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Proposal

By

the Norwegian Delegation

RETURN MESSAGES:

Too many RET messages:

If a Contracting Party chooses to use return messages NEAFC will answer all reports and messages received from that Party by returning either an ACK or a NAK message.

POS messages are sent for all vessel every second hour. This POS messages result in a lot of return messages.

The Norwegian proposal is: Return messages are only generated for POS message if the value of the RE field will be different from zero.

New text in Annex IX

D.2) Return messages

If a Contracting Party so requests, the Secretary shall send a return message every time an electronic transmission of a report or message is received unless the message type is POS and the value of the RE field will be zero.

Errors Accepted:

Some of the return error codes are marked as *Follow-up action required* and some are marked as *Accepted*. All these codes are sent with a NAK status. Norway will send return messages received from NEAFC back to the fishing vessel if the return message is related to a catch or activity report. If a report is accepted it confuses the master to get a NAK status.

The Norwegian proposal is: If a return message is in the category *Accepted* the status should be ACK together with the actual coding.

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//SR//AD/NOR//FR/XNE//TM/RET//SQ/34//RC/RADIO50//RS/ACK//RE/150//RN/1234//DA/20070908//TI/1030//ER//
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Implementation of optional elements in the RET messages:

The RC and SQ elements are part of the RET message, but as optional elements they are not used in RET messages sent from NEAFC. When forwarding RET messages from NEAFC back to the fishing vessels these elements are however important.

The Norwegian proposal is: If a report received by NEAFC contains RC and/or SQ, these elements should also be at part of the NEAFC RET message.