

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-brex-it-deal
- Food Standards Scotland website:
<https://www.foodstandards.gov.scot/about-us/our-remit/brexit>

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: LAND CATCH IN THE UK

The vessel(s) will land its catch(es) as normal into a UK port.



STAGE 2: OBTAIN CATCH CERTIFICATE

The Master/agent/processor, as the exporter, will need to obtain a validated Catch Certificate(s) and forward to the EU importer. A multiple vessel consignment is permitted.



STAGE 3: OBTAIN EXPORT HEALTH CERTIFICATES

The UK exporter will obtain required Export Health Certificate(s) (EHC).



STAGE 4: SUBMIT CATCH CERTIFICATE

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



STAGE 5: CONSIGNMENT TO BCP

The consignment is transported to an EU Border Control Post (BCP) with the EHC (and other relevant invoicing, customs and packing documentation), where it is approved (or rejected) and enters the EU.

To complete this process...

you need to register with the correct authorising authorities:

- For Catch Certificate contact: UKIUUCCC@marinemangement.org.uk
- For health certificates contact your local Environmental Health Office
- To export to the EU, you need to have an importer registered in the EU.

Sea based operations:

- Arrangements for landing fish in non-EU countries such as Norway remain unchanged.
- 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.
- Fishing in EU waters may not be permitted as UK vessel may no longer have access to EU fishing grounds. Please contact Marine Scotland for updates on access agreements.
- 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.
- 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.