



Australian Government

Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service

MARKET ACCESS ADVICE

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Catch Certificate required for seafood imports to the European Union

The European Commission (EC) requires that fish and fishery products caught from 1 January 2010 can only be imported into a member country of the European Union when accompanied by an appropriate catch certificate, in accordance with Commission (EC) Regulation No 1005/2008 of 29 September 2008 establishing a community system to prevent, deter and eliminate illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing.

EC Regulation No 1005/2008 is available at:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2008:286:0001:0032:EN:PDF>

Fishery Product that does NOT require the catch certificate

Fishery product caught before 1 January 2010, but exported after this date, does not require the catch certificate.

In addition, EC Regulation No 1010/2009 details those products which are excluded from the catch certificate requirement. A list of excluded products is detailed in **Appendix 1** to this advice.

EC Regulation No 1010/2009 is available at:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2009:280:0005:0041:EN:PDF>

What catch certificate needs to be completed?

Until further notice, exporters of fish and fishery product must complete as appropriate, one of the EC catch certificate templates provided in **Appendix 2** and **Appendix 3** to this advice.

The catch certificate template provided at **Appendix 2**, can only be used when the fishing vessel:

- a) has an overall length of less than 12 metres without towed gear; OR
- b) has an overall length of less than 8 metres with towed gear; OR
- c) is without a superstructure; OR
- d) is of less than measured 20 GT.

For all other fishing vessels, the catch certificate template at **Appendix 3** must be used.

A further Market Access Advice suggesting how you should complete these catch certificate templates is currently being developed in accordance the EC's 'Handbook on the practical application of Council Regulation (EC) No. 1005/2008'.

The 'Handbook on the practical application of Council Regulation (EC) No. 1005/2008' is available at:

http://www.globefish.org/files/IUU%20reg%20handbook_en_731.pdf

Once completed, the catch certificate will be required to be validated by the relevant State, Territory or Commonwealth fishing authority. For further information on catch certification validation, please contact:

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Fisheries Victoria GPO Box 4440 MELBOURNE VIC 3001 +61 3 5332 5000	Fisheries Conservation and Aquaculture, Industry and Investment NSW Locked Bag 1, Nelson Bay NSW 2315 +61 2 9527 8411	Queensland Primary Industries & Fisheries GPO Box 46 BRISBANE QLD 4001 +61 7 3404 6999	PIRSA Fisheries Primary Industries & Resources SA GPO Box 1625 ADELAIDE SA 5001 +61 08 8347 6100
Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Commonwealth
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Australian Government efforts to simplify the catch certificate requirement

The Australian Government is currently negotiating with the EC to implement a system whereby a catch certificate will be issued automatically by the Australian Quarantine and Inspection Service through its EXDOC system, at the same time as the EU Health Export Certification is issued.

Exporters will be informed when the Australian Government will be in a position to issue this automated catch certificate through EXDOC.

Additional information on the EC's IUU Regulation will be published on the Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry website.

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Fishery products that do not require a catch certificate after 1 January 2010 and exported to the European Union.

Annex XIII of EC Regulation No 1010/2009 states that the following products do not require a catch certificate to enter EU markets:

- Freshwater fishery products
- Aquaculture products obtained from fry or larvae
- Live ornamental fish
- Oysters, live, fresh, chilled, frozen, dried, salted or in brine
- Scallops including queen scallops, of the genera *Pecten*, *Chlamys* or *Placopecten*, live, fresh or chilled
- Coquilles St Jacques (*Pecten maximus*), frozen
- Other scallops, fresh or chilled
- Mussels, live, fresh, chilled
- Snails, other than those obtained from the sea
- Molluscs, prepared and preserved
- Other aquatic invertebrates, prepared or preserved.

Annex V of EC Regulation No 1010/2009 also specifies that the following species are exempt from this catch certificate, providing they are harvested in compliance with regional fisheries management organisation requirements and are accompanied by the appropriate catch documentation prescribed by the relevant regional fisheries management organisation:

- • *Dissostichus spp.* e.g. Patagonian toothfish
- • Bluefin tuna
- • Southern Bluefin Tuna *

* In addition to the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna catch documents, the importer shall submit to the authorities of the EU Member State of importation information on 'transport details' as specified in the Appendix on transport details included in Annex II of the EC Regulation 1005/2008.

In addition to products listed above, the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry is negotiating additional products to be excluded from the requirements of the EC regulation. These include, but are not limited to, those products listed below.

Negotiations are being based on characteristics of the fishery - including species from fisheries not harvested via a fishing vessel; caught wholly within internal Australian waters; or highly processed products.

Important Note: these species currently require a catch certificate to be imported into the EU.

- *Dosinia spp.* – Clam - Surf
- *Anadara spp.* – Cockle
- *Donax spp.* – Pipi
- *Katelysia peronii*, *K. phytiphora*, *K. scalarina* – Vongole

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Appendix 2

Important Note: *This catch certificate template is to be used when the fishing vessel:*

- a) has an overall length of less than 12 metres without towed gear; OR*
- b) has an overall length of less than 8 metres with towed gear; OR*
- c) is without a superstructure; OR*
- d) is of less than measured 20 GT.*

(i) EUROPEAN COMMUNITY CATCH CERTIFICATE – simplified form for fishery products fulfilling the requirements in Article 6 of EC Regulation 1010/2009					
Document number			Validating authority (name, address, tel., fax)		
1. Description of product		2. References of applicable conservation and management measures			
Species	Product code		Verified weight landed (kg)		
3. List of vessels that have provided catches and the quantities by each vessel (name, registration, etc. annexed)					
4. Name, address, tel. and fax of exporter	Signature		Date		Seal (stamp)
5. Flag State authority validation:					
Name/Title	Signature		Date		Seal (stamp)
6. Transport details (see Appendix 1)					
7. Importer declaration:					
Name and address of importer	Signature		Date	Seal (stamp)	Product CN code
8. Import control: Authority	Place	Importation authorised (*)		Importation suspended (*)	Verification requested - date

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Customs declaration (if issued)	Number	Date	Place
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(*) Tick as appropriate

Appendix 1. Transport details				
1. Country of exportation Port/airport/other place of departure	2. Exporter signature			
Vessel name and flag Flight number airway bill number Truck nationality and registration number Railway bill number Other transport document	Container number(s) list attached	Name	Address	Signature

(ii) EUROPEAN COMMUNITY RE-EXPORT CERTIFICATE				
Certificate number		Date		Member State
1. Description of re-exported product			Weight (kg)	
Species		Product code		Balance from total quantity declared in the catch certificate
2. Name of re-exporter	Address		Signature	Date
3. Authority				

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Name/Title	Signature	Date	Seal/Stamp
4. Re-export control			
Place:	Re-export authorised (*)	Verification requested (*)	Re-export declaration number and date

(*) Tick as appropriate

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Appendix 3

Important Note: *This catch certificate template is to be used when the fishing vessel:*

- a) *has an overall length of equal to or greater than 12 metres without towed gear; OR*
- b) *has an overall length of equal to or greater than 8 metres with towed gear; OR*
- c) *is with a superstructure; OR*
- d) *is of equal to or greater than measured 20 GT.*

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY CATCH CERTIFICATE						
Document number			Validating authority			
1. Name		Address			Tel: Fax:	
2. Fishing vessel name		Flag – Home port and registration number		Call sign	IMO/Lloyd's number (if issued)	
Fishing licence no – valid to		Inmarsat No, Fax No, Telephone No, Email address (if issued)				
3. Description of product		Type of processing authorised on board			4. References of applicable conservation and management measures	
Species	Product Code	Catch area(s) and dates	Estimated live weight (kg)	Estimated weight to be landed (kg)	Verified weight landed (kg) where appropriate	
5. Name of master of fishing vessel – Signature – Seal:						
6. Declaration of transhipment at sea Name of master of fishing vessel			Signature and date	Transhipment date/area/position	Estimated weight (kg)	
Master of receiving vessel	Signature	Vessel name		Call sign	IMO/Lloyds number (if issued)	
7. Transhipment authorisation within a port area						

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Name	Authority	Signature	Address	Tel.	Port of landing	Date of landing	Seal (stamp)
8. Name and address of exporter			Signature		Date		Seal
9. Flag State authority validation:							
Name/title		Signature			Date	Seal (stamp)	
10. Transport details (see Appendix)							
11. Importer declaration							
Name and address of importer		Signature		Date	Seal	Product CN code	
Documents under Articles 14(1), (2) of Regulation (EC) no .../2008		References					
12. Import control – authority		Place		Importation authorised (*)	Importation suspended (*)	Verification requested – date	
Customs declaration (if issued)		Number			Date	Place	
(*) Tick as appropriate							

Appendix 1. Transport details				
1. Country of exportation		2. Exporter signature		
Port/airport/other place of departure				
Vessel name and flag	Container number(s)	Name	Address	Signature

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Flight number airway bill number	list attached			
Truck nationality and registration number				
Railway bill number				
Other transport document				

(ii) EUROPEAN COMMUNITY RE-EXPORT CERTIFICATE				
Certificate number		Date		Member State
1. Description of re-exported product			Weight (kg)	
Species	Product code		Balance from total quantity declared in the catch certificate	
2. Name of re-exporter	Address	Signature	Date	
3. Authority				
Name/Title	Signature	Date	Seal/Stamp	
4. Re-export control				
Place:	Re-export authorised (*)	Verification requested (*)	Re-export declaration number and date	

(*) Tick as appropriate

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