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**CONCERNING THE IOTC BIGEYE TUNA STATISTICAL DOCUMENT  
PROGRAMME**

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**INFORMATION NOTE ON IOTC RESOLUTION 01/06  
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We wish to seek the Compliance Committee's guidance on the interpretation of the IOTC Resolution 01/06 Concerning the IOTC Bigeye Tuna Statistical Document Programme.

Paragraph 1 of the recommendation exempt the requirement of the IOTC Bigeye Tuna Statistical Document or the IOTC Bigeye Re-export Certificate when the bigeye caught by purse seiners and pole and line (bait) vessel are destined to canneries in the Convention Area.

The interpretation of the recommendation in the event that the cannery does not process the imported bigeye, but at a later date decides to re-export is therefore being sought.

It should be noted that at the time that the bigeye tuna are purchased, the cannery may not have had the intention of re-exporting. In these circumstances should the export be accompanied by Statistical documentation or is exemption still applicable.