

Form 1 – Request for Interpretation or Variance

This form is for the submission of requests by CABs to ASC to request interpretations of ASC normative requirements and/or requests for variance from specific normative requirements.

I CAB Request

1.1 NAME OF CAB	1.2 DATE OF SUBMISSION	1.3 CAB CONTACT PERSON	1.4 EMAIL ADDRESS OF CAB CONTACT PERSON
IMO	14.4.13	Michèle Stark	mis@imo.ch
1.5ASC DOCUMENT REFERENCE			
ASC Tilapia Farm Standard V. 1.0			
1.6BACKGROUND (PROVIDE FULL EXPLANATION OF THE ISSUE)			
<p>During the full audit for C.I. Piscicola Botero S.A. (via Aquabest Seafood) in January of 2013, several nonconformities were raised that would require a second inspection prior to certification. The non-conformities raised all relate to monitoring data which must be available for 6months prior to the first audit. Since some of the audit references from the previous guidance have been removed in the last version of the audit manual, it is very difficult for producers to know how to set up this monitoring correctly.</p> <p>Immediately following the audit, C.I. Piscicola Botero began implementing all corrective actions and evidence of the new correct monitoring system has been submitted to IMO. However, it will take some more months for them to collect sufficient correct data.</p> <p>If C.I. Piscicola Botero S.A. waits the full 6 months until the next audit can be announced, this would mean certification would be available approximately 2-3 months after full compliance (approximately 8-9 months after the initial audit) and the potential significant loss of fish contracted conditionally based upon their ASC certification status.</p>			
1.7RECOMMENDED ACTION/DECISION			
IMO would carry out the audit prior to the 6months data completion and start preparing the audit. The audit findings would be processed but certification would be held back until the 6 months collection has been completed and full compliance can be confirmed.			

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II ASC Determination

2.1 STATUS	2.2 DATE OF ASC DETERMINATION
X Closed	17-05-2013
2.3 ASC DETERMINATION ON VARIANCE	
The ASC approves this request for the following farm, owned by C.I. Piscicola Botero S.A. Tilapia Farm (single site)	
2.3 ASC INTERPRETATION	
If the received data is in accordance with the ASC Tilapia Standard, and no other major non-conformities are present, certification can be carried out. For all minor non-conformities a clear action plan must be presented to the CAB.	