

ANNEX 1: Advertisement for the performance of physical engine power verification on fishing vessels 2020 & 2021

English

This annex describes the task in the advertisement for the performance of physical engine power verification on fishing vessels, in detail.

As part of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP), engine power of fishing vessels is one of the measures used to control fishing effort and to determine the fleet size of European fishing fleets, in order to ensure sustainable management of marine resources. Therefore, Member States register and control engine power, and are required to carry out physical engine power verifications where there are indications that the engine power of a fishing vessel is greater than the power stated on its fishing license. Furthermore, both national and European legislation restrict engine size greater than 221 kW in certain areas. The relevant Articles of the EU legislation are Articles 38-41 in Council Regulation (EC) No. 1224/2009 and Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 404/2011, Articles 61-63, which inter alia describes conditions for member state's control of fishing capacity.

The Danish Fisheries Agency is requesting an offer of performing engine power verification for 15-20 (fifteen to twenty) Danish fishing vessels to be performed at an ongoing basis through 2020 and 2021. It will be possible to perform more verifications at one time. However, they should be spread out through the project period. The method required for carrying out the physical verifications is the Strain Gauge method - the method used in the Study published by the Commission in 2019¹. For each verification, the contractor shall draw up a final report that concludes the result. The final report shall be admissible as evidence in connection with suspected violations.

The undertaking of the physical engine power verification will take place in connection with a landing inspection in close cooperation with inspectors from the Danish Fisheries Agency which accompanies the contractor when performing the verifications. The Danish Fisheries Agency will determine which vessels that are to be subjected to testing in advance. Furthermore, planning of the verifications must be carried out with the Agency and must be taken into account.

The Danish Fisheries Agency, request that the offer consists of 6 (six) measurements in 2020 and 9 – 14 (nine to fourteen) measurements in 2021, thereby 15 – 20 measurements in total. It will be appropriate/most efficient to conduct 2-3 tests in continuation of each other, concerning planning of the controls, as well as travel expenses.

¹ The European Commission: Study on engine power verification by Member States (2019): <https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/a867cbac-8e90-11e9-9369-01aa75ed71a1>