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Annex: Compliance issues from CoC19.

CPC: United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Responses/clarifications
 Has not provided Information on authorised institutions and personnel of the BET Staistical programme to the IOTC Standard, Mising mandatory information sample signature and sample seal, as required by Resolution 01/06. 	Final submission 26 October 2022, confirmation from Secretariat 27 October 2022 RE_ Updated RE_ Sample forms signature for validatand stamps for valid
 Has not provided the data on longline fishery, size frequency data, as required by Resolution 15/02. 	Final submission (which was a nil return) to IOTC Secretariat in 2020 Fisheries Statistics report in June 2021. Confirmation that this data was final was sent from the UK to the Secretariat on 17/12/2021.
 Has not provided the data regarding Sharks – Size frequency, as required by Resolution 17/05 	NIL RETURN: This data would have usually been submitted with the LL fisheries data. During the period in question there was no data due to the suspension of observer deployments under the IOTC Regional Observer Programme (as per IOTC Circular 2020-14).
• Has not provided the 2020 BET annual report, as required by Resolution 01/06.	The UK prepares reporting of statistical documents for Big Eye Tuna (BET) in accordance inter alia with the provisions detailed in Resolution 01/06. Our interpretation on the requirement of providing the document makes reference to the following: 'Bigeye tuna caught by purse seiners and pole and line (bait) vessels and destined principally for the canneries in the Convention Area are not subject to this statistical document requirement.' It is our understanding that the imports of fall under this consideration. However, we are undertaking a full review of all data presented by our importing competent authorities on all BET landings, their presentation and the fishing gear types involved to ensure that the reports we receive are fully compliant with this requirement.

• Has provided the BET 1st Semester report with conflicting information from the Compliance Questionnaire, as required by Resolution 01/06.

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