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NOTICE TO PROCESSORS**Information on electronic reporting for the Sardine Fishery for fish processors
accepting consignment of Sardine**

Dear Registration holder

I write to provide an update on the implementation of electronic reporting for the Sardine Fishery.

An electronic catch reporting system has been developed that has enabled fishers to report their catch for Sardine quota. This will improve the integrity and reliability of the quota arrangements in the fishery and result in a more effective and efficient management of the Sardine Fishery.

Fishers will now be nominating the processor they are consigning their catch to electronically.

Processors will be able to view all consignments for Sardine by accessing eCatch through the myPIRSA portal.

Particulars about reporting have been detailed within the 'Sardine Fishery – Electronic Reporting Reference Guide' which will be provided to all processors. This user guide will explain how to create a myPIRSA account and apply for and use the eCatch service.

Fishers will commence submitting electronically from **1 November 2023**. During the transition, fishers and fish processors will temporarily be required to dual report their catch until advised to the contrary. Dual reporting requires fishers and processors to report their catch using a paper-based Catch and Disposal Record (CDR) as well as the new electronic CDR (eCDR). This will mean that Processors will also need to dual report consignments received until the licence holders have fully transitioned to eCDR reporting only.

New Ministerial Determinations have been put in place to support the new reporting arrangements for the purposes of regulation 13 of the *Fisheries Management (Fish Processors) Regulations 2017*. You will need to familiarise yourself with them.

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These determinations are published on the PIRSA website and can be viewed at https://www.pir.sa.gov.au/primary_industry/commercial_fishing/management/determinations

If you have any queries or you require a hard copy of the determinations, please contact PIRSA Fisheries and Aquaculture, eCDR team on (08) 8207 5332 or email pirsa.ebusinessfisheries@sa.gov.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'G Begg', with a stylized, cursive script.

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