



### FISHING VESSELS

### **Definition**

 Any vessel, boat, ship, or other craft that is equipped and used for fishing or in support of such activity.

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- Myriad of different types and sizes of vessel
- Most vessels limited in terms of space...
- Some vessels designed for GHP and good fish handling...other vessels not







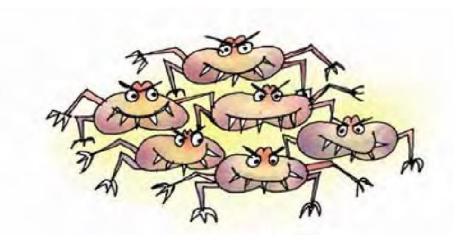
### FOOD SAFETY HAZARDS

A biological, chemical or physical agent in food or the condition of food with the potential to cause an adverse health effect.



- Biological...
  - Scombrotoxin (Histamine) formation
  - Parasites
  - Pathogen growth & toxin formation (other than *Clostridium botulinum*) as a result of time/temperature abuse
- Chemical....
  - Oil, fuel...some vessels use fish holds or wells for storing fuel...
  - · Cleaning chemicals,
  - Preservatives...sodium metabisulphite
  - Pesticides
- Physical....
  - Hooks
  - Paint
  - Dirt
  - Metal

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# PRE REQUISITE PROGRAMMES (PRP)



A programme that is required prior to the application of the HACCP system to ensure that a fish and shellfish processing facility is operating according to the Codex Principles of Food Hygiene, the appropriate code of practice and appropriate food safety legislation.

### Codex Code of Practice for Fish and Fishery Products

### Fishing and harvesting vessel design and construction

- ease of cleaning and disinfection
- minimize contamination
- minimize damage to the fish, shellfish and other aquatic invertebrates

# PRE REQUISITE PROGRAMMES (PRP)



Water

Calibration

Approved Maintenance Compounds

Cleaning and sanitation

- Deck and Wells
- Start of fishing Operations
- During fishing days
- End of fishing Operations
- Amenities

Repairs & Maintenance

Temperature control and records

Standards for Personnel and Training

**Process inputs** 

Organoleptic assessment of fish caught

Pest Control Programme

### HACCP ON BOARD



- Most HACCP manuals, guides and realities designed with land-based factories in mind where space is not at a premium.
- EU requirement is for a control system based on HACCP principles
- EU requirements for HACCP freezer vessels & factory vessels
- Fishing vessels (and transport of unprocessed primary products to establishments) outside scope of the HACCP requirement
- HACCP and hygiene requirements in Annex 1 of 852/2005 and hygiene requirements for different kinds of fishing vessels in Section VII: Fishery Products of 853/2004

# FREEZER VESSEL – PURSE SEINER



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Material:	Albacore Tuna, Thunnus alalunga; Skipjack Tuna, Katsuwonus pelamis; Southern Bluefin Tuna, Thunnus maccoyii, Yellowfin Thunus albacares, Bigeye Thunnus obesus; Stripped Marlin, Tetrapaturus audax, Mahi-mahi, Coryphaena hipurus; Wahoo, Achantocybium solandri
Raw material harvest Area:	FAO area 71, WCPFC waters
Finished Product:	Whole frozen fish
Packaging:	None
Storage and distribution:	Stored and distributed frozen
Food additives, ingredients, processing aids:	Salt
Intended use:	Further Processing
Intended consumers:	Human consumption

#### Inputs

Raw fish, seawater and salt.

#### Outputs

Frozen Whole Pelagic Fish

## **FLOW DIAGRAM**



Haryest	Harvest and on board stowage perform under company specifications.					
Receiving	Raw whole fish received on board					
Freezing	Brine freezing at or below -9°C / (Freezing at -18 if applicable)					
Storage	Freezer at or below -9°C / (Storage at -18 if applicable)					
Load-out	Load out direct from the wells					
Frozen whole fish						

### POTENTIAL HAZARDS



### Potential species-related hazards:

- Scombrotoxin (Histamine) formation
- Parasites

### Potential process-related hazards:

 Pathogen growth & toxin formation (other than Clostridium botulinum) as a result of time/temperature abuse

(1)	)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Ingred		Potential	Is the	Justification for Inclusion or	Preventive	Critical
Proces	ssing	Hazard	Potential	Exclusion as a Significant Hazard	Measure(s) for the	Control
Ste	p	Introduced or	Hazard		significant Hazard	Point
		Controlled	Significant		from Column 3	(Yes/No
Harvest		BIOLOGICAL	Yes	Scombrotoxin (histamine) in toxic		
		Scombrotoxin		levels may be present due to	Vessels trip summary	Yes
		formation		temperature abuse	records	
		BIOLOGICAL		Parasite presence for some small	All species are to be	
		Parasites	No	specimens these species is	frozen and further	No
				documented in abdominal cavity.	process/no direct HC	
		CHEMICAL				
		None	No	N/A	N/A	No
		PHYSICAL				
		None	No	N/A	N/A	No
Receivi	ng	BIOLOGICAL	Yes	Scombrotoxin (histamine) in toxic	Operation fits into	
		Scombrotoxin		levels may be present due to	Safe time and Tº	No
		formation		temperature abuse prior freezing	parameters	
		BIOLOGICAL		Pathogen growth is not	Operation fits into	
	Pathogen	No	reasonably likely to occur.	Safe time and Tº	No	
	growth			parameters		
		PHYSICAL				
		None	No	N/A	N/A	No
Freeze		BIOLOGICAL	Yes	Scombrotoxin (histamine) in toxic	Operation fits into	
	reeze	Scombrotoxin		levels is unlikely to be formed due	Safe time and Tº	No
		formation		to temperature abuse	parameters	
		BIOLOGICAL		Pathogen growth is not	Operation fits into	
		Pathogen	No	reasonably likely to occur.	Safe time and Tº	No
		growth			parameters	
		BIOLOGICAL	No	Parasites may be present in the	Freezing kill parasites	
		Parasites		abdominal cavity species	(time at sea > 7 days	No
		PHYSICAL				
		None	No	N/A	N/A	No
Finishe	d	BIOLOGICAL		Pathogen growth is not	Operation fits into	
produc	t	Pathogen	No	reasonably likely to occur.	Safe time and Tº	No
storage	2	growth			parameters	
		BIOLOGICAL	Yes	Scombrotoxin (histamine) in toxic	Operation fits into	
		Scombrotoxin		levels is unlikely to be formed due	Safe time and Tº	No
		formation		to temperature abuse	parameters	
		CHEMICAL				
	None	No	N/A	N/A	No	
	PHYSICAL					
	None	No	N/A	N/A	No	
Unload		BIOLOGICAL	Yes	Scombrotoxin (histamine) in toxic		
	Scombrotoxin		levels is unlikely to be formed due		No	
		formation		to temperature abuse	parameters	
		CHEMICAL		_		
		None	No	N/A	N/A	No
		PHYSICAL				
I		None	No	N/A	N/A	No

# HAZARD ANALYSIS

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Ingredient/	Potential	Is the	Justification for Inclusion or	Preventive	Critical
Processing	Hazard	Potential	Exclusion as a Significant Hazard	Measure(s) for the	Control
Step	Introduced or	Hazard		significant Hazard	Point
	Controlled	Significant		from Column 3	(Yes/No)
Harvesting	BIOLOGICAL	Yes	Scombrotoxin (histamine) in toxic	Temperature control.	
	Scombrotoxin		levels may be present due to	Vessels trip summary	Yes
	formation		temperature abuse	records	
	BIOLOGICAL		Parasite presence for some small	All species are to be	

### **HACCP PLAN**



(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
Critical	Significant Hazard	Critical Limits for each	Monitoring			Corrective	Records	Verification	
Control Point		Preventive Measure				Action(s)			
(CCP)									
			What	How	Frequency	Who			
Freezing	Biological	Records showing that:	Temperatu	Visual	Every set	Chief	Well isolation	Vessel records	Review monitoring,
	Histamine	Fish were placed in in	re and			Engineer or	of fish outside	Checklist	corrective action and
	Formation	freezer, as soon	time			delegated	parameters		verification records
		as possible after harvest,					when it		weekly
		but not longer than 6					happens		Copies of CA
		hours from the time of					Done by Chef		histamine tests
		death;					Engineer		showing product has
									less than 200 mg/kg
									Calibration of
									temperature
									recorders

Verification procedures are divided in two groups:

- Internal: HACCP Co-ordinator would review overall plan efficiency at least once a year or at any process change.
- II. External: Regulatory authority will establish their own frequency and share the data. If buyers perform histamine tests, copies would be sent

## **CHALLENGES**

- Vessel design and space
- Lack of guidance (public domain)
- Crew training and culture
- Languages
- Inspectors not familiar with vessels
- Practicality of inspections





# Gracias

