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Circular 0321

TO: Accredited Certification Bodies

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To Whom it may concern.

due to the protraction of Covid 19 emergency, the World Sustainability Organization authorizes Friend of the Sea certification bodies to carry out **training and witness audits** of their auditors remotely, in case the audits cannot be carried out on site as normally required by procedure FOS 0001 rev. 9.3.

Certification Bodies will have to follow, in addition to their internal training and witness audits' procedures, the Friend of the Sea guidelines defined in "Circular 0220 - Coronavirus Exceptional Measures" and "Circular 0320 Correction Corona Virus" which have to be considered as an integral part of procedure FOS 0001 rev. 9.3 to perform remote audits during the global pandemic period.

In faith,

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