

## **Recommendation 101 of 24-09-2020**

### **on the use of the Location codes in the Vessel Port list of the Fleet system**

The Fisheries Control Experts Group – ERS (Electronic Recording and reporting System) and Data Management Working group,

Taking into account that:

- (1) the Fleet system is using the Vessel\_Port code list available on MDR<sup>1</sup>. The list contains national codes for identifying locations where a fishing vessel is officially registered.
- (2) other systems like Fishing Activities and Sales notes are using the Location code list available on MDR for identifying locations but codes in that list are mainly based on an international codification.
- (3) fleet data is communicated to international parties like the FAO but national codes used in Fleet system are not recognised by them.
- (4) MARE has repetitively requested to Member states in weekly emails<sup>2</sup> to provide guidance on mapping national codes to codes from the Location list and to give their agreement on the proposal to use the Location code in the Fleet system.
- (5) the Vessel port list would be modified to register the Location codes.
- (6) BEL, BGR, CYP, DEU, DNK, ESP, EST, FRA, GBR<sup>3</sup>, HRV, IRL, LTU, PRT, POL, SVN and SWE agreed on the proposal, FIN refused it and the other member states have not yet answered to the proposal.
- (7) DNK, ESP, POL and PRT asked for new Location codes to guarantee a complete match with their national codes.
- (8) the registration of new Location codes is a time-consuming process.
- (9) the modification of the Vessel port list to include the existing Location code can be done in a short term for Member states that do not need new Location codes.
- (10) the improved implementation of the exchange of vessel data with third parties and the goal about MARE systems using common codifications cannot be achieved without an agreement on the changes proposed above.

Recommends:

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<sup>1</sup> MDR Europa: [https://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/cfp/control/codes\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/cfp/control/codes_en)

<sup>2</sup> Weekly emails of 23/08/2019, 04/07/2019, 24/01/2020

<sup>3</sup> email from August 2019

1. to include in the Vessel\_Port list the existing Location codes corresponding to places used for registering fishing vessels in BEL, BGR, CYP, DEU, EST, FRA, HRV, IRL, LTU, SVN and SWE only.
2. to use in the Fleet system the new codes from the Vessel\_Port list for vessel events with an event start date from **19<sup>st</sup> October 2020** onwards.