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FISHERMEN:

# Landing fish and fishery products in the EU from 1 January 2021

A guide to what you need to do.

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## Preparations ahead of time:

Ensure you have a UK EORI number to move goods into and out of the

EU. If your vessel is over 12 metres long, apply for an IMO number.

UK vessels will need to land fish into EU ports designated under NEAFC regulations. register your vessel with NEAFC Port state Control system.

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 Control Post (BCP) that can handle your type of product. Check the EU's list of existing BCPs and consider your trade route in advance.

register to the Fish Export service to create UK catch certificates.

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 landing declaration within the legal deadlines:

- 10-12m vessels: complete a paper logbook and submit a landing declaration within 48 hours on landing.
- Over 12m vessels: submit electronic logbook at sea and a landing declaration within 24 hours on landing.
- Under 10m vessels (excluding Scottish vessels): record catch via the newssmartphone app.

Complete a UK catch certificate for each catch or consignment you intend to land into an EU designated port

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 a Captain's Certificate, this does not apply to fresh fish landings
- Fresh fish landings from all other registered vessels will not need Export health Certificates.

All vessels that handle fishery products for human consumption need to comply with food hygiene requirements.

## Prior to landing into an EU Port:

send a copy of your validated UK catch certificates to your EU importer or the EU Competent Authority prior to 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 form to the relevant EU Competent Authority before landing. You need to send it:

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

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

For frozen or processed fish you may also need:

- a Captain's Certificate
- a UK storage document
- a UK processing statement

## After landing:

submit the landing declaration within the legal deadline.

Your vessel and catch may be subject to inspection upon landing.

# Further information:

Contact the Fish Export helpline to get help with catch certificates

**Fish Export Service** – Helpline: – 0330 159 1989

**Fisheries in England** – MMO Email: [info@marinemanagement.org.uk](mailto:info@marinemanagement.org.uk)

Phone: 0300 123 1032

**Fisheries in Scotland** – Email: [marinescotland@gov.scot](mailto:marinescotland@gov.scot)

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Fisheries in Wales – Email: [holyheadmailbox@gov.wales](mailto:holyheadmailbox@gov.wales)

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**Fisheries in Northern Ireland** Email: [DAERAFisheriesTransition@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:DAERAFisheriesTransition@daera-ni.gov.uk)

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