

New IUU Import 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.**

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.

Non-Manipulation Document

The amended regulation also introduces the use of a non-manipulation document where a consignment has not undergone any operations other than unloading, reloading or any operation designed to preserve them in good and genuine condition and that they remained under the surveillance of the competent authorities in that non-EU country. Such evidence must be provided as follows:

- if the consignment is not split in that non-EU country, a single transport document issued to cover the passage through that non-EU country from the territory of the flag State or the State in which processing takes place, will be required.
- if the consignment is split in different sub-consignments in that non-EU country, a non-manipulation document validated by the competent authorities of that country will be required for each sub-consignment. A template for the non-manipulation document has been established through the [Commission Delegated Regulation \(EU\) 2025/453](#).

The use of this document will be mandatory as from 10 January 2026

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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