

Fisheries Information Notice 12 of 2012 Transport Documents



The Sea Fisheries Protection Authority has issued Fisheries Information Notice 12 of 2012 entitled “Transport documents”.

LEGISLATION

References:

- Council Regulation 1224 of 2009 “Control Regulation”
- Commission Regulation 404 of 2011 Control regulation implementing rules.
- SI 320 of 2012 Sea Fisheries Control Regulations 2012
- Sea Fisheries and Maritime Jurisdiction Act 2006 Section 16 & 17.

Introduction

All Fishery Products landed into the Community which have neither an electronic ‘Sales Note’ or ‘Take over declaration’ submitted and which are transported to a place other than the place of landing **shall** be accompanied by a paper based ‘Transport document’ drawn up by the transporter. Transport within the precincts of the landing area may be exempted by prior arrangement with SFPA port Office.

The transport document shall accompany the fishery products until the first sale has taken place. The Transporter shall submit a copy of this transport document to the Competent Authority of the MS of landing within 48hrs of the **loading** having taken place. The Competent Authority for receipt of these documents in Ireland is the Sea Fisheries Protection Authority.

If the ‘Transport document’ is submitted to the SFPA electronically, prior to the transport commencing, then the operator is exempted from the requirement to have a paper document accompany the fisheries products.

Where fishery products are declared to have been sold the transporter shall be able to prove with a document that a sales transaction has taken place. (for example a copy of: invoice; sales docket etc.)

Transport documents may be submitted by hand or sent by mail to the local SFPA Port Office. The locations of the SFPA Port Offices are available on the ‘Contact Us’ page of our website <http://www.sfpa.ie>

Transport documents may also be submitted at SFPA post boxes at the following locations:

Port Location

- Clogherhead Adjacent to the Ice Plant
- Duncannon On Main Pier
- Fenit Harbour Masters Office
- Helvick Adjacent to Lifeboat Station
- Howth Adjacent to Ice Plant
- Kilmore Quay Adjacent to Ice Plant Kinsale Harbour Masters Office
- Union Hall Harbour Masters Office
- Ballycotton – Adjacent to Ice plant.
- Crosshaven – Lifeboat Station Coveney Pier.

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Or electronically by email to fish@sfpa.ie

Completion of the Transport document

The transporter is responsible for the accuracy of the transport document; it would not be a defence to say that they were unaware of the content and or composition of the fishery products being transported.

The transport document shall indicate:

- Place of destination of the consignment
- Identification of the transport vehicle
- The external identification number and name of the fishing vessel.
- The FAO (3A) letter code of each species & the relevant geographical area in which the catch was taken.
- The quantities of each species in kilograms by product weight broken down by:
 - Type of presentation e.g. whole/tailed/gutted/headed etc.
 - The Number of individuals where appropriate.
- The name(s) and address(s) of the consignee(s)
- The place and date of loading.

A sample transport document is shown as Annex A. [Transport Document](#).

The quantities to be entered

This will depend on whether the fish has been weighed on landing or is being moved to a buyer for weighing under permit.

- Where fish is required to be weighed on landing, then the Authority will expect the Declaration to be complete. The declaration is the actual weight of the fishery product as landed; the figure does not enjoy a margin of tolerance and must be an accurate weight.
- Where the fish is being moved under 'Permit' prior to weighing - Transporters contracted to a 'registered fish buyer' who is 'permitted to weigh after transport' may transport fish from the place of landing to the premises of the registered fish buyer. In this case where the fish has not been weighed the declaration will not be complete and the weights quoted may be from the operational estimate of the master. The transporter will be obliged to prove the 'Permit' on demand by an SFPO by reference to the permit number under which the fish is being moved from the place of landing.

The transporter shall be exempt from the obligation if the transport document is replaced by a copy of the landing declaration, that is to say a copy of the relevant logsheet(s) with the declaration complete:

Transport inspection – any vehicle or vessel used for or believed to be used for the transportation of fishery products may be subject to an order to stop; entry and search by a Sea fisheries protection officer and to require the person having custody of any fishery products to produce all documents relating to the fishery product being transported.

Location Contact Details

Contact details for the SFPA – port offices

Clonakilty Park Road, Clogheen, Clonakilty, Co. Cork.

T: 353 23 8859300 F: 353 23 8859720 sfpa_info@sfpa.ie

Castletownbere

Harbour Office, Castletownbere, Co. Cork.

T: 353 27 70439 F: 353 27 70094 Castletownbere@sfpa.ie

An Daingean, An Caladh. An Daingean, Co. Chiarrí.

T: 353 66 9152122 F: 353 66 9151489 Dingle@sfpa.ie

Ros an Mhil, Lán-Ionad Ros a Mhil, Co. na Gaillimhe

T: 353 91 572405 F: 353 91 572585 Rossaveal@sfpa.ie

Galway

Ross House, Dock Road, Galway

T: 353 91 568313 F: 353 91 568316 sfpa_info@sfpa.ie

Killybegs Fishery Harbour Centre, The Pier, Killybegs, Co. Donegal.

T: 353 74 9731264 F: 353 74 9731819 Killybegs@sfpa.ie

Howth Auction Hall, West Pier, Howth, Co. Dublin

T: 353 1 8321910 F: 353 1 8321911 Howth@sfpa.ie

Dunmore East

Harbour Office, Dunmore East, Co. Waterford.

T: 353 51 383135 F: 353 51 383045 Dunmore@sfpa.ie

Annex A

Example of transport document

			Note
Name of Vessel			*Enter vessels name as per registration documents and /or EU logbook
External Identification			*Enter vessels external identification as per registration documents and /or EU logbook
Place of destination of consignment			*Enter the full postal address for the delivery of the consignment.
Transport vehicle Identification			*Include the registration number for the vehicle and any identifying marks and /or numbers for the trailer
Quantities of fish transported by species Geographical area of origin			*Quantities of fish in kilograms processed weight. Species entered using FAO codes.
Name of person to whom fish is being transported (consignee).			*Enter the name(s) of the consignee. This should also include the full postal address. This may be different to the 'place of destination'.
Place of loading			*Enter port location
Date of loading			*Enter date and times of loading
Has the fish been weighed on landing?	Yes	No	Registered buyer details
	If Yes the declaration must be complete	If NO then include Registered fish buyer Permit Number	Name and address
			Buyer permit identification

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