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UN/CEFACT structure, mandate, terms of reference, and procedures

## Mandate and Terms of Reference of the Sustainable Fisheries Team of Specialists

### *Summary*

At the twenty-seventh UN/CEFACT Forum in April 2016, a request was made for the establishment of a “Team of Specialists” on sustainable fisheries, to support the implementation of the Fisheries Language for Universal eXchange (FLUX) standard or other sustainable fisheries standards on a global scale.

This document details the objectives and activities of the “Team of Specialists”, along with its composition, membership and participation in its meetings, and its reporting requirements.

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## **A. Mandate**

1. The establishment of a Sustainable Fisheries User Community was proposed at the twenty-seventh UN/CEFACT Forum on 27 April 2016 in Geneva. The Agricultural Domain of the UN/CEFACT supported and approved this proposal and decided to create the community as a Team of Specialists.

## **B. Objectives and activities**

2. The objective of the Team of Specialists is to promote, facilitate and support the implementation of the Fisheries Language for Universal Exchange (FLUX) standard or other sustainable fisheries standards on a global scale.
3. To achieve this objective, the Team of Specialists will:
  - (a) Actively promote the FLUX standard or other sustainable fisheries standards at both policy and technical level;
  - (b) Share experiences on the implementation of the FLUX standard or other sustainable fisheries standards;
  - (c) Develop and share best practices;
  - (d) Advise and assist on implementation issues of the FLUX standard or other sustainable fisheries standards;
  - (e) Proposes changes to the standard to the Agricultural Domain.

## **C. Composition, its membership and participation in its meetings**

4. The Team of Specialists will be composed of specialists with the collective expertise to address the specific tasks defined for it and should be drawn from:
  - (a) Governmental institutions;
  - (b) Business;
  - (c) Civil society;
  - (d) Consumer organizations; and
  - (e) International organizations.
5. Participation in the Team of Specialists will be on a voluntary basis. All members of the Team of Specialists must register as experts of UN/CEFACT, in accordance with relevant procedures.
6. The Chair of the Team of Specialists will be recommended by the UN/CEFACT Bureau and his/her nomination will be endorsed by the UNECE Secretariat for a mandate of two years.
7. The Team of Specialists will meet virtually at least once every two months, and face-to-face at least once per year, preferably in conjunction with an official UN/CEFACT meeting such as the Forum.
8. The Team of Specialists can establish sub-groups of specialists to prepare projects requiring specific expertise, which are expected to become a part of general activities of the Team of Specialists.

9. The UNECE Secretariat provides necessary support to the Team of Specialists and its sub-groups within available resources.

## **D. Reporting**

10. The Team of Specialists will report to the UN/CEFACT Plenary on an annual basis via the Bureau and will further report to the Bureau, on an inter-sessional basis, as necessary.
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