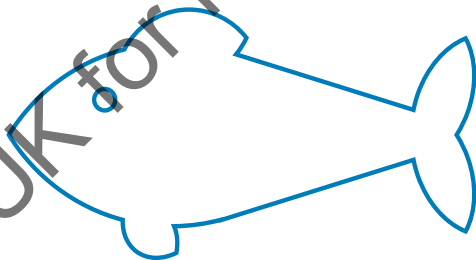




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# FISHERMEN

**You need to follow  
new steps and  
processes to land  
fishery products  
into the EU in a  
no-deal scenario**



Check what you need to do by following this process.

Learn more at [gov.uk/brexit-export-fish](https://gov.uk/brexit-export-fish)

## Preparations ahead of time

- ✓ Check to see if you have a UK EORI number to move goods into and out of the EU.
- ✓ If your vessel is over 12 metres long, you'll need to apply for an IMO number to fish in EU waters after Brexit.
- ✓ After Brexit, UK vessels will only be able to land fish into an EU port that is designated under NEAFC regulations. Register your vessel with NEAFC's Port State Control System ahead of time.
- ✓ If you are the Captain or Skipper of a factory or freezer vessel that is an approved food establishment, you will need to land into a Border Inspection Post (BIP) that can handle your type of product. Check the EU's list of existing BIPs and consider your trade route in advance.
- ✓ Register to the Fish Exports service to create a UK catch certificate.
- ✓ Find out the contact details of the relevant EU Competent Authority in the country or port where you intend to land so you know, in advance, where to send your paperwork.

## UK vessel at sea

- ✓ Skippers and vessel owners must continue to comply with the law and the conditions of their licence. This includes the submission of logbooks and landings declarations within the following time frames:
  - 10-12m vessels: complete a paper logbook and submit landing declaration within 48 hours.
  - Over 12m vessels: submit logbook at sea and landing declaration within 24 hours.
  - Under 10m vessels (excluding Scottish vessels): record catch via a new smartphone app which will be introduced later this year.
- ✓ Complete a UK catch certificate for the catch you intend to land.  
**Note:** some fishery products are exempt and don't need a catch certificate. Check with Annex 1 of Regulation 1005/2008 for details of any exemptions.

✓ The requirements for Export Health Certificates (EHCs) depend on the type of fishing vessel landing into the EU:

- Food approved establishments (i.e. factory or freezer vessels) will need an Export Health Certificate. This will be available on GOV.UK.
- Fresh fish landings from all other registered vessels **will not** need an Export Health Certificate.

✓ All vessels that handle fishery products for human consumption need to comply with food hygiene requirements as they do now.

## Prior to landing into an EU port

✓ Send a copy of your validated UK catch certificate to your EU importer or the EU Competent Authority 72 hours before landing.

✓ Submit a NEAFC Port State Control form (PSC1 or PSC2) prior to landing. Check with NEAFC to find out how much notice you need to give. This will vary depending on the country you're landing into and if the fish is frozen or fresh.

✓ Submit a prior-notification to the relevant EU Competent Authority before landing. You need to send it:

- Up to 4hrs prior for fresh fish
- Up 72 hours prior for frozen fish

✓ Submit a pre-landing declaration to the relevant EU Competent Authority at least 4 hours before landing.

✓ Remember: if you are the Captain/Skipper of a factory or freezer vessel you will need to land into a Border Inspection Post (BIP) that handles fisheries products. Fresh fish can be landed into any NEAFC designated port.

## After landing

- ✓ Remember to submit the landing declaration with the dedicated timelines.
- ✓ Your vessel and catch may be subject to inspection upon landing as per the current process.

## Further information and help

**Contact the Fish Exports helpline to get help with catch certificates**

**Telephone:** 0330 159 1989 (open 9am to 5pm)

Speak to your relevant fisheries administration on how to prepare for Brexit and refer to government guidance on GOV.UK:

- [gov.uk/brexit-export-fish](https://www.gov.uk/brexit-export-fish)
- [gov.uk/brexit-import-fish](https://www.gov.uk/brexit-import-fish)
- [gov.uk/brexit-fisheries](https://www.gov.uk/brexit-fisheries)