



New UK IUU Export Requirements - Information Notice

IUU Documentary Requirements – 10th January 2026

Processing Statement (Annex IV)

The amendment to the [IUU Regulation 2842/2023](#) introduces an important change concerning the use of the processing statement (Annex IV) that will apply from 10 January 2026. To improve traceability, processing statements will be required for fishery products processed on land and imported into the EU, regardless of where the processing has taken place, in the flag State or in another non-EU country. **This means that processing statements will be required even in cases where the flag State of the fishing vessels that caught the fish and the country where the processing operation took place are the same.**

While these changes are required for imports of fishery produce from third countries into the EU, the UK authorities will replicate these requirements in UK IUU legislation and have requested exports of Irish caught produce that has been processed in Ireland be accompanied by a validated catch certificate AND processing statement.

A processing statement (Annex IV) will be required for processing operations carried out on fishery products after landing in approved establishments. Processing operations requiring a processing statement (Annex IV) include cutting, filleting, canning, smoking, salting, cooking, pickling, drying or preparing fish for market in any other manner. Fishery products subject only to freezing and/or packing will not require a processing statement (Annex IV).

In the case of fishery products which are subject to more than one processing operation in the same country or in a different country, a processing statement (Annex IV) is required for each processing operation.

Process

The application for the Irish Catch Certificate must be completed before the application for the processing statement as the processing statement must reference the validated catch certificate document number.

Information on Catch Certificate and Processing Statement application can be found on the SFPA Website:

[IUU Information for Exporters | Sea Fisheries Protection Authority \(sfpa.ie\)](#)

Legislative Basis / Relevant Documentation

- [EC Regulation 1005/2008](#)
- [EC Regulation 2842/2023](#)
- [EC Delegated Regulation 453/2025](#)

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Glossary of Terms

Below is a glossary of terms and acronyms used in this document.

Terms / Acronyms	Description
IUU	Illegal, Unregulated & Unreported
Annex IV	IUU Processing Statement

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