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To Whom it may concern.

due to prolongation of Covid 19 emergency, the World Sustainability Organization authorizes that Friend of the Sea certification bodies are exempted from carrying out the unannounced audits requested for the 2020 (unless they have already been done), as annually required in the procedure FOS 0001 rev.9.3.

This is due to the difficulties caused by the global Covid-19 pandemic. Anyway, certification bodies are invited to plan unannounced audits for 2021.

Any other exemptions will be granted if the pandemic is not resolved within a reasonable time.

In faith,

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