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**Chen Hung Seafood Frozen Pacific Ocean Fishery Improvement
Project: Data Collection, Reporting, and Verification Policy Version
1.0**

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1. Purpose

This policy establishes the principles and framework guiding the collection, reporting, verification, and transparency of fisheries data within the CHSF Fishery Improvement Project (FIP). It aims to ensure that all operational, biological, and compliance data generated by FIP vessels are accurate, complete, verifiable, and consistent with national, regional, and international requirements - including those under the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC), the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC), and the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Fisheries Standard.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all CHSF-managed or affiliated longline vessels participating in the CHSF FIP operating within the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPO) and Eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO). It covers all aspects of:

- 2.1. Data collection and recording (e-log, EM, observer, port sampling, bait use, transshipment),
- 2.2. Data submission and verification, and
- 2.3. Coordination with competent authorities and Regional Fisheries Management Organizations (RFMOs).

3. Policy Principles

3.1 Accuracy and Completeness

All vessels must ensure that fishing, catch, and effort data are recorded accurately and submitted in full compliance with national and RFMO reporting obligations. This includes:

- 3.1.1. Complete and timely electronic logbook (e-log) entries;
- 3.1.2. Accurate species identification and quantity reporting;
- 3.1.3. Recording of discards, bycatch, and ETP interactions; and
- 3.1.4. Full documentation of bait species and origin.

3.2 Independent Verification and Transparency

The CHSF FIP adopts a multi-source verification system integrating:

- 3.2.1. Electronic Monitoring (EM) for fishing operations;



3.2.2. Port sampling in Taiwan and the Solomon Islands for biological validation; and

3.2.3. Observer data and transshipment reports from WCPFC and IATTC monitoring programs.

All available data sources will be cross-checked periodically to verify consistency, reduce uncertainty, and strengthen transparency in reporting.

3.3 Responsible Transshipment

All transshipments by CHSF vessels must:

3.3.1. Receive prior authorization from the Taiwan Fisheries Agency (TFA);

3.3.2. Be conducted under observer coverage (WCPFC or IATTC);

3.3.3. Submit pre-transshipment notifications and signed transshipment declarations within the prescribed timeframes; and

3.3.4. Undergo random TFA port inspections upon carrier return to Taiwan.

The CHSF FIP commits to supporting full compliance with WCPFC CMM 2009-06, IATTC Resolution C-21-04, and ISSF best practice guidance for at-sea transshipment management.

3.4 Cooperation with Authorities

CHSF will maintain close collaboration with:

3.4.1. The Taiwan Fisheries Agency (TFA) as the flag State authority;

3.4.2. The Solomon Islands Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources (MFMR) as the coastal State authority; and

3.4.3. The Secretariats of WCPFC and IATTC as regional management and data oversight bodies.

This cooperation includes routine data exchange, standardization of sampling forms, and timely reporting of all operational and scientific data.

3.5 Continuous Improvement and Capacity Building

CHSF commits to continuous improvement of data systems and personnel capacity, including:



- 3.5.1. Regular training for captains, crew, and data managers on logbook accuracy, EM operations, and bycatch documentation;
- 3.5.2. Collaboration with local universities and research institutions to build domestic capacity for EM data review and analysis;
- 3.5.3. Annual internal audits of data completeness, accuracy, and submission timeliness; and
- 3.5.4. Progressive integration of digital tools and traceability platforms to enhance data accessibility and transparency.

4. Implementation and Oversight

The implementation of this policy will be coordinated by CHSF in partnership with Ocean Outcomes (O2) under the FIP framework.

- 4.1 A biannual data review will be conducted to evaluate consistency across e-log, EM, observer, port sampling, and transshipment datasets.
- 4.2 Non-compliance or data gaps identified through reviews will trigger corrective actions, including retraining, verification audits, or procedural revisions.

5. Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed annually, or as required by changes in RFMO or MSC data reporting standards. Updates will be made in consultation with relevant authorities, partners, and FIP stakeholders to ensure continuous alignment with international best practices and certification requirements.

Effective Date:



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This policy becomes effective on 20 October 2025 and remains valid until revised or replaced by a subsequent version.

Review Cycle

The policy shall be reviewed annually or earlier if there are significant changes in WCPFC, IATTC, or MSC reporting requirements.

Approved By

General Manager Cheng Hung Seafood Frozen Produce Co., Ltd.:

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