

About this Guide

These guidelines are to assist the industry in understanding the additional regulatory requirements resulting from the UK leaving the EU without an agreement.

It will still be necessary for UK vessel Masters and owners to comply with all other regulatory legislative and reporting requirements in addition to licence conditions.

Individuals should consult with the full regulations regarding Catch Certificate reporting requirements. They can be found in Council Regulation (EC) No 1005/2008 with detailed implementing rules being contained in Commission Regulation (EC) No 1010/2009.

Catch Certificates are not required for some 'fishery products' when importing into the EU.

Excluded fishery products are:

- Freshwater fishery products;
- Aquaculture products obtained from fry or larvae;
- Ornamental fish;
- Some mollusc species and presentations including oysters, scallops and mussels.

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To get more support on this process please:

- Contact your nearest Marine Scotland Fishery Office:
www2.gov.scot/Topics/marine/Compliance/resources/fisheriesoffices
- Scottish Government website:
www2.gov.scot/Topics/marine/EuExit
- Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs website:
www.gov.uk/guidance/exporting-and-importing-fish-if-theres-no-brexite-deal

We advise you:

Speak to the relevant contacts in your supply chain to confirm understanding and requirements.

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*This process also applies to fishing in third country waters (e.g. Norway; Faroes; EU), if the UK has the appropriate agreements in place. Please contact Marine Scotland for updates.



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STAGE 1: Obtain Catch Certificate

The Master/agent, as the exporter will need to obtain a validated Catch Certificate(s) and forward to the EU importer.



STAGE 2: Submit PSC1 to North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC)

The Master will need to submit the PSC1 form and this will be validated by the vessels flag state.



STAGE 3: Notify EU port of landing

The Master/agent, as the exporter, will need to notify the EU designated port at least 4 hr before its arrival.



STAGE 4: Submit completed Catch Certificate

Before landing, the EU importer will need to complete the declaration (section 11) on the Catch Certificate and submit to the EU competent authorities of destination/EU Member State(s) within the required time frame.



STAGE 5: Land Catch in EU

The vessel will land its catch.

To complete this process...

you need to register with the correct authorising authorities:

- For Catch Certificate contact:
UKIUUCCC@marinemanagement.org.uk
- For NEAFC Port State Control
www.neafc.org
- To export to the EU, you need to have an importer registered in the EU.

Sea based operations:

- a) Arrangements for landing fish in non-EU countries such as Norway remain unchanged.
- b) If a vessel wishes to access EU port facilities with no catch onboard, the vessel must notify the EU designated port within the required time frame.
- c) Fishing in EU waters may not be permitted as UK vessels may no longer have access to EU fishing grounds. Please contact Marine Scotland for updates on access agreements.
- d) In the cases of *force majeure* or distress, access to any EU Member State port is permitted but only for services strictly necessary to remedy the situation.
- e) Current fisheries management regulations under the Common Fisheries Policy have been retained into UK domestic law and will therefore continue to apply to your day-to-day operations.
- f) Factory or freezer vessels will need an export health certificate.