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List of Acronyms and Abbreviations

ACDR	Aggregated Catch Data Reporting
AIS	Automatic identification system
COE/COX	Catch on Entry / Catch on Exit
CC	Catch Certificate
CR	Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 (the "Control Regulation")
MIPAAF	Ministero delle Politiche Agricole, Alimentari, Forestali e del Turismo
CG	Coast Guard
DA	Direct Authorisation
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone
EFCA	European Fisheries Control Agency
ERS	Electronic Reporting System
FA	Fishing Authorization
FAD	Fish aggregating device
FAR	Council Regulation (EC) No 1006/2008
FMC	Fisheries Monitoring Centre
ORTHONGEL	Organisation of French producers of frozen tuna
PSMA	Port State Measures Agreement
RFMO	Regional Fisheries Management Organisations
SIAN	Italian IT system used for the management of the fishing fleet.
GIANO	Italian IT system used to store the data related to fisheries activities
SFPA	Sustainable Fisheries Partnership Agreements
SMEFF	Regulation (EU) 2017/2403 on the sustainable management of external fishing fleets
VALID	Data Validation and Verification System
VMS	Vessel Monitoring System

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3 Background factual information

3.1 Competent entities

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3.2 Italian fleet > 24 m operating outside EU waters (SFPAs, RFMOs)

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Table 1: state of play Italian external fleet and relevant authorisations

Name	CFR	LOA	GT Tonna ge	Main power (kW)	Fishing Agreements

[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Authorised DA Sierra Leone 4/12/2018-31/12/2019
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Authorised DA Sierra Leone 15/01/2019-14/07/2019
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Authorised DA Sierra Leone 10/4/2019-10/9/2019
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Authorised DA Sierra Leone 03/02/2019-04/08/2019
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

4 Audit results

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4.4.4 Compliance with third country legislation

At the moment of the audit, the only Italian vessel active under SFPAs was [REDACTED]. For the other [REDACTED] vessels all based in Dakar, four of them were currently active in Sierra Leone under private licences (DA), [REDACTED].

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The necessary legal information is provided by DG MARE for the relevant SFPAs, or by the coastal State itself where provisions not covered by the SFPA are applicable, or in the case of private fishing activities. To be issued their DA, the Italian vessels active under private licences need to provide MIPAAF with the legislation in force for the various fishing areas, delivered by the coastal State concerned to the vessel operators.

Referring to the fishing activity in Sierra Leone's EEZ, as complementary control measure the Sierra Leone has imposed to the Italian vessels:

- to have on board a second VMS transponder, which sends its messages directly to the Sierra Leone's FMC;
- to have on board a national compliance observer during all fishing activities in the EEZ; and
- to start and end their fishing trip in the Sierra Leone's EEZ by passing to a check point for monitoring of the cargo.

So far no problem has been reported by Sierra Leone as regard the completion of these control related requirements.

Italy has no bilateral cooperation with the third country coastal States where its external fleet is operating. The Commission's channels are used where possible. Where needed outside the Commission's channels, Italy takes contact with the third country authorities concerned through its local embassies.

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Where an infringement to the third country rules occurs, the legislation of the third country applies unless otherwise decided under the related SFPA.

<p>Main findings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The delivery of the coastal State legislation in force (as provided by the third country) is a condition for an operator to be issued a DA.▪ Referring to Sierra Leone, each active vessel is imposed specific control conditions during all the period of the fishing trip.

4.5 Inspection of the Italian external fleet

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Since April 2018, Sierra Leone imposes all the Italian vessels active under a DA to be inspected in a determined checkpoint before they leave to Dakar.

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