



## **MEL Work Program**

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### **Announcement**

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Development: ver.2.0 of the  
MEL Fisheries Management Standard (FMS)/  
Chain of Custody Standard (CoCS)

\*posted on the MEL old website



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### **Chain of Custody Standard (CoCS)**

Marine Eco-Label Japan (MEL) Council established the Standard Setting Committee (SSC). The SSC develops the ver.2.0 of the Fisheries Management Standard (FMS) and the Chain of Custody Standard (CoCS), as well as the other scheme documents (including Certification Manuals and the Requirements for the Certification Body).

#### **1. The development of FMS/CoCS Ver.2.0 and its objective and goal**

The development of Fisheries Management Standard (FMS) ver.2.0 shall be conducted for the purpose of evaluation of responsible fisheries, giving due consideration to conservation of natural resources and the environment, and consumer confidence. Chain of Custody Standard (CoCS) ver.2.0 shall ensure that the seafood products bearing the ecolabel sold as certified seafood products are in fact produced from the certified fisheries, by ensuring the segregation and traceability. These ver.2.0 of the Standards are developed to meet the requirements in the benchmark tool provided by GSSI (Global Sustainable Seafood Initiative) . The revisions of other scheme documents are conducted to ensure the transparency and credibility of MEL certification scheme. Especially the development of the Requirements for Certification Bodies will ensure a high-quality certification process by establishing a clear guideline for the certification bodies to follow.

#### **2. The Schedule of development of FMS/CoCS ver.2.0**

The development of FMS/CoCS ver.2.0 shall be conducted according to the procedures stipulated in the Operational Management Regulations. The schedule of

development is described in the separate sheet attached. The schedule will be revised every 6 months and made publicly available on MEL website.

### **3. Decision making by the Standard Setting Committee**

Decisions of the standard setting committee (SSC) such as approval of FMS/ CoCS ver. 2.0 shall be made based on the consensus of all members of the SSC including the chair.

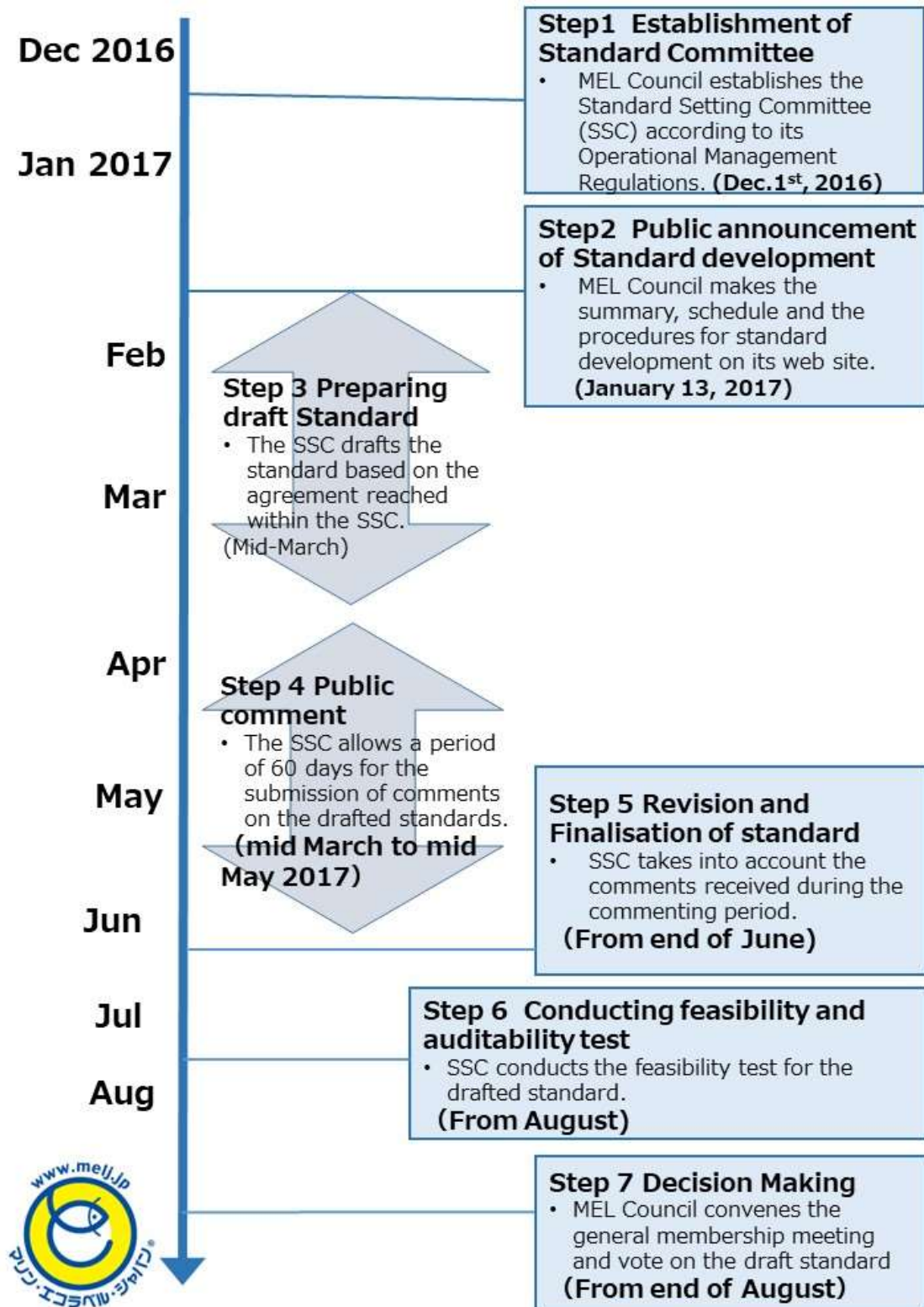
### **4. Geographic requirements of the FMS**

Scope of Application of the FMS including the geographic requirements shall be stipulated by standard.

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## The Schedules for the development of FMS ver.2.0



## The Schedules for the development of CoCS ver.2.0

