

General Provisions and Terms and Conditions for Data Check Companies

1. The “Data Check Company” classification is not available for any company that was an ISSF Participating Company within the prior 10 years.

CM 2.5 Data Check Company Terms and Conditions

A company seeking to be classified as a “Data Check Company” for the purposes of ISSF CM 2.5 must make a written request to ISSF in which it agrees to the following terms:

- (a) Data Check Companies must submit data for all tuna purchases following the requirements of ISSF CM 2.2.
- (b) Data Check Companies must undergo annual audits by the ISSF external auditor for their compliance with ISSF CMs 2.2, 1.1, 4.1, 4.2, and 5.1 using the same audit protocol that is applied to ISSF Participating Companies for Conservation Measure 2.2, and for the other CMs, from this data. A processor or trader in the IATTC convention area will not need to undergo an annual audit for compliance with ISSF CM 2.2 if it provides evidence of quarterly data submission to IATTC.
- (c) An initial compliance audit will be conducted by the ISSF external auditor after two quarters of data reporting and continually annually thereafter.
- (d) The audit reports of Data Check Companies will be made public on the ISSF website and must develop a remediation plan for any major non-conformances reported to retain Data Check Company status.
- (e) Data Check Companies are required to pay an annual fee as determined by the ISSF Board of Directors and subject to annual review, in order to cover the audit costs.
- (f) Failure to pay the fee within 60 days of invoice receipt will result in loss of Data Check Company status.