Subject: Notification on Joint Deployment Plans (EFCA FIS-system)

On 1 April 2015, the European Data Protection Supervisor (‘EDPS’) received a notification under Article 27 of Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 (‘the Regulation’) from the European Fisheries Control Agency (‘EFCA’) concerning Joint Deployment Plans (EFCA FIS-system). Having examined the documentation submitted, we have concluded that the processing is not subject to prior checking. The reasons for this are the following.

EFCA has previously notified the following processing activities, ‘inspection reports related to Joint Deployment Plans in EU Waters’ (2013-0539), ‘transmission of inspection reports related to the bluefin tuna joint deployment plan (BTF JDP)’ (2011-0615) and ‘transmission of inspection reports (NAFO/NEAFC)’ (2011-0636). EFCA has explained that the current notification is based on the previous notifications and that the purpose of the processing is still the same except from the fact that the personal data is now also processed through the FIS-system.

Since the notification at hand concerns a tool (FIS-system) and that the processing operations relating to the whole procedure have already been subject to prior checking, the EDPS does not consider that the use of the FIS-system in itself is subject to prior checking.

However, due to the use of this new information system, the EDPS would like to stress the importance of Article 22 of the Regulation ‘Security of processing’ which mandates that appropriate technical and organisational measures need to be implemented in order to prevent, in particular, any unauthorised disclosure or access, accidental or unlawful destruction, accidental loss or alteration.

The EDPS expects EFCA to respect all other relevant obligations described in the Regulation. The case will therefore be closed.

Thank you for your cooperation.
Yours sincerely,

(signed)

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