

## **Control Union (UK) Limited**

# **Joint demersal fisheries in the North Sea and adjacent waters**

## **MSC Notice of Suspension**

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# 1 Marine Stewardship Council Notice of suspension

**Table 1 – Notice of suspension**

| 1            | Fishery name   |              |      |      |                                       |      |                                |     |     |     |        |
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|              | Joint demersal fisheries in the North Sea and adjacent waters  |              |      |      |                                       |      |                                |     |     |     |        |
| 2            | CAB  |              |      |      |                                       |      |                                |     |     |     |        |
|              | Control Union (UK) Limited   |              |      |      |                                       |      |                                |     |     |     |        |
| 3            | Date of the Notice of Suspension   |              |      |      |                                       |      |                                |     |     |     |        |
|              | 22/10/2021   |              |      |      |                                       |      |                                |     |     |     |        |
| 4            | Effective date of the fishery suspension   |              |      |      |                                       |      |                                |     |     |     |        |
|              | 22/11/2021   |              |      |      |                                       |      |                                |     |     |     |        |
| 5            | The reason for the fishery suspension  |              |      |      |                                       |      |                                |     |     |     |        |
|              | Following the Year 1 surveillance audit and rescoring of Principle 2 performance indicators a number of UoAs were found to no longer meet FCP 2.2 ~ 7.17.12 The CAB shall not certify the UoA if the weighted average score for all PIs under each Principle is less than 80 for any of the 3 Principles.  |              |      |      |                                       |      |                                |     |     |     |        |
| 6            | If the fishery is suspended for no longer conforming to the MSC Fisheries Standard (GCR Section 7.4), which Performance Indicators are affected (please include summary explanation)?  |              |      |      |                                       |      |                                |     |     |     |        |
|              | <p>For Principle 2 – Significant changes were evident in scores of primary and secondary species notably North Sea cod and 3aS (Subarea 3a South) cod stocks accompanied by changes in management related to Brexit. This led to significant changes to scores and rationales. The reduction in scores for the primary species component (driven by North Sea cod and 3aS cod reducing scores in PIs 2.1.1 and PI2.1.2) has resulted in the suspension of a number of UoAs as they no longer reach the overall 80 score for Principle 2. The UoAs impacted are listed in the table below.</p> <p><b>Table 1. Client group and gear types suspended as a result of this audit.</b></p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Client group</th> <th>Gear</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>DFPO</td> <td>4-SDN, 4-LL, 3aN-BT1, 3aS-SDN, 3aS-SN</td> </tr> <tr> <td>SFPO</td> <td>4-SDN, 3aN-SDN, 3aN-SN, 3aS-SN</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CVO</td> <td>TR2</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EZG</td> <td>3aN-SN</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Client group | Gear | DFPO | 4-SDN, 4-LL, 3aN-BT1, 3aS-SDN, 3aS-SN | SFPO | 4-SDN, 3aN-SDN, 3aN-SN, 3aS-SN | CVO | TR2 | EZG | 3aN-SN |
| Client group | Gear   |              |      |      |                                       |      |                                |     |     |     |        |
| DFPO         | 4-SDN, 4-LL, 3aN-BT1, 3aS-SDN, 3aS-SN  |              |      |      |                                       |      |                                |     |     |     |        |
| SFPO         | 4-SDN, 3aN-SDN, 3aN-SN, 3aS-SN   |              |      |      |                                       |      |                                |     |     |     |        |
| CVO          | TR2  |              |      |      |                                       |      |                                |     |     |     |        |
| EZG          | 3aN-SN   |              |      |      |                                       |      |                                |     |     |     |        |
| 7            | If the fishery is suspended for not making adequate progress towards addressing conditions (GCR Section 7.4), which condition(s) and Performance Indicators are affected?  |              |      |      |                                       |      |                                |     |     |     |        |
|              | n/a  |              |      |      |                                       |      |                                |     |     |     |        |
| 8            | Statement on implications for selling fish caught as MSC certified/making claims after suspension date   |              |      |      |                                       |      |                                |     |     |     |        |

The suspension requires that the certificate holder not sell any fish caught as MSC-certified after the effective date of suspension (22/11/2021) until such time that the suspension is lifted. To comply with this requirement, the fishery is not eligible to use the MSC ecolabel (GCR 2.4.1 - 7.4.3) beyond this date.

The CAB hereby instruct the client:

- i. Not to sell any fish caught on or after the date of suspension as MSC certified.
- ii. Fish caught prior to the date of suspension may continue to be sold after the date of suspension as MSC certified if the CAB is able to confirm the client's ability to segregate fish based on date of capture in conformance with GCR 2.4.1 - 7.4.3.c.
  - To advise client group members of the suspension.
  - To advise existing customers in writing of the suspension within 4 days of this Notice of Suspension.
  - To keep records of advice to customers.
  - Not to make any claims of MSC certification on or after the date of suspension.

This notice hereby instructs the client to provide a documented corrective action plan for addressing the cause of suspension, which is acceptable to the CAB as being able to address the cause(s) for suspension, within 90 days from the date this Notice of Suspension

- The corrective action plan shall include a binding timeframe.
- If the client submits an acceptable corrective action plan within 90 days:
  - The CAB will instruct the client to implement the corrective action plan.
  - The CAB will upload to the scheme database to be published on the MSC website:
  - The CAB will release a statement confirming their acceptance of the corrective action plan and publish the client's corrective action plan.
  - If the client does not submit an acceptable corrective action plan within 90 days, the CAB shall withdraw the certificate.