

## **SOP for the implementation of IUU import controls at Border Inspection Posts (BIPs)**

**References:** EU Council Regulation 1005/2008 dated 29<sup>th</sup> September 2008  
EU Commission Regulation 1010/2009 dated 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2009

**Definitions:** Art (2) of EU Council Regulation 1005/2008 refers

Officers of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) will act as authorised officers in the meaning detailed in SI 554/2010 in implementing IUU import controls as outlined in this document.

1. Importers/agents will submit catch certificates (CCs) and all pertaining import documents to SFPA at least three working days before the expected arrival date of the consignments of fishery products in Ireland. This will allow for pre import clearance of the associated documentation required under IUU Regulations.
2. This pre-notification shall include a cover page Annex I of this document, containing but not limited to the following information:
  - Veterinary health certificate number of the related consignment, and issuing country,
  - The list of the species covered by the Catch Certificate (s),
  - The weight of each species, using health certificate weight for consignment,
  - The BIP of destination.
3. Consignments of fishery products for which CCs are not required, must also be pre-notified to the SFPA via Annex I(A) of this document.
4. SFPA, will examine the pre-notified documents and forward a copy of the template page [Annex I/Annex I(A)] to the BIP of destination only having completed the relevant section of the template form clearly indicating whether the documentation is IUU compliant or not.  
In event of detection of erroneous documentation SFPA will initiate the following and may involve:
  - Informing importer / agent of issue,
  - Attempts to rectify / clarify IUU documents submitted,
  - Serving rejection notices on importer / agent for consignment,
  - Informing BIP of initial problem and subsequently of final outcome to allow BIP files to be updated.
5. BIP's will not accept a booking to examine a consignment of fishery products unless the BIP has received confirmation from the SFPA that the documentation submitted is IUU compliant via a completed Annex I or I (A).
6. BIP's will keep a copy of Annex I / I (A) documents received from SFPA on file for each consignment of fishery products.

7. BIP will make the necessary comparisons of the declared weight and the species on the completed Annex I / I (A) as received from SFPA against the associated health certificate ensuring parity of declaration on both documents and include a reference to this check on the BIP consignment check list.

8. BIP will inform SFPA if weight and the species on Annex I / I (A) are at variance with any declaration on the associated health certificate.  
Such consignments will normally be returned to Customs Compound awaiting a final decision.

On receipt of such notification of non compliance SFPA will initiate appropriate follow up for any non-compliant consignments with the relevant flag state authorities of the exporting third country from which the imported items originated.

Items which may constitute IUU failure will include.

- Failed documentary check on pre-notified documents
- Unsatisfactory match between IUU documents and health certificate  
(As notified from BIP via documentary check)
- Unsatisfactory match between IUU documents and consignment  
(As notified from BIP via identity or physical check)

SFPA will serve rejection notices on importer / agent for consignments deemed to have failed IUU checks.

9. BIP will inform SFPA if consignment is rejected on veterinary grounds with no associated IUU failure.

## Annex I

### Pre-notification of consignments of fishery products in accordance with IUU Regulation – where catch certificates are required

The below details plus copies of the catch certificates must be submitted together to the SFPA at least three working days before fishery products are intended to land in Ireland.

(Contact details for SFPA: Tel: 023 8859300

Mob: 087 7751243)

#### Details for the consignment

Name of importer: .....

Clearing agent name: .....

Clearing agent Contact Details: .....

Intended date of arrival of consignment in Ireland: .....

Border Inspection Post for veterinary checks: (\*Delete as appropriate)

Dublin Seaport\*

Shannon Airport\*

Dublin Airport\*

Health certificate number for the consignment: .....

Container number (If applicable) .....

Bill of Lading/Air Way Bill Number.....

List of species included on the catch certificate/s:

Catch certificate Number/s

Species

Weight

(Use Health Certificate weight)

.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....
.....	.....	.....

#### For official use only – to be completed by SFPA IUU Office

Documentation complies with IUU requirements    Yes\*    No\*  
(\*delete as appropriate)

Signed: .....

Name in print: .....

Date: .....

Stamp:

## Annex I (A)

### Pre-notification of consignments of fishery products in accordance with IUU Regulation – where catch certificates are not required

The below details must be submitted to the SFPA at least three working days before fishery products are intended to land in Ireland.

(Contact details for SFPA: Tel: 023 8859300

Mob: 087 7751243)

#### Details for the consignment

Name of importer: .....

Clearing agent name: .....

Clearing agent Contact Details: .....

Intended date of arrival of consignment in Ireland: .....

Border Inspection Post for veterinary checks: (\*Delete as appropriate)

Dublin Seaport\*

Shannon Airport\*

Dublin Airport\*

Health certificate number: .....

Container number (If applicable) .....

Bill of Lading/Air way bill number.....

List of species and weight covered by health certificate/s:

Species	Weight (Use Health Certificate weight)
.....	.....
.....	.....
.....	.....
.....	.....

Reason why CC exemption is considered valid .....

(Aquaculture produce, or non Chapter 3 or 1604/1605 product codes)

#### For official use only – to be completed by SFPA IUU Office.

Documentation complies with IUU requirements      Yes\*      No\*

(\*delete as appropriate)

Signed: .....

Name in print: .....

Date: .....

Stamp:

## Annex II

### Consignments which do not require Catch Certificates

Annex 1 of Regulation 1005/2008 lists the products excluded from the requirements of Catch Certification; this list has been replaced by Annex 1 of Commission Regulation 202/2011.

Annex XIII of Commission Regulation 1010/2010 equally lists the products which are excluded from Catch Certification, but this Annex has been revoked by 202/2011, reference for excluded products should only be made with 202/2011.

Imports with product codes which are not from Chapter 3 or headings of 1604 & 1605 of the Combined Nomenclature do not require catch certificates. Therefore these intended imports will be included on an Annex 1A, when submitting notification to the SFPA.

Imports stemming from an aquaculture source (See Health Certificate) preclude the requirement of a catch certificate. Some aquaculture produce may use a product code covered under chapter 3, or headings 1604 & 1605 of the Combined Nomenclature, which would normally require the use of catch certificates. Produce sourced from aquaculture irrespective of product code negates the need for the use of the catch certification system. Therefore these intended imports will be included on an Annex 1A, when submitting notification to the SFPA.