

Fisheries Information Notice Common Marketing Standards 10 of 2011



The Sea Fisheries Protection Authority has issued Fisheries Information Notice entitled “**Common Marketing Standards**”.

LEGISLATION

References: EC 2406/96 ‘Common Marketing Standards’
EC 1224/2009 ‘Control regulation’
SI 8 of 2011 Sea Fish (Recording of Fish) Regulation 2011

Fishery products **shall** be placed into ‘Lots’ prior to first sale.

A ‘lot’, as defined in the regulation, means a quantity of fisheries and aquaculture products of a given species of the same presentation and coming from the same relevant geographical area and the same fishing vessel, or group of fishing vessels, or the same aquaculture production unit.

Quantities of less than 30 kg per single species coming from the same management area from several fishing vessels may be put into lots by the producer organisation of which the operator of the fishing vessel is a member or by a registered buyer prior to the first sale.

Operators responsible for purchasing; selling; stocking; transporting lots of fishery products **shall** be able to prove that the products comply with the minimum marketing standards at all stages.

Standards are established in EC Regulation 2406 of 1996 with respect to marketing; which is to offer for sale and or first sale for human consumption. The marketing standards refer to:

- Freshness category and
- Size Category.

Freshness is assessed by reference to appraisal criteria contained in Annex I of the regulation.

Size categories are established in Annex II of the regulation and are without prejudice to those established in the Technical regulation EC 850/98.

With respect to the species Monkfish, whereas there is no Minimum Landing Size established in any regulation there is a Minimum Marketing Size established in EC 2406/96, the minimum marketing size is as follows:

- Whole gutted – 500g.
- Head removed – 200g

The marketing rules do **NOT** apply to quantities of less than 30kg of a single species disposed of directly to retailers or consumers by inshore fishermen.

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