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Notification for Scientific Research in 2012/13 - information submitted by the UK

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION AND THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

In accordance with paragraph 2 of Conservation Measure 24-01, Members are advised that the UK has submitted a notification for a groundfish survey in Subarea 48.3 in 2012/13 (attached). The survey will be conducted by the fishing vessel*Sil* between 18 January and 1 February 2013.

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NOTIFICATION OF RESEARCH VESSEL ACTIVITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 2 OF CONSERVATION MEASURE 24-01

Name and registration number of vessel: FV Sil (Registration No. 730450)

Division and subarea in which research is to be carried out: 48.3

Estimated dates of entering and leaving CAMLR Convention Area: the vessel plans to enter subarea 48.3 for research fishing between 18 January and 1 February 2013.

Purpose of research:

- to determine icefish standing stock to produce an assessment of icefish stock size for the derivation of a TAC, and for investigations into icefish population structure and management;
- to determine toothfish pre-recruitment population structure to contribute to the estimates of sustainable yield and assessments of the status of the toothfish stock;
- to collect biological data on the other major demersal fish species in the area such as Champsocephalus gunnari, Chaenocephalus aceratus and Notothenia rossii;

Fishing equipment likely to be used: bottom trawl FP-120

The survey will aim to take not more than 5 tonnes of toothfish and not more than 10 tonnes of any other species of fish.