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Licensing of Foreign Flagged Fishing vessels (FFV)

Fiji Case Study

Foreign Flagged Vessels: Clearance upon arrival in Fiji

1. NOU prints and supplies declaration forms to Customs quarterly and also Customs/Shipping Agents who are well aware of the requirements for declaration.

2. Declaration Forms filled by the Shipping Agents of the FFV declaring the type and quantity of all refrigerants onboard and submitted to Customs

3. Customs Officers will conduct physical inspection on vessel to verify compliance.

4. In the event of a declaration form violation, Customs is authorized to seize any refrigerant that was falsely declared, and the FFV owners will be penalized. FFV will not be authorized to leave Fiji until the penalty fee has been paid.

5. Seized refrigerants and all declaration forms handed to the NOU. Quarterly meetings conducted to discuss the outcomes of NOU analysis on the declaration forms collected.

Regardless of the purpose of carrying HCFCs in the FFV (own use or intended transferred to Fiji), FFV is obliged to declare quantity of HCFCs in the FFV.

Foreign Flagged Vessels: HCFC-22 Export Procedure

1. Per-shipment Export Permit issued to authorized exporters of HCFC-22.

2. For every supply of refrigerants to FFV, the authorized exporter must enter each transaction in the Customs system through Custos Entry, to validate export, recording the vessel name, type and quantity of refrigerants, and date of departure

3. Customs will assess the entry and validate information such as exporters license issued by the NOU.

4. If entry is approved, the exporters will be able to supply the refrigerants to the FFV

5. Exporters are mandated to submit records of all exports to the NOU on a quarterly basis. In addition, Customs will also provide export data to the NOU. Quarterly reconciliation conducted by NOU, Customs and exporter.

Fiji is planning to implement annual export license (only for FFV) with a robust data monitoring mechanism.

Foreign Flagged Vessels – Partnership and Reporting

- Excellent cooperation with Customs through Memorandum of Understanding and continuous training.
- Entry of Foreign Flagged Vessels- monitored by Fiji Revenue & Customs Services (FRCS) through Declaration forms and Surveillance and Patrols with other enforcement agencies.
 - Customs, Police, Ministry of Health, Biosecurity, Fisheries Department, Fiji Navy conduct regular surveillance and patrols in the Fiji Waters to monitor fishing activities. Vessel inspections are conducted on any vessels (local or foreign) entering Fiji waters to deter any illegal activities and non-compliance with local regulations.
 - Enforcement officers are trained to also monitor ODS during this surveillance and vessel inspections
- Local Servicing companies that are sub-contracted by FFV to provide servicing and maintenance are also mandated to provide records given that this will be included in Fiji's consumption.

Thank you