

## DISCUSSION PAPER

### Weighing of fish

1. All buyers or holders of fish shall ensure that the quantities landed are weighed prior to the fish being processed, held in storage, transported from the port of landing or resold. The weight of fish landed in boxes may be determined by multiplying the total number of boxes by a net average weight for a box calculated according to the methodology set down in the Annex.
2. The party weighing the fish shall use the figure resulting from the weighing for the completion of the landing declaration (form?)
3. The party weighing the fish shall keep a record per landing, indicating the name and registration number of the vessel from which the fish has been landed and the average weight per box.
4. The landing declaration shall be sent to the Secretary without delay and the Secretary shall place the information on inspector's website.

**ANNEX****Methodology for calculating the average net weight of boxes or blocks of frozen fish**

1. The average weight per box shall be determined per type of presentation using the sampling plan in the table below. The sample of pallets shall be selected randomly.

*Sampling Plan*

Lot size (number of boxes)	Sample size (number of pallets x 52 boxes)
5,000 or less	3
5,001 – 10,000	4
10,001 – 15,000	5
15,001 – 20,000	6
20,001 – 30,001	7
30,001 – 50,000	8
More than 50,000	9

2. Each pallet of boxes in the sample shall be weighed. The total gross weight of all pallets in the sample shall be divided by the total number of pallets in the sample to arrive at the average gross weight per pallet per type of presentation.

3. In order to arrive at the net weight per box per species the following deductions are made from the average gross weight of the pallet referred to in point 2:

The average tare weight per box equal to the weight of ice and cardboard, plastic or other packaging material multiplied by the number of boxes on the pallet;

- (a) The average weight of nine empty pallets as used in the landing.
- (b) The resulting net weight per pallet per type of presentation shall then be divided by the number of boxes on the pallet.

4. The tare weight per box referred to in point (a) shall be 1,5 kg. A Contracting Party may use a different tare weight per box provided that they communicate their sampling methodology and any changes thereto to the Secretary.

5. The total net weight of catch on board per type of presentation shall be multiplied by an appropriate conversion factor in order to arrive at the live weight figure. The following conversion factors shall be used for this calculation:

- (a) Whole (product form codes A and B<sup>1</sup>): 1,00
- (b) All gutted and headed presentations, including Japanese cut (product form codes C, D and E<sup>1</sup>): 1,70
- (c) All fillets (product codes F, G, H and I<sup>1</sup>): [xx]

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<sup>1</sup> Appendix 1 to Annex IV

