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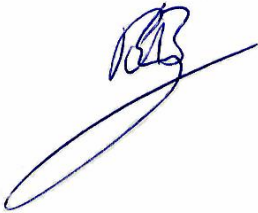
**IOTC CIRCULAR
2024-35**

Dear Madam / Sir

A COMMUNICATION FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND

Please find attached a communication from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, regarding Circular 2024-30 (a request by Sri Lanka to remove two vessels from the IOTC IUU Vessels List).

Yours sincerely



Paul de Bruyn
Executive Secretary

Attachment:

- Communication from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

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Dr Paul DeBruyn
Executive Secretary
Indian Ocean Tuna Commission
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Seychelles

24 June 2024

cc. Dr Indra Jaya, Chair of the Compliance Committee; Mr Zahor El Kharousy, Vice Chair CoC

Dear Dr DeBruyn,

IOTC Circular 2024-30 – A Communication From Sri Lanka

We would like to comment on IOTC Circular 2024-30, distributed on 6th June 2024 requesting the removal of two vessels from the IOTC IUU Vessels List.

We acknowledge that Sri Lanka has taken adequate action against the two vessels, IMULA 0846 KLT and IMULA 0730 KLT which includes the suspension of the licence, fining the skipper and ensuring both have a functioning VMS on board. However it is unclear if the case against IMULA 0846 KLT has been closed as it appears that the owner has made an appeal. We therefore accept that vessel IMULA 0730 KLT can be removed from the list but request that Sri Lanka provide more information on the status of the appeal regarding the case against IMULA 0846 KLT before agreeing to its removal.

I would be grateful if you could circulate this for the consideration of other Contracting Parties

Yours sincerely



Mr J. Moir Clark
UK Delegation to IOTC