

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO EU STATEMENT ON DOCUMENT PWG-413 (SUBMITTED BY US)

The European Union refers to the questions from the United States in PWG-413 and is pleased to provide the following additional details regarding crosschecks of trades of bluefin tuna recorded in the eBCD system in 2019.

In 2019, Member States of the European Union performed 47177 crosschecks. Ninety percent (42476) of these crosschecks took place in the context of the validation process of trades events, while the remaining 10% concerned exempted trades (4701). All eBCDs subject to validation were crosschecked. In addition, 8622 trades were subject to further verifications following inconsistencies. At least 1789 physical controls including inspections at landing and physical controls of products traded took place in 2019.

This information can be challenging to compile since there is no legal requirement for the Member States of the European Union to provide this level of detailed data.”