



## Circular Communication to Commissioners and Contracting Governments

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#### **Request for catch data and infractions reports for the 2015 season**

This Circular invites Contracting Governments to submit information on catches and reports of any infractions for the 2015 season to the Secretariat by **Tuesday 24 May 2016** (i.e. two weeks prior to the opening of the Scientific Committee meeting).

Article IX.4 of the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling (1946) states that Contracting Governments shall transmit to the Commission full details of each infraction including a statement of measures taken and penalties imposed.

All data and information received will be compiled by the Secretariat and made available to the next meeting of the Commission's Infractions Sub-committee.

The Infractions Sub-committee has adopted a form and checklist for reporting infractions, including reporting details of any infractions committed in previous years that remain unresolved. The form and checklist are attached, and they are also available on IWC's website at: <http://iwc.int/infractions>

While use of the form is not compulsory, Contracting Governments must fulfil their reporting obligations under Article IX.4 of the Convention.

Should you have any questions, please contact Cherry Allison at the Secretariat ([Cherry.Allison@iwc.int](mailto:Cherry.Allison@iwc.int)).

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