishing shall be conducted.

Canberra, 31 October 1983

## RECORD OF DISCUSSION

Delegations of the Government of Japan and the Government of Australia wish to record the following with respect to market access for Australian caught tuna:

1. The Australian delegation advised that the Australian industry has a keen interest in developing sales of sashimi quality tuna to the Japanese market. The Australian delegation sought confirmation that no restraints will be placed in the way of Australians obtaining access to the Japanese sashimi tuna market.

2. The Japanese delegation provided the Australian delegation with the information on existing tariff and other requirements which are applied to the import of Australian caught tuna into Japan. The information mentioned above is described in the paper attached hereto. The Japanese delegation stated that any question related to market access for tuna will be dealt with in accordance with the statement of the Japanese delegation in the Record of Discussion of 17 October 1979 appended to the 1979 Head Agreement, which includes, *inter alia*, the statement that “the Japanese Government would be prepared to notify the Australian Government, as far as possible in advance, of alterations in access conditions of fish and fish products of Australian interest”, and that “where Australian fish and fish products are commercially competitive with the fish and fish products of other nations, market access is and will be available for such Australian fish and fish products under the Japanese import system”.

Canberra, 31 October 1983

## OUTLINE OF REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPORT OF TUNA INTO JAPAN

### *A. Tariff and prior confirmation*

(Applicable to all kinds of import of tuna.)

1. The tariff applied to the import of all kinds of tuna (fresh, chilled or frozen) into Japan is 5 percent.
2. The import of any kind of tuna except albacore into Japan by way of vessels is subject to prior confirmation by the Japanese Government.

### *B. Unloading of Tuna*

(In certain cases mentioned below there are additional requirements related to unloading. However, those requirements are not applicable to ordinary port-to-port shipment for trade of tuna.)

1. A foreign fishing vessel carrying tuna loaded at a port of a foreign country is admitted to unload such tuna in Japanese ports, provided that such tuna bears certifying documents specifying the kind, amount, port of embarkation and date of embarkation of the tuna and the name of the vessel, issued by the authorities of the said foreign country.
2. A foreign fishing vessel carrying tuna not bearing the certifying documents mentioned above is subject to prior approval for unloading such tuna in Japanese ports.
3. A vessel other than a foreign fishing vessel carrying tuna, not bearing the certifying documents mentioned above, transshipped from a foreign fishing vessel at sea is subject to prior approval for unloading such tuna in Japanese ports.

NOTE. The term "foreign fishing vessel" means a vessel other than Japanese vessel which:

- (a) Is equipped with fishing equipment, or
- (b) Is used for fishing or carries the catch from fishing grounds.

## EXCHANGE OF NOTES

### I

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The Department of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of Japan and has the honour to refer to consultations between representatives of the Government of Australia and the Government of Japan pursuant to the Subsidiary Agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of Japan concerning Japanese Tuna Long-line Fishing done at Canberra on 31 October 1983.

In accordance with that Subsidiary Agreement the Department wishes to notify the Embassy of the following determinations of the Government of Australia.

*A. Applying for and issuing licences*

1. The following arrangements will operate in respect of applying for and issuing licences, permitting fishing vessels of Japan and persons of those vessels to engage in fishing in the area of the Zone in which fishing is permitted in accordance with Article II of the Subsidiary Agreement (the "Japanese tuna long-line fishing area"):

(a) The competent Japanese authorities will notify the Australian Department of Primary Industry, Canberra, of the appropriate organisations representing the vessels (called "the Organisations").

(b) The Australian Department of Primary Industry, Canberra, will provide the Organisations with Australian licence application forms for distribution to the operators of the vessels.

(c) The Organisations will deliver to the Australian Department of Primary Industry, Canberra, completed Australian licence application forms for each vessel and its crew.

(d) At the time of applying for licences, the Organisations will submit a fishing plan for each vessel to the Australian Department of Primary Industry, Canberra, specifying, where appropriate, the calendar months in which that vessel expects to operate in the Japanese tuna long-line fishing area.

(e) Upon the granting of a licence the Government of Australia will notify the Organisations within a reasonable time of the names of the vessels in respect of which licences have been granted and the serial number of each such licence.

(f) The Australian Department of Primary Industry will forward the licences direct to the Organisations or through an agent nominated by the Organisations.

(g) The Organisations will make appropriate arrangements for the delivery of the licence to each such vessel.

(h) During the first 2 months after entry into force of the Subsidiary Agreement, a vessel may enter and fish in the Zone without having the licence on board, provided it is not possible to arrange for delivery of the licence to the vessel before it commences fishing in the Zone. The Organisations will advise the Australian Department of Primary Industry of the name and radio call sign of each such vessel before it enters the Zone.

(i) The fee of two million, two hundred and seventy-five thousand Australian dollars payable in accordance with Article I of the Subsidiary Agreement is to be paid in advance of the issue of licences as follows:

- (i) One million, one hundred and thirty-seven thousand, five hundred Australian dollars paid in one amount to the Department of Primary Industry, Canberra, in freely disposable Australian currency free of exchange and service charges, and
- (ii) An irrevocable letter of credit established by telex by a first-class Japanese bank through the Commonwealth Trading Bank, Canberra, in favour of the Department of Primary Industry, Canberra, for an amount of one million, one

hundred and thirty-seven thousand, five hundred Australian dollars, in freely disposable Australian currency free of exchange, negotiating, credit, service and other charges, with provision for drawings at sight to be made 180 days from the letter of credit date and for a period of 30 days thereafter.

*B. Communicating by Japanese tuna long-line fishing vessels  
with the Australian authorities*

2. The Government of Australia will provide to the Government of Japan and to the Master of each vessel a copy, in Japanese, of the relevant procedures for reporting to the Australian Coastal Surveillance Centre (ACSC) and will require the Master of each such vessel to comply with the reporting procedures and messages formats specified therein.

3. The relevant procedures are set out in a document titled "Notes for the Guidance of Masters and Radio Operators on Licensed Foreign Fishing Vessels", a copy of which, in English, is attached to this Note as Annex A.

4. Notwithstanding the requirement in paragraph 15 of "Notes for the Guidance of Masters and Radio Operators on Licensed Foreign Fishing Vessels" that the equipment of the vessels for taking fish be stowed below deck in the circumstances described in that paragraph, the other provisions of that paragraph will also apply to vessels proceeding in accordance with that paragraph provided the equipment of the vessels for taking fish is stowed and secured on the deck.

5. The Australian Department of Primary Industry is to be notified at least 7 days before an intended port entry. This requirement is additional to the reporting requirements set out in the attached "Notes for the Guidance of Masters and Radio Operators on Licensed Foreign Fishing Vessels".

6. Where the Australian authorities wish to communicate with a vessel the appropriate message will be transmitted by the Australian Coastal radio network. The vessels will be required to monitor at least once a day the coastal radio broadcasts which are set out in Annex B.

*C. Communication procedures for vessels operating  
in seasonally closed area off New South Wales*

7. Prior to entering the area specified in the Appendix II to the Subsidiary Agreement for the purpose of operating in it, all vessels licensed to fish in this area are required to notify the ACSC 12 hours in advance of their intention to enter the area, the proposed position and estimated time of entry using the message indicator (AFZN).

8. Between the completion of retrieval of all gear set before the time given by the vessel as its estimated time of entry into the area and prior to retrieval of any gear set after that time, vessels are to provide a catch and effort report as provided for in paragraph 15 covering the period of fishing since the last catch and effort report was provided to ACSC, even though the 6-day period for such reports may not have expired. Catch and effort reports are then to be provided for each 6-day period spent in the area, day one commencing from the first retrieval of a gear set after the estimated time of entry of the vessel into the area.

9. Upon arrival in the area vessels are required to transmit to the ACSC a daily position report (AFZP). Vessels intending to leave the area are required, 12 hours in advance of their departure, to signify their exit to the ACSC by the exit indicator (AFZW).

10. Between the completion of retrieval of all gear set while the vessel was operating in the area and prior to retrieval of any gear set after that vessel had ceased to operate in the area, vessels are to provide a catch and effort report as provided for in paragraph 15 covering the period since the last catch and effort report was provided to ACSC even though the 6-day period for such reports may not have expired. Catch and effort reports are then to be provided for each 6-day period in accordance with paragraph 15, day one commencing from the first retrieval of gear set after the vessel has ceased to operate in the area.

11. Days in the area are deemed to commence and conclude at 1400 hours GMT (equivalent to midnight Australian Eastern Standard Time).

12. Vessels licensed to operate in the area are only required to send the above messages described in Section C (including daily position reports) in relation to operations in the area. In all other cases normal reporting requirements prevail.

13. A vessel will be considered as operating in the area when it is fishing, moving from one point to another within the area, or is not fishing due to rough weather.

14. Time lost due to vessel breakdown or other emergency will not be counted as days operating in the area. However, such breakdowns or other emergencies must be reported immediately to the ACSC, including the position of the vessel and the time at which the breakdown or the emergency occurred. The ACSC should also be notified of the time and position at which the vessel resumed normal operations.

#### *D. Preparing and reporting of catch and effort data*

15. Subject to paragraphs 8 and 10 each vessel will provide catch and effort reports in accordance with the relevant procedures set out in "Notes for the Guidance of Masters and Radio Operators on Licensed Foreign Fishing Vessels", indicating:

- (a) The catch in the Zone for each 6-day period in number and estimated total weight (gilled and gutted) of southern bluefin tuna, albacore tuna, bigeye tuna, yellowfin tuna, black marlin and other species; and
- (b) The effort in the Zone in each 6-day period in total number of hooks set by the vessel.

16. To assist Australian authorities to carry out inspection of a vessel and to assist interpretation of 6-day radio catch reports, the vessel will, from the date of delivery of the licence, maintain a catch record while operating within the Zone. The Australian Department of Primary Industry will forward a supply of the Australian log books to the Organisations and/or to the agent nominated by the Organisations prior to the issue of licences. Original pages will be collected from time to time by Australian inspectors or forwarded by post by the vessel at the first port of call following operations in the Zone. A copy of the forms will remain on the vessel. The Australian authorities will forward copies of the originals to the

appropriate Organisation (Federation of Japan Tuna Fisheries Co-operative Associations) within 30 days of their receipt.

17. The competent Japanese authorities will arrange for the provision of details of the main “target species” of each vessel and a description of the dimensions of its long-line gear including details of any changes that occur during a fishing campaign to the Australian Department of Primary Industry in respect of the vessels not later than 90 days after the vessels return to their home ports.

18. The competent Japanese authorities will provide from time to time to the Australian Department of Primary Industry an up-to-date table of average fish weights, by species, for each major fishing area to enable conversion of the catch by number to catch by weight.

The Department of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of Japan the assurances of its highest consideration.

Canberra A.C.T., 31 October 1983

## ANNEX A

## AUSTRALIAN FISHING ZONE

*Approved message formats to be used by foreign fishing vessels reporting in accordance with requirements in the Fisheries Act and Regulations*

NOTES FOR THE GUIDANCE OF MASTERS AND RADIO OPERATORS ON LICENSED  
FOREIGN FISHING VESSELS

*What you are required to report to the Australian Authorities*

1. Foreign fishing boats licensed to fish in the 200 mile Australian fishing zone (AFZ) are required to:
  - \* (a) Notify, 36 hours in advance, intention to enter the AFZ.
    - Advise proposed position and estimated time of entry, destination in authorised fishing area
    - Message indicator — AFZE. See paragraphs 16, 17 of these notes
  - \* (b) Report, at the hour and on the days specified in the licence, the position of the boat in the AFZ.
    - This message should include catch reports where these are required
    - Message indicator — AFZP. See paragraph 18 of these notes
  - \* (c) Notify, 24 hours in advance, the sailing plan for travel in the AFZ outside the authorised fishing area (not required while the boat is in its authorised fishing area).
    - Advise proposed courses and times of course change, destination in authorised fishing area
    - Message indicator — AFZT. See paragraph 19 of these notes
  - \* (d) Notify, 24 hours in advance, intention to depart from the zone.
    - Advise proposed position and estimated time of departure
    - Message indicator — AFZX. See paragraph 20 of these notes
  - \* (e) Report, 36 hours in advance, intention to enter an Australian port in accordance with an endorsed licence, or for pre-fishing or post-fishing inspection.
    - Advise proposed courses and times of course change en route to the port
    - Name of port and estimated time of arrival
    - Message indicator — AFZH. See paragraph 21 of these notes
  - † (f) Report, 24 hours in advance, intention to depart from an Australian port.
    - Advise proposed time of departure, destination and sailing plan in the zone outside authorised fishing area
    - See paragraph 22 of these notes
  - \* (g) Report, within 12 hours, the time the boat starts and stops fishing in authorised fishing area.
    - See paragraph 23 of these notes

\* These messages, if sent in the format shown on page 103, will be accepted by Australian coast radio stations without charge to the boat.

† If the boat is in port at the time of sending this message, see paragraph 22. If the boat is at sea at the time of sending this message, it may be sent by radio in the same way as the other messages.

*Who to report to*

2. Address all messages to the Australian Coastal Surveillance Centre (ACSC) which is manned 24 hours of every day.

*General principles*

3. The address for all messages is to be transmitted ACSC.
4. The message indicator (see paragraph 1 of these notes and the attachment) follows the address.
5. The international radio call sign of the boat follows the message indicator.
6. In giving the co-ordinates of a position, always give the latitude first, the longitude second.
7. Latitude is given by 4 digits:

|               |   |         |   |                       |
|---------------|---|---------|---|-----------------------|
| 1             | 2 | 3       | 4 | Example: 2436 24°36'S |
| Degrees South |   | Minutes |   |                       |

8. Longitude is given by 5 digits:

|              |   |   |         |   |                        |
|--------------|---|---|---------|---|------------------------|
| 1            | 2 | 3 | 4       | 5 | Example: 09823 98°23'E |
| Degrees East |   |   | Minutes |   |                        |

9. As a general rule, since latitudes in the messages will be South and longitudes will be East, there is no need to transmit indicators such as "S" and "E".
10. Whenever a pair of co-ordinates is given, the date and time the ship was, or expects to arrive, at that position (ETA) must follow immediately after the longitude.
11. Date/time groups (DTG) are to be transmitted in the standard form, that is, 6 digits followed by 4 letters, as follows:

|            |   |                    |   |         |   |               |  |   |   |
|------------|---|--------------------|---|---------|---|---------------|--|---|---|
| 1          | 2 | 3                  | 4 | 5       | 6 | Z             | A  | B | C |
| Day Number |   | Hour (24 hr clock) |   | Minutes |   | GMT Indicator | First 3 letters of the name of the month |   |   |

From the 1st to the 9th of the month, the day number is preceded by a zero (0).  
Example: 061930Z Oct 1930 hours GMT on 6 October.

12. All AFZE, AFZT or AFZH messages must include a sailing plan of the boat's intended movements while travelling in the zone outside the authorised fishing area specified in the licence. The information required is each position at which the boat expects to change course (waypoint) and the ETA at that waypoint. A message may include as many waypoints as are necessary to allow ACSC to calculate the approximate position of the boat at any time during the travel. The boat may signal a change to a sailing plan (use same message indicator as original request) if weather or sea conditions should make this necessary at any time and may adopt the changed sailing plan immediately the Australian coast radio station acknowledges receipt of the signal. ACSC may approve a sailing plan subject to variations signalled to the boat. The boat is required to adopt a sailing plan varied by ACSC. WHILE THE BOAT IS IN ITS AUTHORISED FISHING AREA, IT IS FREE TO TRAVEL ANYWHERE WITHOUT LODGING A SAILING PLAN BUT MUST REPORT POSITION AFZP.
13. All AFZE and AFZT messages must conclude with a position in the authorised fishing area for the boat and an ETA at that position. When the boat is travelling through the



AFZ to an Australian port, the AFZH format should be used, regardless of the point at which the travel commenced.

14. Where the arrangements under which a foreign boat is licensed require that boat to report its catch and fishing effort by radio, the Australian authorities will provide a 2 letter species code and a unit for reporting the effort in each fishing method, to be used in AFZP messages. Each species in the code will have a quantity unit allocated to it. See the format for AFZP.
15. Masters should note that provided the boat proceeds in the AFZ outside its authorised fishing area at cruising speed within 5 nautical miles on either side of the straight line joining any pair of waypoints approved by ACSC, and provided its equipment for taking fish is stowed below deck and secured, the Australian authorities will not interfere with approved passage of the boat concerned in the AFZ outside its authorised fishing area.

#### *The five basic message formats*

16. Notification of intention to enter the authorised fishing area of the boat in the zone AFZE must be transmitted to reach ACSC not less than 36 hours before ETA at the point of entry to the AFZ.
17. Boats required to call at an Australian port for pre-fishing inspection and delivery of licence do not use the AFZE message. See paragraph 21 below.
18. Periodic position (and, if specified, catch and fishing effort) reports AFZP are to be sent in respect of the nominated hour on the first day the foreign boat enters the AFZ and thereafter on every (n)th day as specified in Schedule 4, Item (c) of the Australian licence for the boat. For example, a boat required to report on every second day will send its reports on days 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 etc. throughout the period the boat remains in the AFZ, until the boat sends and receives approval in respect of an AFZX message. Unless the boat is in port AFZP messages must be transmitted in time to reach ACSC within 12 hours of the specified report hour on a reporting day. The effort report comprises the indicator FF, followed by the number of effort units expended since the last report, transmitted at the end of an AFZP message.
19. Notification of intention to travel in an area of the AFZ outside the boat's authorised fishing area AFZT must be transmitted to reach ACSC not less than 24 hours before the travel starts. The boat must not move into an area of the AFZ that is not specified in its licence as an authorised fishing area until ACSC has signalled approval to travel, via an Australian coast radio station.
20. Boats not required to call at an Australian port for post-fishing inspection are required to report intention to travel to a point outside the zone AFZX not less than 24 hours before the expected time of clearing outward from the zone. Failure to meet this requirement may result in refusal of future licences.
21. Notification of intention AFZH to bring into an Australian port a foreign fishing boat, for which the licence is endorsed to authorise entry to that port, or to undergo pre-fishing or post-fishing inspection, should be made not less than 36 hours before ETA at the port.

Notification of intention AFZH for a foreign fishing boat, without an endorsed licence, to enter an Australian port to overcome a genuine emergency, for the purpose of securing the safety of human life or the vessel, may be made at any time and the boat may proceed immediately to safety in anticipation of approval from ACSC. If, after appropriate enquiries, the Australian authorities consider that some doubt exists as to the genuine nature of the claimed emergency, the master of the vessel may be charged under the Australian fisheries law.

*Departure from Australian ports*

## 22. A foreign fishing boat in an Australian port:

- (a) for pre-fishing inspection (after entering the AFZ but before commencing to fish in the zone); or
- (b) for post-fishing inspection (prior to final departure from the AFZ at the end of the fishing campaign or on expiry of the Australian licence); or
- (c) under the authority of a licence endorsement; or
- (d) in emergency circumstances;

is required to notify its intention to depart from the port and travel through the AFZ either to the high seas beyond the AFZ or to the authorised fishing area. Notifications must be transmitted to ACSC, by telegram or telex not less than 24 hours before the boat is scheduled to depart from the port, at the expense of the sender. The message must include:

- Appropriate message indicator (either AFZX or AFZT, depending on the destination)
- Radio call sign of the vessel
- Port of departure
- Sailing plan within the zone outside authorised fishing area (see message formats on page 103)

Messages lodged in a port are to be addressed to:

- telegram — COSURCEN CANBERRA
- telex — ACSC AA62349

Australian law prohibits the transmission of radio messages from a boat in port. The assistance of the shipping agent for the boat in the port should be sought.

*Report of starting/stopping fishing*

## 23. When a licensed foreign boat in the AFZ starts fishing (on commencement of the fishing campaign or after having stopped fishing for any reason) or stops fishing to begin another activity, a report is to be made, within 12 hours:

- (a) by inserting in an AFZP, AFZT, AFZX or AFZH message at the point marked Δ in the format, the appropriate one of either:

| (i) 'Start fishing'<br>Indicator | Time of Starting<br>Fishing | or (ii) | 'Stopped fishing'<br>Indicator | Time of Stopping<br>Fishing |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| AFZB                             | (6 digits) Z (3 letters)    |         | AFZS                           | (6 digits) Z (3 letters)    |

or (b) by a separate message consisting of:

- Address (ACSC)
- Message Indicator (AFZB/AFZS)
- Radio call sign
- Time of starting/stopping fishing

# AUSTRALIAN FISHING ZONE

## APPROVED MESSAGE FORMATS TO BE USED BY FOREIGN FISHING VESSELS REPORTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS IN THE FISHERIES ACT AND REGULATIONS

### Radio Transmission via Australian Coastal Radio Station:

(i) Report of entry to authorised fishing area from high seas – fishing campaign begins:

| FORMAT:  | Address | Message Indicator | Call Sign        | Enter at Latitude | Enter at Longitude | Estimated entry time | Ø                    |                       |                      |
|----------|---------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
|          |         |                   |                  |                   |                    |                      | Destination Latitude | Destination Longitude | ETA Destination      |
| Example: | ACSC    | AFZE              | (letters/digits) | (4 digits)        | (5 digits)         | (6 digits) Z (month) | (4 digits)           | (5 digits)            | (6 digits) Z (month) |

(ii) Position and Catch Report:

| FORMAT:  | Address | Message Indicator | Call Sign        | Position Latitude | Position Longitude | Date / Time of position | First Species (coded) | Catch    | Second Species (coded) | Catch    | Fishing Effort Indicator | Fishing Effort Quantity |
|----------|---------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------|------------------------|----------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
|          |         |                   |                  |                   |                    |                         |                       |          |                        |          |                          |                         |
| Example: | ACSC    | AFZP              | (letters/digits) | (4 digits)        | (5 digits)         | (6 digits) Z (month)    | (2 letters)           | (digits) | (2 letters)            | (digits) | FF                       | (digits)                |

(iii) Travel in AFZ outside authorised fishing area – requesting approval – includes an example of waypoint:

| Δ        |         |                   | Ø                    |                |                 |                      |                   |                    |                      |                       |                      |
|----------|---------|-------------------|----------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| FORMAT:  | Address | Message Indicator | Call Sign            | Start Latitude | Start Longitude | Date / Time of Start | Waypoint Latitude | Waypoint Longitude | ETA Waypoint         |                       |                      |
| Example: | ACSC    | AFZT              | (letters/<br>digits) | (4 digits)     | (5 digits)      | (6 digits) Z (month) | (4 digits)        | (5 digits)         | (6 digits) Z (month) |                       |                      |
|          |         |                   |                      |                |                 |                      |                   |                    | Destination Latitude | Destination Longitude | ETA Destination      |
|          |         |                   |                      |                |                 |                      |                   |                    | (4 digits)           | (5 digits)            | (6 digits) Z (month) |

(iv) Report of exit from AFZ to high seas – end of fishing campaign:

| FORMAT:  | Address | Message Indicator | Call Sign        | Start Latitude | Start Longitude | Start Time           | Ø                   |                      |                      |
|----------|---------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
|          |         |                   |                  |                |                 |                      | Exit Point Latitude | Exit Point Longitude | ETA Exit Point       |
| Example: | ACSC    | AFZX              | (letters/digits) | (4 digits)     | (5 digits)      | (6 digits) Z (month) | (4 digits)          | (5 digits)           | (6 digits) Z (month) |

(v) Entry to an Australian Port – reporting intention:

| FORMAT:  | Address | Message Indicator | Call Sign        | Start Latitude | Start Longitude | Start Time           | Ø                   |  |                      |
|----------|---------|-------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------|--|----------------------|
|          |         |                   |                  |                |                 |                      | Port of Destination |  | ETA at the Port      |
| Example: | ACSC    | AFZH              | (letters/digits) | (4 digits)     | (5 digits)      | (6 digits) Z (month) | (letters)           |  | (6 digits) Z (month) |

\* Report of position only, terminates at this point. Δ Insert AFZB or AFZS report (see para. 23) at this point in the format.

Ø Any waypoints necessary to describe the proposed sailing plan of the boat should be inserted at this point in the message in the specified format.

## ANNEX B

## TRAFFIC LISTS

Traffic lists are broadcast on the frequencies indicated x below between the times shown by Sydney radio at 50 minutes past each even hour and by Perth radio at 20 minutes past each even hour.

## COAST STATION WORKING SCHEDULES

| <i>Station</i>          | <i>Callsign</i> | <i>Freq. kHz</i> | <i>Hours Gmt</i> | <i>Remarks</i>               |
|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| Perth Radio . . . .     | VIP             | 500              | Continuous       | Watch, calls and replies     |
|                         |                 | 484              | Continuous       | Primary working frequency    |
|                         |                 | 512              | Continuous       | Secondary working frequency  |
|                         | * VIP1          | 4229             | Hx               | As required                  |
|                         | * VIP2          | 6407.5           | Hx               | As required                  |
|                         | VIP3            | 8597x            | Continuous       | Guards 8MHz (CH 5-6 and 16)  |
|                         | VIP4            | 12994x           | Continuous       | Guards 12MHz (CH 5-6 and 16) |
|                         | VIP5            | 16947.6x         | 0000-0600        | Guards 16MHz (CH 5-6 and 16) |
|                         | VIP6            | 22315.5x         | 0600-1000        | Guards 22MHz (CH 3-4 and 10) |
| * Presently not in use. |                 |                  |                  |                              |
| Sydney Radio . .        | VIS             | 500              | Continuous       | Watch, calls and replies     |
|                         |                 | 476x             | Continuous       | Primary working frequency    |
|                         |                 | 512              | Continuous       | Secondary working frequency  |
|                         |                 | 440              | Continuous       | Tertiary working frequency   |
|                         | VIS53           | 4245x            | 1300-2100        | Guards 4MHz (CH 5-6 and 17)  |
|                         | VIS3            | 6464x            | 0800-2200        | Guards 6MHz (CH 5-6 and 17)  |
|                         | VIS35           | 8452             | Hx               | As required                  |
|                         | VIS26           | 8521x            | Continuous       | Guards 8MHz (CH 5-6 and 17)  |
|                         | VIS5            | 12952.5x         | Continuous       | Guards 12MHz (CH 5-6 and 17) |
|                         | VIS49           | 12979.5          | Hx               | As required                  |
|                         | VIS6            | 17161.3x         | 2100-1300        | Guards 16MHz (CH 5-6 and 17) |
|                         | VIS64           | 17194.4          | Hx               | As required                  |
|                         | VIS42           | 22474x           | 2200-0800        | Guards 22MHz (CH 3-4 and 9)  |

Traffic lists are also broadcast as an adjunct to navigation warnings and routine weather forecasts by the stations shown on the indicated frequencies and times.

| <i>Station</i>  | <i>Callsign</i> | <i>Frequency</i>                                      | <i>Hours Gmt from 1/10/76</i>            |  |
|---|-----------------|---|--|--|
| Adelaide Radio .....                                  | VIA             | 472 4272.5 +<br>6463.5                                | 0018, 1018                               |  |
| Brisbane Radio .....                                  | VIB             | 435 4230.5 +<br>6351.5                                | 2318, 0948                               |  |
| Broome Radio .....                                    | VIO             | 440 4323.6 +<br>6407.5                                | 0118, 1230                               |  |
| Carnarvon Radio .....                                 | VIC             | 476 4323 +<br>6407.5                                  | 0220, 1130                               |  |
| Darwin Radio .....                                    | VID             | 445 4272.5 +<br>6463.5                                | 0048, 1048                               |  |
| Esperance Radio .....                                 | VIE             | 435 4323.6 +<br>6407.5                                | 0048, 1118                               |  |
| Melbourne Radio .....                                 | VIM             | 430 2318<br>6333.5<br>430 0948<br>4228.5 +            |  |  |
| Perth Radio .....                                     | VIP             | 484 12994<br>8597                                     | 0100, 1200                               |  |
| Rockhampton Radio .....                               | VIR             | 4255.6 +<br>6333.5                                    | 0048                                     |  |
| Sydney Radio .....                                    | VIS             | 440 2248, 0918<br>8452                                |  |  |
| Longrange (Ocean<br>and Highseas)<br>Broadcasts ..... | VIS             | 4286<br>6428.5<br>8478<br>12907.5<br>16918.6<br>22485 | 0100, 0500, 0900<br>1300, 1700, 2100     | Nav. Wngs only                             |
|   | VIX             | 4286<br>6428.5<br>8478<br>12907.5<br>16918.6<br>22485 | 0130, 0530, 0930<br>1330, 1730, 2130     | Ocean,<br>Highseas<br>Weather<br>Forecasts |
| Thursday Is. Radio .....                              | VII             | 488.5 4228.5 +<br>6333.5                              | 0018, 0918<br>(N/W-Gale/Storm Wngs Only) |  |
| Townsville Radio .....                                | VIT             | 420.5 4229.5 +<br>6463.5                              | 0930, 2348                               |  |

## II

*Note from the Embassy of Japan, Canberra,  
to the Department of Foreign Affairs*

The Embassy of Japan presents its compliments to the Department of Foreign Affairs, and has the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the latter's Note No. CH178472 dated 31 October, 1983.

The Embassy avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department the assurances of its highest consideration.

Canberra, A.C.T., 31 October 1983