



Guidance Note on CATCH system for IUU Export Certificates

- Catch Certificate
- Processing Statement
- Non- Manipulation Document
- Re-Export Certificate

V1.1



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1. General

1.1. Purpose of this document

The purpose of this Guidance Note is to provide direction on the procedure for application of Irish Catch Certificates, Processing Statements and Non-Manipulation Documents on the CATCH system via TRACES NT.

1.2. Audience for this document

This document is intended for the following audiences:

- Irish Exporters of fishery produce subject to IUU Regulation.

The purpose of this document is to provide information on the CATCH system for IUU Export Certificates. This information is purely for guidance and does not constitute legal advice or analysis and should not be relied upon as such. Whilst every effort is made to ensure accurate and relevant material is published, no responsibility is accepted by, or on behalf of the SFPA, for any errors, omissions, or misleading statements on these pages.

1.3. Confidentiality and Data Protection

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2. Guidance

The European Community catch certification scheme is an essential part of the IUU Regulation which is intended to improve the traceability of all marine fishery products traded with the Community and facilitate the control of their compliance with conservation and management rules, in cooperation with third countries. The IUU Regulation provides that the trade with the Community of fishery products obtained from IUU fishing will be prohibited. To ensure the effectiveness of this prohibition, fishery products shall only be imported into the Community when accompanied by a catch certificate. Through this instrument, the competent authorities of the flag State of the catching vessel will certify that the catches concerned have been made in accordance with applicable laws, regulations and international conservation and management measures.

This certificate will be validated by the competent authority of the flag State, and if necessary, other documents envisaged by the certification scheme in the event of an indirect import after transshipment, transit or processing of the products in another third country.

The CATCH system is the first IT tool to streamline checks and verifications of catch certificates for fishery products entering the EU market. CATCH is also used for the issue of Irish Catch Certificates, Processing Statements and Non-Manipulation documents.

2.1. Introduction

The Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority can only issue validated catch certificates for catches from Irish registered vessels.

The use of CATCH is compulsory for EU operators exporting fishery products caught by EU Member States' fishing vessels in two situations:

- when catches made by EU Member States' fishing vessels are exported to non-EU countries requesting catch certificates on the basis of Article 15 of the IUU Regulation, or
- when catches made by EU Member States' fishing vessels are landed in or sent to a non-EU country where they are processed and then imported into the EU.

This means that, in those situations, EU exporters must use CATCH to submit the required documentation for exportation of consignments of fishery products to the competent authorities of the EU Member States.

From 10th January 2026 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 for exports of Irish produce to the UK. For Irish caught fishery produce subject to the catch certification scheme under IUU Regulation and further processed in Ireland prior to export to the UK an Irish Processing Statement in addition to an Irish Catch Certificate will be required by the UK authorities



2.2. Products Concerned

The catch certification scheme applies to all marine fishery products obtained from catches done from 1 January 2010. In general, all fishery products listed under Chapter 3 or Tariff Headings 1604 and 1605 of the Combined Nomenclature will fall within the scope of the Catch Certificate Scheme. However, some products listed under Chapter 3 or Tariff Headings 1604 and 1605 are excluded from the scope of the IUU Regulation and its catch certification scheme, such as aquaculture products obtained from fry or larvae, freshwater fish, ornamental fish, mussels, oysters, scallops, snails and other products of minor importance.

A detailed list of excluded products can be found [here](#).

Products containing or obtained from fishery products which are not classified in Chapter 03 or in headings 1604 and 1605 of the Combined Nomenclature are also excluded from the scope of the IUU Regulation and its catch certification scheme.



2.3. Third Countries requiring a Catch Certificate

Article 15 1005/2008

Third countries requesting catch certificates for imports (direct landings & imports through BCP's) of EU produce are listed under Article 15 of IUU Regulation 1005/2008.

- Iceland
- Ivory Coast
- Kuwait
- Madagascar
- Norway
- Thailand
- Tunisia
- Ukraine

[IUU Regulation \(EC\) n° 1005/2008 of 29 September 2008](#)

Third Country Catch Certification Scheme

- United Kingdom
- Japan
- USA (Simp Species Only) [Seafood Import Monitoring Program | NOAA Fisheries](#)

If the final destination of the produce is a third country not listed above a catch certificate is not required for import. Third countries must formally notify the EU commission under Article 15 if they want to introduce the requirement that catch certificates be provided on import, this can't be done informally.

The only exceptions to the above listed third countries:

1. Irish produce has been imported to a Third Country, processed and then re-imported back into the EU; an Irish Catch Certificate may be required if requested by the Member State competent authority.
2. Irish produce imported to another EU Member State where a catch certificate is not required and that produce is to be further exported to a third country that requires an Irish catch certificate may be required if requested by the competent authority of the country of destination if included in the third countries listed above.

It is always the Irish exporter that should apply for the Irish Catch Certificate through the CATCH system via TRACES.



2.4. CATCH System

The CATCH system via TRACES NT is used by the Irish exporter to apply for Irish catch certificates and Irish Processing statements/Annex IVs for exports to third countries, as required.

In order for an Irish exporter to apply for an Irish Catch Certificate or Processing Statement on the CATCH system they must have an Operator Profile on TRACES NT and then have the appropriate roles and activities in a valid status.

Once the operator profile has been set up the exporter will need the CATCH Exporter activity assigned and validated in order to create an Irish Catch Certificate on the CATCH system. The Assigned Responsible Authority should be **CCA IE0002**.

Fishing CFPP CATCH fishery products - EU

Identifier +Add Activity

✓ Exporter Valid ⏸ ⏹ ⏶ ⏷

Activity Details

Valid From +02:00 CEST

Valid to +02:00 CEST

Address

Address Fintra Road
Killybegs
Co Donegal
F94 PF90
Co. Donegal ⏶ *

Assigned responsible authorities

Search responsible authorities

Name	Address	Role	Code
The Sea Fisheries Protection Authority	Park Road, Clogheen, Eircode: P85TX47 Clonakilly Ireland	CCA	IE0002 ⏶

Responsible Authorities

Name	Address	Role	Code
The Sea Fisheries Protection Authority	Park Road, Clogheen, Eircode: P85TX47 Clonakilly Ireland	CCA	IE0002

2.5. Catch Certificate Application

An Irish catch certificate can only be validated for Irish produce, caught by Irish registered vessels.

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2.5.1. Catch Certificate Process

1. As exporter, start creating a catch certificate

To create a catch certificate, you need to have an operator role with activity fishing exporter.

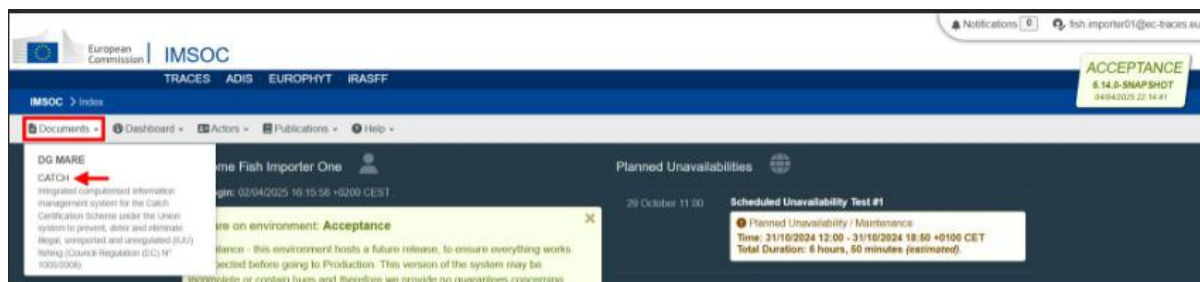
Your Roles

Filter status: ☒ 0 Requested ☒ 1 Suspended ☒ 1 Valid Request new role +

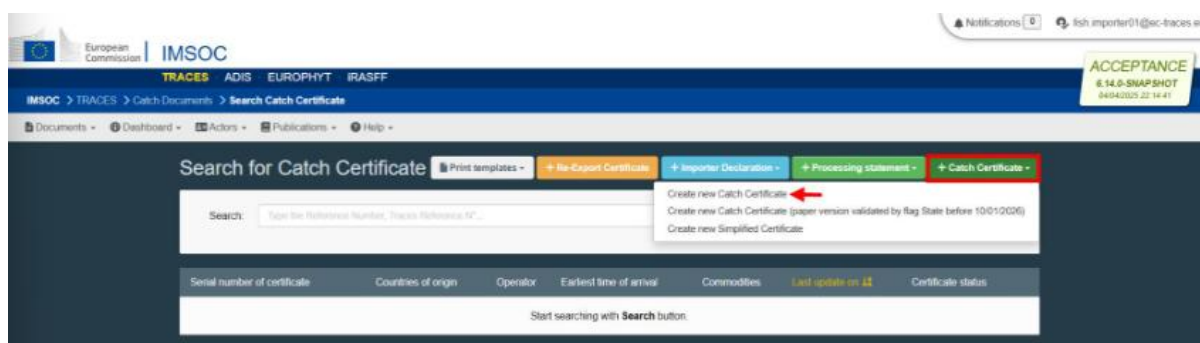
Role	Details	Status
Operator	Fish Trader Co 2000 Antwerpen Belgium (BE)	Valid
Exporter CFFP		Valid
Importer CFFP		Valid



On the TRACES NT home page, in the upper-left menu, click on **"Documents"** and then **"CATCH"**.



Click on the green button located on the top-right hand side of the window entitled **"+ Catch Certificate"** and then **"Create new Catch Certificate"**.



The option **"Create new Catch Certificate (paper version validated by flag State before 10/01/2026)"** is to be used only in the importer workflow. For all Irish catch certificate applications you must select **"Create new Catch Certificate"**.

2. Select commodities

For the catch certificate, the commodity codes follow the [Harmonized System](#) (6-digit code) developed by the World Customs Organization.

- A pop-up window is shown requesting to select the commodities. You can provide the nomenclature **code, section or species** in the "search" field or search it **manually** by clicking on the **"+"** button on the left side of the codes.
- Click on **Search**.
- Select the relevant commodity code by clicking the checkbox to the right of a commodity. You can select one or more commodity codes.
- Click on **Done**.
- **At least one commodity code must be selected.**



Select Commodities

solea

Q Search Unselect All

03 FISH AND CRUSTACEANS, MOLLUSCS AND OTHER AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES

0303 Fish, frozen, excluding fish fillets and other fish meat of heading|0304

Flat fish (Pleuronectidae, Bothidae, Cynoglossidae, Soleidae, Scopthalmidae and Citharidae), excluding livers and roes

+ 0303 33 Sole (Solea spp.)

0302 Fish, fresh or chilled, excluding fish fillets and other fish meat of heading|0304

Flat fish (Pleuronectidae, Bothidae, Cynoglossidae, Soleidae, Scopthalmidae and Citharidae), excluding livers and roes

+ 0302 23 Sole (Solea spp.)

1 element(s) selected. Cancel Done

If the commodity code is not available on CATCH please check that the product is subject to IUU regulation and is not an exempt product under EC Reg [1479/2022](#). Catch certificates can only be issued to products subject to IUU Regulation.

3. Complete Box 1 – Validating Authority

The purpose of this box is to select the validating authority that is controlling the activities of the fishing vessel (i.e., the flag State of the fishing vessel). For Irish Catch Certificates the validating authority will be the **Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority Port that has remit over the vessel or exporter premises.**

Click on Advanced to select the relevant SFPA Port Office:

- Castletownbere Port
- Clonakilty Port
- Dingle Port
- Dunmore East Port
- Greencastle Port
- Howth Port
- Killybegs Port
- Ros an Mhil Port

In the Advanced Search enter Ireland in the Country field and RCA in the Role field. You can then select the relevant SFPA Port Office from the list.



Select validating authority

Search:

Country: Ireland (IE) Code:

Role:

Countries that have not provided their notification to the European Commission in accordance with Article 20 of Council Regulation (EC) 1005/2008 or have been listed as non-cooperating in the fight against IUU fishing in accordance with Article 33 of the said Regulation cannot validate catch certificates. As such, these countries do not appear in this list

Name	Country	Address	Role	Code	Domain
Start searching with Search button.					

4. Complete Box 8 – Exporter

Enter your operator details in Box 8. Click on advanced search, select Ireland in the country field. Enter the operator's name and search.

Select exporter

Country: Ireland (IE)

Name	Address	Section	Activity Type	Status	Activity Identifier
Start searching with Search button.					

Save the Operator details as a Favourite by clicking the star on the left of the operator's name.

Select exporter

Country: Ireland (IE)

Name	Address	Section	Activity Type	Status	Activity Identifier
LIBOXr41 Ltd	Avenue Pierre Saul 2 Belmullet Ireland	CATCH fishery products - EU CFFP	Exporter	Valid	IE MO 0037 EC

5. Save as Draft

When you have completed Box 1 and Box 8 you must now Save as Draft before completing any other fields on the catch certificate application for the system to initiate the exporter workflow. If you do not Save as Draft after completing Box 1 and Box 8 this might cause issues when submitting the certificate for validation.

Click on Save as Draft in the lower right-hand corner.



When the certificate has been successfully saved as Draft a draft serial number will be generated and the status of the certificate will now be Draft.

6. Complete Box 2 – Fishing Vessels

Only vessels flying the flag of the validating authority must be selected. Multiple vessels can be added to the certificate depending on the consignment that is being exported.

Click on Select Fishing Vessel.

Select Ireland from the Country drop down and enter the name of the vessel in the search field.



Row 1: Select Fishing vessel.

Country:



Ireland (IE)



CAPE FAWLEY

Q Search

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Ship Name	Country	National registration number	IMO Number	Ship type	Status
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Start searching with **Search** button.

+ Create new Fishing vessel.

Close

If the vessel exists on the CATCH system click select. The vessel can be added to Favourites by clicking the star on the left-hand side.

Row 1: Select Fishing vessel.

Country:



Ireland (IE)



CAPE FAWLEY

Q Search

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Ship Name	Country	National registration number	IMO Number	Ship type	Status
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CAPE FAWLEY V. 095S



Ireland

VTS

Reefer vessel

Active

Select

+ Create new Fishing vessel.

Close

If there are no matching vessels following a search the vessel does not yet exist on the CATCH system, you will need to create the vessel.



Row 1: Select Fishing vessel.

Country:  Ireland (IE) 

SFPA 

Countries that have not provided their notification to the European Commission in accordance with Article 20 of Council Regulation (EC) 1005/2008 or have been listed as non-cooperating in the fight against IUU fishing in accordance with Article 33 of the said Regulation cannot validate catch certificates. As such, these countries do not appear in this list

Ship Name	Country	National registration number	IMO Number	Ship type	Status
No matching results.					

+ Create new Fishing vessel.

Close

Enter vessel details. All fields marked with a red asterisk are mandatory fields.

You will only have the option to create a new fishing vessel after an advanced search has been completed to avoid duplicate entries.

Create new Fishing vessel

Country:  Ireland (IE) 

Ship's name: SFPA

National registration number: 1234567

Home port: Killybegs

Fishing gear: Fishing gear selection

Mobile satellite service number: 7654321

Ship type: Fishing Vessel

Call sign: E256

MMSI: 2345678

IMO number: 3456789

UVI number: 4567891

Small vessel: ☐

Phone: +353 01 23456

X Purse seines

Code to be used in accordance with International standard statistical classification of fishing gear

Fishing vessel with an overall length of less than 12m not using towed gear; or with an overall length of 8m using towed gear; or without a superstructure; or of less than measured 20 GT

Close

Save



7. Complete Box 2 – Type of Processing and Fishing Licence

Once the vessel has been selected enter the type of processing if applicable. If it is not applicable the field can be left blank.

2 Fishing vessel You can collapse this box (^) when done entering data

Q Select fishing vessel ★

Vessel name	Home port	Registration number	Call sign	IMO / UVI number	Contact	Type of processing	Fishing licence no. - Valid until	
CAPE FAWLEY V. 095S		VTS				Freezing	Q Select	Remove
Ireland								
Active								

The Fishing Licence details must be entered for each vessel.

2 Fishing vessel You can collapse this box (^) when done entering data

Q Select fishing vessel ★

Vessel name	Home port	Registration number	Call sign	IMO / UVI number	Contact	Type of processing	Fishing licence no. - Valid until	
CAPE FAWLEY V. 095S		VTS				Freezing	Q Select	Remove
Ireland								
Active								

If the fishing licence associated with the vessel already exists on the CATCH system it will be available to select.

Click Select and Add Selected Fishing Licences.

Row 1: Select Fishing licence.

Reference	Issue date	Expiration date	
TEST	05/02/2026 +01:00 CET	07/05/2027 +02:00 CEST	✓ Select

✓ Add selected fishing licenses + Create new fishing licence Close

If the Fishing Licence does not yet exist on the CATCH system, you will need to create the fishing licence.

Row 2: Select Fishing licence.

Reference	Issue date	Expiration date	
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✓ Add selected fishing licenses + Create new fishing licence Close

Enter the Licence Number and the Expiration Date and click Create.



Row 2: Select Fishing licence.

Reference *	Issue date	Expiration date *	
15080808		31/12/2026	+ Create

+ Add selected fishing licenses + Create new fishing licence Close

The Fishing Licence details should appear in Box 2.

Ambitious	1412212050	da62	9914773		15080808	Thursday December 31, 2026		Remove
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8. Complete Box 3 – Description of Products

The commodity code available in Box 3 will be based on the commodities you have selected in Step 2.

3 Description of products You can collapse this box (*) when done entering data

+ Add commodity + Modify commodities

1 03 FISH AND CRUSTACEANS, MOLLUSCS AND OTHER AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES

0304 Fish fillets and other fish meat (whether or not minced), fresh, chilled or frozen

Frozen fillets of other fish

0304 81 Of Pacific salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*, *Oncorhynchus gorbusha*, *Oncorhynchus keta*, *Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*, *Oncorhynchus kisutch*, *Oncorhynchus masou* and *Oncorhynchus rhodurus*), Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*) and Danube salmon (*Hucho hucho*)

Subtotal verified weight landed (net catch weight): 0

Subtotal net catch weight: 0

Subtotal estimated weight to be landed: 0

Default weight unit: kg

#1	Product code *	Species *	Fishing vessel *	Catch area - FAO area(s) *	Catch area - EEZ or high seas	Catch area - RFMO	Catch area (other)
	0304 81		Add fishing vessels in box 2	Q Select		No	
	+ Transhipment						
			Catch date (from) *	Catch date (to) *	Estimated weight to be landed in kg	Net catch weight in kg	Verified weight landed (net catch weight in kg)
					Unit	Unit	Unit

You can add a new commodity code or modify the existing commodity code.

If there are multiple vessels for the same commodity code, you can select Add Row which will copy that commodity code into a new row.



Select Species from the dropdown.

Only species listed under the commodity code selected will appear in the species field. Only one species can be selected at a time in a row (fishing trip). If there are multiple species to be included on the catch certificate click the Add Commodity button.

The selected species will appear under the species box once selected.

Select Fishing Vessel from the dropdown.

Only fishing vessels entered in Box 2 will be available to select. Select only one fishing vessel for each trip/species.



Select Catch Area

From the Catch Area look up you can leave both fields blank and search for a full list of Catch Areas that can be selected.

Catch Area can also be filtered by country or code. Catch Areas can be saved as favourites.

Row 1: Select Catch area - FAO area(s).

Country:

FAO area	Name	Actions
★ 34	Atlantic, Eastern Central	
★ 27	Atlantic, Northeast	
★ 47	Atlantic, Southeast	
★ 31	Atlantic, Western Central	
★ 18	Arctic Sea	
★ 88	Pacific, Antarctic	
★ 58	Antarctic and Southern Indian Ocean	
★ 48	Atlantic, Antarctic	
★ 21	Atlantic, Northwest	
★ 41	Atlantic, Southwest	
★ 57	Indian Ocean, Eastern	
★ 51	Indian Ocean, Western	

Close

The catch area will now be populated based on your selection. You can select more than one catch area if applicable by clicking on the +, this will add another catch area field.

Default weight unit: kg

#1	Product code *	Species *	Fishing vessel *	Catch area - FAO area(s) *	Catch area - EEZ or high seas	Catch area - RFMO	Catch area (other)
	0304 81		CAPE FAWLEY	Atlantic, Northeast FAO 27	Atlantic, Northeast +	No	
		<i>Oncorhynchus gorboscha</i>					
	Catch date (from) *	Catch date (to) *		Estimated weight to be landed in kg	Net catch weight in kg	Verified weight landed (net catch weight in kg)	
	06/07/2026	09/07/2026		Unit	1000 kg	Unit	



Complete Catch Area – EEZ or High Seas

Select EEZ or High Seas area from the dropdown if applicable.

Select relevant RFMO if applicable

Default weight unit: kg

#1 Product code * 0304 81 + Transshipment

Species * PIN *Oncorhynchus gorbuscha*

Fishing vessel * CAPE FAWLE

Catch area - FAO area(s) Atlantic, Northeast FAO 27

Catch area - EEZ or high seas Ireland

Catch area - RFMO No

Catch area (other)

Catch date (from) * 06/07/2026

Catch date (to) * 09/07/2026

Estimated weight to be landed in kg Unit

Net catch weight in kg 1000 kg

Verified weight landed (net catch weight in kg) Unit

Complete Catch Dates – From and To

Fishing trip dates from and to should match the logbook, this information will be crosschecked when the catch certificate is being validated.

The fishing licence dates for the vessel must cover the catch dates.

Default weight unit: kg

#1 Product code * 0304 81 + Transshipment

Species * PIN *Oncorhynchus gorbuscha*

Fishing vessel * CAPE FAWLE

Catch area - FAO area(s) Atlantic, Northeast FAO 27

Catch area - EEZ or high seas Ireland

Catch area - RFMO No

Catch area (other)

Catch date (from) * 06/07/2026

Catch date (to) * 09/07/2026

Estimated weight to be landed in kg Unit

Net catch weight in kg 1000 kg

Verified weight landed (net catch weight in kg) Unit

Complete Weight

Enter the weight for each trip/species. Only one weight field should be completed.

Catch certificates are issued on a consignment basis – the weight that is being exported should be entered unless the certificate is for a direct landing into a third country.

#1 Product code * 0302 23 + Transshipment

Species * SOO *Soia spp*

Fishing vessel * Noah ship

Catch area - FAO area(s) Atlantic, Northeast FAO 27

Catch area - EEZ or high seas Belgiu + Nethe -

Catch area - RFMO No

Catch area (other)

Catch date (from) *

Catch date (to) *

Estimated weight to be landed in kg Unit

Net catch weight in kg 2000 kg

Verified weight landed (net catch weight in kg) Unit

Save as Draft.



9. Complete Box 4 – References to applicable conservation and management measures

This box is a mandatory free text box, which means you must type in the conservation and management measures associated with the fishing vessel(s) and its fishing trip(s) details provided in box 3.

The below text can be entered in Box 4 for Irish catch certificates:

The fish from which this consignment was derived, were caught by Irish vessels, which at that time were registered and working under the authority of a valid licence, and jurisdiction of European Fisheries Management laws, to which Ireland is a party of.

Any other relevant conservation and management measures can also be entered here.

10. Complete Box 5 – Master of Fishing Vessel or Fishing Licence Holder/Duly Mandated Representative

This box must be signed by the Master of the Vessel or the Fishing Licence Holder/Duly Mandated Representative.

Vessel Master – In order for the vessel master to sign Box 5 they must have their own Traces Profile with the activity Master of the Vessel. If the Vessel Master has a profile with the correct activity they will appear in the search. If they do not appear in the search, they may not have a Traces profile or the master of the vessel activity assigned to their profile. Please contact the master and request they set up a Traces profile and requested the appropriate activity.

If the vessel master is available on Traces, select from the look up. The relevant trip included in Box 3 will need to be assigned to the vessel master using the batch identifier on the left of the master's name.



5 Name of master of fishing vessel or of fishing licence holder *

+ Add master(s) of fishing vessel or fishing licence holder(s)

 John Master  

Select fishing trips for master of vessel John Master

Batch identifier	Vessel name	Catch date (from)	Catch date (to)	
#1	 Belgica	Monday April 27, 2026	Thursday April 30, 2026	
#2	 Belgica	Monday April 27, 2026	Thursday April 30, 2026	Select
#3	 Belgica	Monday April 27, 2026	Thursday April 30, 2026	Select

✓ Add. selected fishing trips Close

#1 Product code * 0302 23  + Transshipment

Species *  SOO Solea spp

Fishing vessel * Noah ship  

Catch area - FAO area(s) + Atlantic, Northeast FAO 27

Catch area - EEZ or high seas  Belgiu +  Nethe -

Catch area - RFMO No

Catch area (other)

Catch date (from) * 31/03/2025 

Catch date (to) * 02/04/2025 

Estimated weight to be landed in kg Unit

Net catch weight in kg 2000 kg

Verified weight landed (net catch weight in kg) Unit

4 References to applicable conservation and management measures

Noah ship  Belgium Measure XX

5 Name of master of fishing vessel or of fishing licence holder *

+ Add master(s) of fishing vessel or fishing licence holder(s)

John Master  

#1

Fishing Licence Holder – In order for the fishing licence holder to sign Box 5 they must have their own Traces Profile with the activity Fishing Licence Holder. If the Licence Holder has a profile with the correct activity they will appear in the search. If they do not appear in the search, they may not have a Traces profile or the fishing licence holder activity assigned to their profile. Please contact the fishing licence holder and request they set up a Traces profile and requested the appropriate activity.

Duly Mandated Representative – The exporter can be appointed as the Duly Mandated Representative of the master of the vessel. This means the exporter can sign Box 5 on behalf of the vessel master. In order to sign Box 5, the exporter must have the activity of Duly Mandated Representative in a valid status. Please contact the SFPA IUU Office to request this activity be added to the operator profile. If you are signing Box 5 on behalf of the master, it will be the exporter operator



name that should be selected in Box 5 – not the name of the master. If there are multiple trips you must assign all trips using the batch identifier. There should only be one box appearing where the duly mandated representative is being used. If there are multiple boxes it will block the submission for validation.

As the Duly Mandated Representative the option to Submit to Vessel Master will appear at the end of the page if all other boxes have been completed correctly. Once you submit to vessel master you will now have the option to sign box 5.

11. Sign Box 5 as Vessel Master

As the Master of the Vessel, you will receive a notification that a catch certificate has been submitted to you. Open the certificate and review the information related to the relevant fishing trip to ensure all details are correct. If all details are correct click on Sign as Master in Box 5.

5 Name of master of fishing vessel or of fishing licence holder *

John Master

#1

Sign as John Master

Click Proceed on the pop-up box.

Sign master of vessel declaration ✕

You won't be able to make any other changes to the document, including transshipments. Proceed?

✕ Return to certificate ✓ Proceed

The status of the certificate will change to Master of Vessel Signed, and the exporter will be notified.

CATCH.CC.BE.2025.0000006

EU IUU Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008, after 10th January 2026

MASTER OF VESSEL SIGNED

Details of the catch certificate | Transport details

1 Validating authority

Name: Marine Fisheries Service

Country: Belgium ISO Code: BE

Serial number of the catch certificate: CATCH.CC.BE.2025.0000006

Document number: [Field]

QR Code



12. Submit for Validation

When Box 5 has been completed you will now have the option to submit the certificate for validation. Please ensure to upload any relevant supporting documents before submission.

In the supporting documents section click Add Accompanying Document and select the relevant document type.

Once the supporting document is added to the certificate, you can see the uploaded documents by clicking on the “clip” on the left-hand side of the screen. Click on it again to minimize the information.

Use buttons Remove or Edit to remove the document added to your certificate or to change the information previously entered, if needed.

You can complete the transport details before or after the submission to the validating authority.

You can now submit the certificate for validation.

If any boxes have been completed incorrectly an error message will appear. Please review and correct any errors before trying to submit again for validation.

13. Finalise certificate following validation

You will receive a notification when the validating authority has signed the certificate.

If the certificate was rejected, please review the notes left by the competent authority. To re-apply copy the certificate as new, amend as required and re-submit.



If the certificate was approved the status will now be Validating Authority Signed. In order to finalise the certificate, you must now complete the transport details.

The direct landing option should only be ticked where fishery products are landed in the EU (another member state only) and have not been previously landed elsewhere. Where this option is selected some sections will now be blocked.

Complete Country of Exportation as Ireland. Enter Point of Destination.

Add Means of Transport.

Select the relevant type of transport from the corresponding drop-down list (rail, road vehicle, airplane, ship). Complete the requested fields. If the means of transport already exists in the system, it appears in the drop-down list while typing. If it does not exist yet, complete the fields and click on the green button “+ Create”.



Means of transport *

Add Means of Transport ▾

1. ✈️ Airplane

Flight number 30+

Transport document reference

PLANE
PLANE
PLANE

+ Create
Clear
x Remove
Q Advanced...

Enter Container Number/Seal Number.

Container Number / Seal Number *

Container number	Seal number	Official seal	
	Seal Number	☐	

Format: ABC[U or J or Z]1234567 = 3 letters, then either U or J or Z, then 7 numbers

Fill last entries with seal / container numbers to add a new row.

If no containers will be used ensure to complete the No Containers declaration.

No containers usage declaration

☒ I declare that the consignment has not been transported inside containers

Container Number / Seal Number

Container number	Seal number	Official seal
		☐



Complete Exporter Signature.

Sign as Exporter.

Exporter signature

Date Full name: Signature

Email: Country

Sign as Fish Trader Co

You will receive a pop-up message:

[en] catch.certificate.sign.transport.details

Are you sure you want to sign the transport details? This operation cannot be undone, it is irreversible.

Return to certificate Proceed

The status of the certificate will now change to Valid. The certificate is only finalised where the status is Valid.

CATCH.CC.BE.2025.0000006

EU IUU Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008, after 10th January 2026

VALID

Details of the catch certificate Transport details

Direct Landing

☒ To be ticked only in cases fishery products are landed in the EU and have not been previously landed elsewhere

Country of exportation Direct landing option selected

Port/airport/other point of departure Name: Direct landing option selected

Exporter signature

Date Full name: Fish Importer One Signature

Email: fish.importer01@ec-traces.eu

Country: BE

Signed.

[en] catch transport details signature success

The PDF of the certificate can now be downloaded and provided to the importer.



3 Description of products

1	03	FISH AND CRUSTACEANS, MOLLUSCS AND OTHER AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES	Subtotal verified weight landed (net catch weight):	0 .
	0302	Fish, fresh or chilled, excluding fish fillets and other fish meat of heading/0304	Subtotal net catch weight:	59266 kg.
	0302 31	Albacore or longfinned tunas (<i>Thunnus alalunga</i>)	Subtotal estimated weight to be landed:	0 .
2	03	FISH AND CRUSTACEANS, MOLLUSCS AND OTHER AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES	Subtotal verified weight landed (net catch weight):	0 .
	0302	Fish, fresh or chilled, excluding fish fillets and other fish meat of heading/0304	Subtotal net catch weight:	136 kg.
	0302 47	Swordfish (<i>Xiphias gladius</i>)	Subtotal estimated weight to be landed:	0 .

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2.6. Processing Statement Application

An Irish exporter can apply for a processing statement on the CATCH system where required by the country of destination.

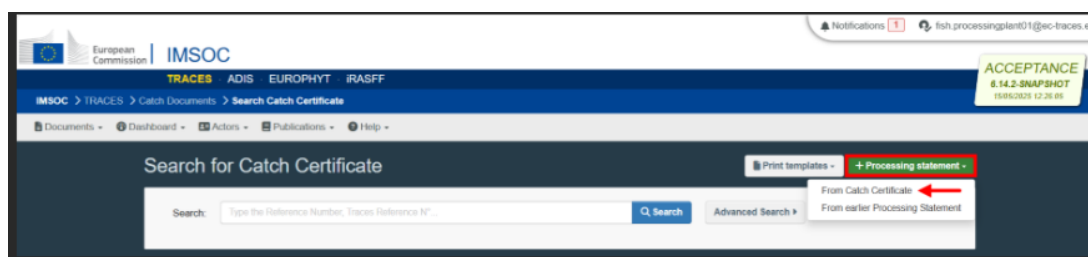
In order to create a processing statement, the exporter must have the exporter and processing plant activity on the operator profile.

The catch certificate that has been used for processing must already exist on the CATCH system for a processing statement to be created. If the catch certificate does not exist it will first need to be created. To create a catch certificate please refer to guidance available.

[Importation](#)

2.6.1. Processing Statement Process

1. Create a new processing statement from existing catch certificate



Select the flag state of the catch certificate and enter the document number.

Create new Processing Statement

Flag State

Document number

Create new Processing Statement

2. Select Commodities

For the processing statement, the commodity codes follow the Combined Nomenclature (CN 8-digit code) used by the European Union. A pop-up window is shown requesting you to select the commodities. You can provide the nomenclature code, section or species in the “search” field or search it manually by clicking on the “+” button on the left side of the codes.

Select the relevant commodity code by clicking the checkbox to the right of a commodity. You can select one or more commodity codes.



Select Commodities

Please provide nomenclature code, section, species...

Q Search Unselect All

03 FISH AND CRUSTACEANS, MOLLUSCS AND OTHER AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES

0304 Fish fillets and other fish meat (whether or not minced), fresh, chilled or frozen

Fresh or chilled fillets of other fish

- 0304 41 00 Of Pacific salmon (Oncorhynchus nerka, Oncorhynchus gorbuscha, Oncorhynchus keta, Oncorhynchus tshawytscha, Oncorhynchus kisutch, Oncorhynchus masou and Oncorhynchus rhodurus), Atlantic salmon (Salmo salar) and Danube salmon (Hucho hucho)
- 0304 42 Trout (Salmo trutta, Oncorhynchus mykiss, Oncorhynchus clarki, Oncorhynchus aguabonita, Oncorhynchus gilae, Oncorhynchus apache and Oncorhynchus chrysogaster)
- 0304 43 00 Flat fish (Pleuronectidae, Bothidae, Cynoglossidae, Soleidae, Scophthalmidae and Clitharidae) ☒
- 0304 44 Fish of the families Bregmacrotidae, Euclichthyidae, Gadidae, Macrouridae, Melanoidae, Merlucciidae, Moridae and Muraenolepididae
- 0304 45 00 Swordfish (Xiphias gladius)
- 0304 46 00 Toothfish (Dissostichus spp.)
- 0304 47 Dogfish and other sharks
- 0304 48 00 Rays and skates (Rajidae)
- 0304 49 Other:

+ Fresh or chilled fillets of tilapias (Oreochromis spp.), catfish (Pangasius spp., Silurus spp., Clarias spp., Ictalurus spp.), carp (Cyprinus spp.)

1 element(s) selected. Cancel Done

3. Save as Draft

For the system to recognize you as a processing plant operator, you need to fill in the section Name and address of processing plant and save the statement as Draft.

Name and address of processing plant *

Name TEST LMS EU

Country FR test EU LMS FR 29334 Quimper

Activity FFP Fishery products - EU

Activity ID FR test EU LMS FR-2 91744 Paris

Address FR test EU LMS FR-2 91744 Paris

Use a not FR TEST LMS EU NCP test hfdjfs 29391 Quimperlé

PP - Processing Plant

Only establishments included in the DG SANTE list of Approved Establishments are available for selection.

[Establishment list - TRACES NT](#)

The approval number of the processing plant is automatically completed after selecting the processing plant from the list, in the previous section.



Click on Save as Draft.

The screenshot shows a form with two main sections: 'Name and address of processing plant' and 'Name and address of exporter (if different from the processing plant)'. The first section contains fields for Name (TEST LMS EU NCP test), Country (France), and ISO Code (FR). The second section contains fields for Name, Country, and ISO Code. At the bottom right, there is a red-bordered button labeled 'Save as Draft'.

The status will appear as Draft, and a draft reference number will be assigned to the document.

The screenshot shows a document titled 'DRAFT.CATCH.PS.2025.0000014' with a status of 'DRAFT'. It includes a section for 'Processed fishery products' with a list of items: '03 FISH AND CRUSTACEANS, MOLLUSCS AND OTHER AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES' and '0304 Fish fillets and other fish meat (whether or not minced), fresh, chilled or frozen'. There are buttons for '+ Add commodity' and 'Modify commodities'.

4. Add Additional Certificates

It is possible to add more than one catch certificate if required. All catch certificates need to already exist in the CATCH system to add to the processing statement. Enter the certificate reference number in the additional certificates field.

The screenshot shows a form titled 'Add additional certificates'. It contains a text input field with the value 'TH2025.XX' and a '+ More' button. Below this, there is a section for 'Catch certificate commodities' with a dropdown menu and a '+ More' button. The dropdown menu shows options: 'Add a CC created in CATCH by another operator' and 'Add a PS created in CATCH by another operator'.

Save as Draft when additional certificates have been entered.

5. Document Number

The document number will be completed by the endorsing authority.



Document number



6. Complete Catch Certificate Commodities Section

The Catch Certificate Commodities section will show all catch certificates that have been added.

The CN code dropdown will appear based on the commodities entered when creating the processing statement. The CN may be different from the CN code on the catch certificate following processing.

The total weight landed will be the total weight landed on the relevant catch certificate, this weight is not editable.

The Catch Processed and Processed Fishery Products fields must be completed.

Catch Processed – The total quantity taken from that catch certificate for processing. The quantity must not exceed the total landed weight.

Processed Fishery Products – This weight refers to the **fishery content only**; the weight should not include any other ingredients added to the processed product. The processed fishery product quantity must not exceed the catch processed quantity.

Catch certificate commodities

Certificate	Vessel name	Commodities										
<u>CATCH.CC.TH.2026.0000085</u> THAI MANUAL TEST Thursday January 1, 2026 Remove	 THAI VESSEL	<table><tr><td>Catch description</td><td>CN code - Product description</td><td>Total landed weight</td><td>Catch processed</td><td>Processed fishery products</td></tr><tr><td> 0302 32  YFT <u>Thunnus albacares</u></td><td>Select ▼</td><td>2000 kg</td><td> 0 Unit ▼</td><td> 0 Unit ▼</td></tr></table>	Catch description	CN code - Product description	Total landed weight	Catch processed	Processed fishery products	0302 32  YFT <u>Thunnus albacares</u>	Select ▼	2000 kg	0 Unit ▼	0 Unit ▼
Catch description	CN code - Product description	Total landed weight	Catch processed	Processed fishery products								
0302 32  YFT <u>Thunnus albacares</u>	Select ▼	2000 kg	0 Unit ▼	0 Unit ▼								

7. Name and Address of Exporter if different from processing plant

This section is to be completed, if applicable. In the Name field, start typing the name of the operator and select it from the drop-down list that appears. If you select the country first, you can narrow the results in the list. If the operator is not on the list (not yet registered in the system), you can create a new one.

If the exporter is the same as the processing plant do not complete this section.

Name and address of exporter (if different from the processing plant)

Name  

Country ISO Code

☐ Use a non-business entity

 Clear



8. Complete Name and Address of Endorsing Authority

You will need to select the relevant SFPA port office that has remit over the processing plant.

Click on Advanced to select the relevant SFPA Port Office:

- Castletownbere Port
- Clonakilty Port
- Dingle Port
- Dunmore East Port
- Greencastle Port
- Howth Port
- Killybegs Port
- Ros an Mhil Port

In the Advanced Search enter Ireland in the Country field and RCA in the Role field. You can then select the relevant SFPA Port Office from the list.

9. Add Supporting Documents

You can upload files by clicking on the Select file(s) button and performing a local search for it on your device/computer. Wait for the correct upload of the file. Click on Apply.

To add other types of accompanying documents, repeat the procedure and select the relevant type of document.



Supporting documents

Add Accompanying Document ▼

Add Certificate Reference ▼

Attachment:

- Catch certificate paper version
- Health certificate
- Processing statement

10. Complete Transport Details

Details of processing statement

Transport details

Exporter signature

Date Full name Signature

Email Country

Country of exportation

Country of exportation No country selection

Port/airport/other point of departure

Name:

Point of destination

Name:

Means of transport

Container Number / Seal Number

Country of Exportation – should be entered as Ireland.

Point of Destination - Complete the free text box with the name of the point of destination (e.g. country, port/airport).

Means of Transport - Select the relevant type of transport from the corresponding drop-down list (rail, road vehicle, airplane, ship). Complete the requested fields. If the means of transport already exists in the system, it appears in the drop-down list while typing. If it does not exist yet, complete the fields and click on the green button “+ Create”.

Container/Seal Number - Enter the container and seal number, using the format provided.

Container Number / Seal Number

Container number Seal number Official seal

Seal Number + Official seal

Format: ABC[U or J or Z]1234567 = 3 letters, then either U or J or Z, then 7 numbers

Fill last entries with seal / container numbers to add a new row.



11. Complete Declaration by Processing Plant

Declaration by the Processing plant

I confirm that the processed fishery products have been obtained from catches under the following catch certificate(s):

Date	Full name:	Signature
	Email	Sign Declaration as TEST LMS EU NCP test
	Country	

Cancel Created by Processingplant One on 05/19/2025 11:52:57 +02:00 CEST ... More Save as Draft Sign Declaration

12. Submit for Endorsement

If any details have been entered incorrectly an error message will appear, review and correct any errors before submitting.

The status of the processing statement will now appear as Endorsing Authority Notified.

CATCH.PS.FR.2025.0000001

Annex IV EU IUU Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008

Details of processing statement Transport details

Processed fishery products

+ Add commodity Modify commodities

ENDORISING AUTHORITY NOTIFIED

You will receive a notification that the processing statement has been endorsed or rejected. If the processing statement has been rejected, please review the notes left by the competent authority and correct any errors identified before re-submitting. The rejected processing statement can be copied as new.



2.7. Non-Manipulation Document Application

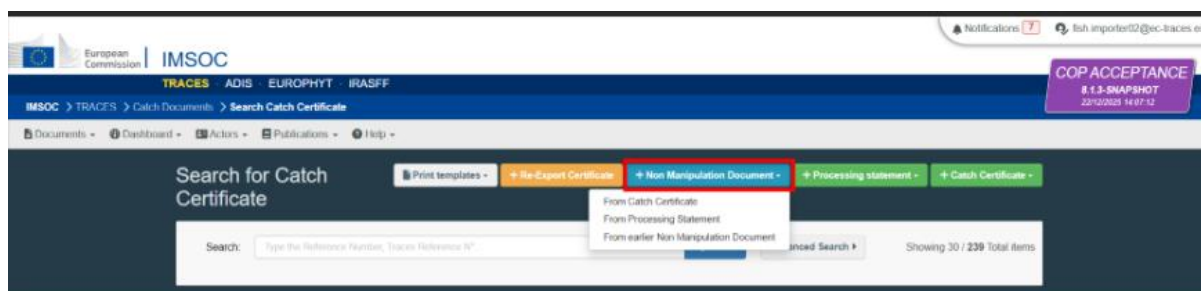
The SFPA can only issue a non-manipulation document where fishery produce subject to IUU regulation previously imported into Ireland has been stored at an SFPA approved facility. If the storage facility is not under the remit of the SFPA the storage document will have to be issued by the department that has remit over the premises.

2.7.1. Non-Manipulation Document Process

1. Create Non-Manipulation Document

To create a non-manipulation document in CATCH it must be created from a third country catch certificate or processing statement that already exists on the CATCH system. If the certificate does not exist, you will need to first create the document before a non-manipulation document can be created. Please refer to [Importation](#) for guidance on creating catch certificates or processing statements in CATCH.

Click on +Non-Manipulation Document and then select the appropriate option.



2. Commodities

For the non-manipulation document, the commodity codes are automatically copied from the catch certificate, simplified catch certificate or processing statement.

3. Complete Box 1 - Declaring Authority

You will need to select the relevant SFPA port office that has remit over the processing plant.

Click on Advanced to select the relevant SFPA Port Office:

- Castletownbere Port
- Clonakilty Port
- Dingle Port
- Dunmore East Port
- Greencastle Port
- Howth Port



- Killybegs Port
- Ros an Mhil Port

In the Advanced Search enter Ireland in the Country field and RCA in the Role field. You can then select the relevant SFPA Port Office from the list.

Select validating authority

Search:

Q Search

Advanced Search ▲

Country

Code

Role

Countries that have not provided their notification to the European Commission in accordance with Article 20 of Council Regulation (EC) 1005/2008 or have been listed as non-cooperating in the fight against IUU fishing in accordance with Article 33 of the said Regulation cannot validate catch certificates. As such, these countries do not appear in this list

Name	Country	Address	Role	Code	Domain
Start searching with Search button.					

Close

4. Complete Box 7 – Exporter Details

Enter exporter information.

7 Exporter details

Name

304

Edit

★

Country

Fish Tra der Co

BE-4324324243

Fish Street 1

2000 Antwerp

Exporter

BE-4324324243

CFFP CATCH fishery products - EU

Activity

Fish Tra der Co

BE-4324324243

Fish Street 1

2000 Antwerp

Importer

BE-4324324243

CFFP CATCH fishery products - EU

Activity ID

Fish tra der

av.

8200 Bruges

Importer

n/a

CFFP CATCH fishery products -

Address

Fish tra der

av.

8200 Bruges

Importer

n/a

CFFP CATCH fishery products -

When Box 1 & Box 7 have been completed you must now Save as Draft to ensure the system recognises the exporter workflow. A draft serial number is automatically assigned to the document.

5. Document Number

The document number will be completed by the validating authority.

6. Complete Box 2 – Arrival to the Place of Storage Details



The purpose of this mandatory box is to fill in the details of the arrival of the consignment to the place of storage.

The below information must be completed:

- Place of departure of the product
- Last port/airport or other point of departure before arrival to the country of storage
- Place of storage
- Details of transport

Complete the requested fields. If the means of transport already exists in the system, it appears in the drop-down list while typing. Select it. If it does not exist yet, complete the fields and click on the green button "+ Create".

- Date of departure
- Date of arrival to the place of storage (unloading)
- Container Number(s) (where applicable)

7. Additional Certificates

This section allows you to add more catch or simplified catch certificates, processing statements and non-manipulation documents, to the non-manipulation document.



8. Complete Box 3 - Consignment details upon arrival to the place of storage

The purpose of this mandatory box is to complete, for each species (at least one) related to a 6 or 8-digit product code and referred within a catch certificate, simplified catch certificate, processing statement or non-manipulation document, the Net weight in kg entering the place of storage and/or the Net fishery product weight in kg entering the place of storage.

Net weight and Net fishery product weight in kg entering the place of storage

Enter one or both weights:

- Net weight in kg entering the place of storage - weight of the fish component and other ingredients
- Net fishery product weight in kg entering the place of storage - weight of the fish component contained in the product without other ingredients.

9. Complete Box 4 – Storage Facility Detail

Please note – Non-Manipulation Documents can only be issued where the storage facility is approved by Sea Fisheries Protection Authority.

Enter Storage Facility Details.



Tick one option in the Stored as box.

Stored as (tick as appropriate) *

☐ Chilled ☐ Frozen ☒ Other

10. Complete Box 5 - Consignment details upon departure from the place of storage

The purpose of this mandatory box is to complete, for each species (at least one) related to a 6 or 8-digit product code and referred within a catch certificate, simplified catch certificate, processing statement or non-manipulation document, the Net weight in kg leaving the place of storage and/or the Net fishery product weight in kg leaving the place of storage.

5 Consignment details (upon departure from the place of storage) *

Certificate	Commodities		Net weight in kg leaving the place of storage	Net fishery product weight in kg leaving the place of storage
CATCH.CC.BE.2026.0000006 TNT.CC.LR.2026.0000006 Tuesday January 6, 2026	Product code	Species		
	0302 43	SPR <i>Sprattus sprattus</i>	0 Unit ▾	0 Unit ▾
	0302 41	CLUPHA HER <i>Clupea harengus</i>	0 Unit ▾	0 Unit ▾

Net weight and Net fishery product weight in kg leaving the place of storage.

Enter one or both weights:

- Net weight in kg leaving the place of storage - weight of the fish component and other ingredients.
- Net fishery product weight in kg leaving the place of storage - weight of the fish component contained in the product without other ingredients.

11. Complete Box 6 - Departure from the place of storage – details

Complete details of the departure of the consignment from the place of storage.

6 Departure from the place of storage - details *

Port/airport or other point of departure from the country of storage:

Date of departure from the place of storage (reloading):

Point of destination: Port, airport or other point of destination:

Details of transport (Vessel name and flag / flight number - airway bill / railway bill / freight bill - truck registration number):

No Means of Transport on Departure.

Container number(s) (where applicable):

Container number	Seal number	Official seal
	Seal Number + ☐ Official seal	X

Fill last entries with seal / container numbers to add a new row.



The below information must be completed:

- Point of destination- Port, airport or other point of destination
- Details of transport
- Date of departure
- Date of departure from the place of storage (reloading)
- Container Number(s) (where applicable)

12. Complete Box 7 – Exporter Details

The date of submission of this document by the exporter to the competent authority is automatically completed once you submit it for verification.

13. Supporting Documents

Any supporting documents can be uploaded to application. You can upload files by clicking on the Select file(s) button and performing a local search for it on your device/computer. Wait for the correct upload of the file. Click on Apply.

14. Save as Draft

15. Submit for Validation

Click on the button Submit for verification, in the lower right corner.



If you filled in any of the boxes incorrectly, an “Error” message will appear. Click on the expanding sign on the right-hand side of the error message to read the message in more detail. Review and correct any errors before submitting.

The status will now be **DECLARING AUTHORITY NOTIFIED**.

16. Receive notification with the authority's decision

After the validation or rejection of a non-manipulation document by the declaring authority, you will receive a notification.

CATCH.NM.BE.2026.0000002 VALID

Details of the non manipulation document

Item	Description	Net weight in kg entering the place of storage	Net fishery product weight in kg entering the place of storage	Net weight in kg leaving the place of storage	Net fishery product weight in kg leaving the place of storage
1	03 FISH AND CRUSTACEANS, MOLLUSCS AND OTHER AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES 0302 Fish, fresh or chilled, excluding fish fillets and other fish meat of heading 0304 0302 41 Herrings (<i>Clupea harengus</i> , <i>Clupea pallasii</i>), excluding livers and roes	350000 kg	340000 kg	0 kg	0 kg
2	03 FISH AND CRUSTACEANS, MOLLUSCS AND OTHER AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES 0302 Fish, fresh or chilled, excluding fish fillets and other fish meat of heading 0304 0302 43 Sardines (<i>Sardina pilchardus</i> , <i>Sardinops</i> spp.), sardinella (<i>Sardinella</i> spp.), brisling or sprats (<i>Sprattus sprattus</i>)	1000000 kg	1000000 kg	0 kg	0 kg

1 Declaring Authority

Name: Marine Fisheries Service

Country: Belgium ISO: BE

Document number: TNT.RE.LR.2026.0000001

Cancel Created by Fish Impoter Two on 01/09/2026 17:01:18 +01:00 CET Preview PDF ...

2.8. Re-Export Certificate Application

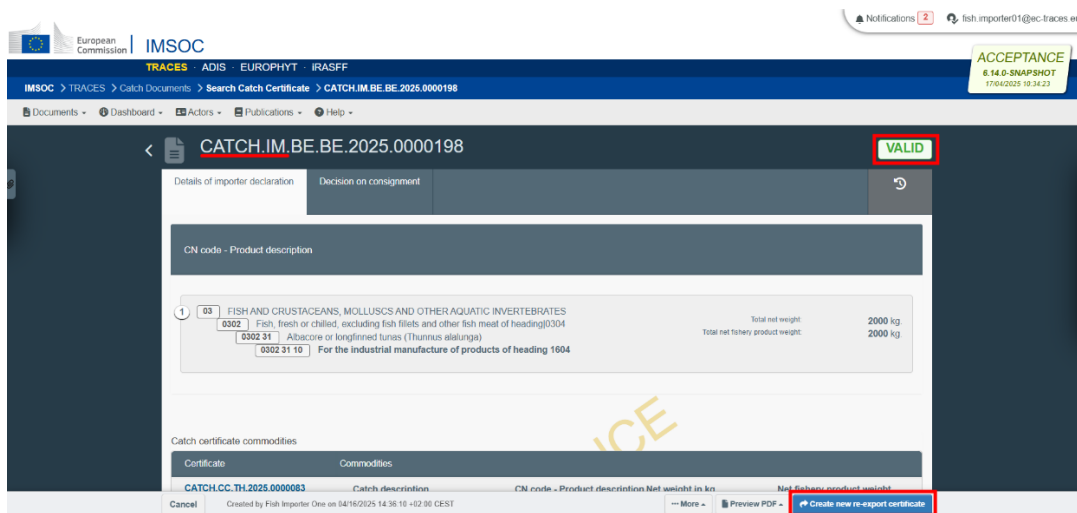
A re-export certificate is issued for the re-exportation of fishery products previously imported into the EU (generally by way of third country vessel direct landing). Re-exportation means any movement from the territory of the Community of fishery products which had been previously imported into an EU Member State. Re-export certificates are issued for the export of fishery products where no processing has taken place.

2.8.1. Re-Export Certificate Process

To create a re-export certificate in CATCH the third country catch certificate must already exist on the CATCH system and submitted with an Importer Declaration. If the catch certificate does not exist, you will need to first create the catch certificate before a re-export certificate can be created. Please refer to [Importation](#) for guidance on creating catch certificates or processing statements in CATCH.

1. Create New Re-Export Certificate

Click Create New Re-Export Certificate button at the bottom right-hand side of the valid importer declaration.

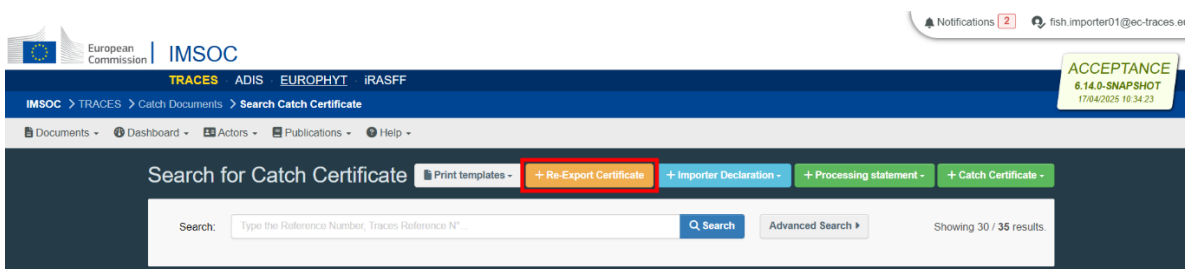


The screenshot shows the CATCH system interface for a valid importer declaration. The top navigation bar includes the European Commission logo and the IMSOC header. The main content area displays the declaration details for CATCH.IM.BE.BE.2025.0000198, which is marked as 'VALID'. The declaration includes a table for 'CN code - Product description' with the following entries:

CN code	Product description	Total net weight	Total net fishery product weight
03	FISH AND CRUSTACEANS, MOLLUSCS AND OTHER AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES	2000 kg	2000 kg
0302	Fish, fresh or chilled, excluding fish fillets and other fish meat of heading 0304		
0302 31	Atlantic or longfinned tunas (<i>Thunnus alalunga</i>)		
0302 31 10	For the industrial manufacture of products of heading 1604		

At the bottom of the interface, there is a 'Create new re-export certificate' button highlighted in red.

A new re-export certificate can also be created by selecting the +Re-Export Certificate option in the CATCH search page. You will then need to complete the requested details.



The screenshot shows the CATCH search page. The top navigation bar includes the European Commission logo and the IMSOC header. The main content area displays the search results for 'Search for Catch Certificate'. The search results show a table with the following columns: 'Search', 'Q Search', 'Advanced Search', and 'Showing 30 / 35 results'. The '+ Re-Export Certificate' button is highlighted in red.



2. Commodities

The commodities are automatically copied from the importer declaration.

3. Complete Box 2 – Re-exporter

Complete re-exporter detail.

If you are a representative of the re-exporter (RFL) and the operator is **not on the list** (not yet registered in the system), you can create a new one.

- Click on + Create a new operator.
- Complete the required data [Activity details: section Fishing (European Union) - CATCH fishery products - EU (CFFP), Activity Exporter].

The “+ Create a new Operator” button will only appear once you did an advanced search in order to avoid as much as possible duplicates in the system.



Select re-exporter

Country: Belgium (BE) Type business name, approval number...

Name	Address	Section	Activity Type	Status	Activity Identifier	
★ Fish Trader Co EORI: BE0662521876	Fish Street 1 2000 Antwerpen Belgium	CATCH fishery products - EU CFFP	Exporter	Valid	BE-4324324243	
★ MERLUZA TRADING CIN: 125895222F	STREET NEUF 9880 Maria-Aalter Belgium	CATCH fishery products - EU CFFP	Exporter	Valid	13254485244k	
★ HERMANOS PESCADOR CIN: 155445544FD	CALLE ORTIZ 200 5340 Faulx-les-Tombes Belgium	CATCH fishery products - EU CFFP	Exporter	New	155445544FD	
★ PESCA CALAMAR CIN: 15544T	CARRER ONE 12 7534 Barry Belgium	CATCH fishery products - EU CFFP	Exporter	Valid	15544T	
★ Belgium test operator	av 8000 Bruges Belgium	CATCH fishery products - EU CFFP	Importer	Valid	BE001111	
★ Fish and Chips test	Rue des poisson 1000 Ville de Bruxelles - Stad Brussel Belgium	CATCH fishery products - EU CFFP	Importer	Valid	BE1	

Create a new operator

The status of a newly created operator is NEW. The assigned responsible authority must validate the operator before taking a decision on the re-exportation.

4. Save as Draft

Click on the button Save as Draft, in the lower right corner.

2 Re-exporter Representative of the re-exporter

Name Valid

Country Belgium ISO Code

Activity

Activity ID

Address

5. Complete Box 1 – Description of Products

The description of the re-exported product is automatically completed (copied from the importer declaration).



DRAFT.CATCH.RE.2025.0000064 DRAFT

Details of Re-Export Certificate

1 Description of re-exported product

1 03 FISH AND CRUSTACEANS, MOLLUSCS AND OTHER AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES
0302 Fish, fresh or chilled, excluding fish fillets and other fish meat of heading 0304
0302 31 Albacore or longfinned tunas (Thunnus alalunga)
0302 31 10 For the industrial manufacture of products of heading 1604

Total net fishery product weight: 0 kg.

Commodities from Import Declaration: CATCH.IM.BE.BE.2025.0000198

Certificate	Commodities	Product code	Species	Imported weight	Balance from total quantity declared	Weight	Referenced in
CATCH.CC.TH.2025.0000083 TH.TEST.04 Friday April 4, 2025		0302 31 10	YFT Thunnus albacares	2000 kg	2000 kg	0 Unit	Q View

Enter the weight of the fishery products to be re-exported.

DRAFT.CATCH.RE.2025.0000064 DRAFT

Details of Re-Export Certificate

1 Description of re-exported product

1 03 FISH AND CRUSTACEANS, MOLLUSCS AND OTHER AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES
0302 Fish, fresh or chilled, excluding fish fillets and other fish meat of heading 0304
0302 31 Albacore or longfinned tunas (Thunnus alalunga)
0302 31 10 For the industrial manufacture of products of heading 1604

Total net fishery product weight: 0 kg.

Commodities from Import Declaration: CATCH.IM.BE.BE.2025.0000198

Certificate	Commodities	Product code	Species	Imported weight	Balance from total quantity declared	Weight	Referenced in
CATCH.CC.TH.2025.0000083 TH.TEST.04 Friday April 4, 2025		0302 31 10	YFT Thunnus albacares	2000 kg	2000 kg	0 Unit	Q View

Save as Draft for the weight fields to be automatically updated.

Commodities from Import Declaration: CATCH.IM.BE.BE.2025.0000198

Certificate	Commodities	Product code	Species	Imported weight	Balance from total quantity declared	Weight	Referenced in
CATCH.CC.TH.2025.0000083 TH.TEST.04 Friday April 4, 2025		0302 31 10	YFT Thunnus albacares	2000 kg	1000 kg	1000 kg	Q View

The quantity management tool can be used to view quantities.



Catch certificate CATCH.CC.TH.2025.0000083 quantities

Import declaration reference Certificate CATCH.IM.BE.BE.2025.0000198 CATCH.CC.TH.2025.0000083 Product code 0302 31 10

Reference	Weight	Submitted on ↓↑	Status
DRAFT.CATCH.RE.2025.0000064	1000 kg		Draft
Total re-exported weight:	1000 kg		
Imported weight:	2000 kg		

Close

6. Complete Box 3 – Authority

For Re-Export Certificates the validating authority will be the Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority Port that has remit over the exporter operator.

Click on Advanced to select the relevant SFPA Port Office:

- Castletownbere Port
- Clonakilty Port
- Dingle Port
- Dunmore East Port
- Greencastle Port
- Howth Port
- Killybegs Port
- Ros an Mhil Port

In the Advanced Search enter Ireland in the Country field and RCA in the Role field. You can then select the relevant SFPA Port Office from the list.

Select validating authority

Search:

Country Ireland (IE) Code

Role

Countries that have not provided their notification to the European Commission in accordance with Article 20 of Council Regulation (EC) 1005/2008 or have been listed as non-cooperating in the fight against IUU fishing in accordance with Article 33 of the said Regulation cannot validate catch certificates. As such, these countries do not appear in this list

Name	Country	Address	Role	Code	Domain
Start searching with Search button.					

Close

7. Submit for Validation



Click on the button Submit re-export for Validation, in the lower right corner.

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Details of Re-Export Certificate

1 Description of re-exported product

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Total net fishery product weight: 1000 kg.

Commodities from Import Declaration: CATCH.IM.BE.BE.2025.0000198

Certificate	Product code	Species	Imported weight	Balance from total quantity declared	Weight	Referenced in
CATCH.CC.TH.2025.0000083 TH.TEST.04 Friday April 4, 2025	0302 31 10	YFT Thunnus albacares	2000 kg	1000 kg	1000 kg	Q View

Cancel Success: Catch Re-Export Certificate DRAFT.CATCH.RE.2025.00... More Save as Draft Submit re-export for Validation

The status is **RE-EXPORT CONTROL AUTHORITY NOTIFIED**.

A new serial number of the certificate appears with the initials CATCH.RE followed by the 2-letter country code of the re-exporter and the 2-letter country code of the Member State of re-exportation.

The re-export control authority must now take the decision on the re-exportation.

CATCH.RE.BE.BE.2025.0000069 RE-EXPORT CONTROL AUTHORITY NOTIFIED

Details of Re-Export Certificate

1 Description of re-exported product

Submit re-export for Validation

8. Receive Authority Decision

After the submission of the re-export certificate for validation, the re-exporter and/or representative of the re-exporter will receive the notification with the decision taken by the re-export control authority. The certificate will have a status of Valid once it has been authorised. If the certificate has a status of rejected, please review the notes and correct any errors before re-submitting.



image204.png CATCH.RE.BE.BE.2025.0000069 **VALID**

Details of Re-Export Certificate

1 Description of re-exported product

1	03	FISH AND CRUSTACEANS, MOLLUSCS AND OTHER AQUATIC INVERTEBRATES	Total net fishery product weight:	1000 kg.
	0302	Fish, fresh or chilled, excluding fish fillets and other fish meat of heading 0304		
	0302 31	Albacore or longfinned tunas (Thunnus alalunga)		
	0302 31 10	For the industrial manufacture of products of heading 1604		

Commodities from Import Declaration: CATCH.IM.BE.BE.2025.0000198



3. Glossary of Terms

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

Terms / Acronyms	Description
CN Code	Combined Nomenclature Code
IUU	Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated
CATCH	CATCH system via TRACES NT

4. Relevant Legislation/ Documents

The following legislation is of particular relevance to this Guidance Note:

- Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 Establishing a Community System to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1010/2009 Laying Down Detailed Rules for the Implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 Establishing a Community System to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing
- Council Regulation (EU) 2842/2023 amending Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009, and amending Council Regulations (EC) No 1967/2006 and (EC) No 1005/2008 and Regulations (EU) 2016/1139, (EU) 2017/2403 and (EU) 2019/473 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards fisheries control
- Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 1479/2022 amending Annex I to Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 as regards the definition of fishery products



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